

God's Glory in Blessing His People

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 29

Ephesians 1:3-14

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- ³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,
- ⁴ because¹ He chose us *to be* in Him before the foundation of the world, *for* us to be holy and blameless before Him in love,
- ⁵ predestining us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself, in accord with the good pleasure of His will,
- ⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved One,
- ⁷ in whom we have redemption by means of His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the wealth of His grace
- ⁸ which He made to abound unto us; in all wisdom and intelligence
- ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, in accord with His good pleasure which He planned² in Him,
- ¹⁰ for administration in the fullness of the seasons, to head up all things in Christ, the things in³ the heavens and the things on the earth; in Him,
- ¹¹ in whom also we were made a heritage, having been predestined in accord with the plan¹ of Him who operates all things in accord with the counsel of His will,
- ¹² for us to be for the praise of His glory, *we* who have set *our* hope beforehand in Christ,
- ¹³ in whom you also, when *you* heard the word of truth, the good news⁴ of your salvation – in whom also, when *you* believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,⁵
- ¹⁴ who is the down-payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of His⁶ possession, unto the praise of His glory!
[DJP *ad hoc* translation]

Introduction:

I. The Glory of the Father in Blessing Us (vv. 3-6)

A. Facts

1. Comprehensive pro_____ion (v. 3)
2. Comprehensive pro_____ion (vv. 4-6)

B. Impacts

¹ Or *for*, or *just as*.

² Or *purposed*.

³ Literally *on*.

⁴ Commonly *gospel*.

⁵ Literally *the Holy Spirit of promise*.

⁶ Literally *the*, the article standing for the pronoun.

II. The Glory of the Son in Blessing Us (vv. 7-12)

A. Facts

1. Christ saw us as slaves and sinners, and solved both problems with His _____ (vv. 7-8a)
2. God saw our world as a miserable chaos, and solved that problem by planning _____ to be its _____ (vv. 8b-10)
3. God made us His _____, His very own (v. 11)
4. All of this was “for us to be for the praise of His glory, *we* who have set *our* hope beforehand in Christ” (v. 12)

B. Impacts

III. The Glory of the Spirit in Blessing Us (vv. 13-14)

A. Facts

1. The _____ was how we connected with God (v. 13a)
2. The moment we **heard** *God's* word about the person and work of God's *Son*, and **believed**, we were _____ as God's own (v. 13b)
3. The Spirit assures us of future full possession of God's promises (v. 14a)
4. This, too, is “unto the praise of His glory!” (b. 14b)

B. Impacts