

Blessed Father Ephesians 1:3 July 19, 2015

What is the most important thing for the church as church to know?

How is knowing God the most practical, life-changing thing in the world?

How does Paul alter the Jewish blessing formula? (2 Cor 1:4-5; 1 Peter 1:3-5)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

When God blesses us, we are helped, strengthened, encouraged.

When we bless God, we do not help him out, or strengthen the almighty.

What is the difference between, “God is so good to me,” and “God is so good”?

Is God happy? If so, why?

When we bless God, we recognize his blessedness. We see his goodness.

How a sunset can help.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is through Christ that we see again the blessed Father.

The Father, v 4-6 The father chooses, decrees.

The Son, v 7-12 The son redeems, accomplishes salvation.

The Spirit, v 13-14 The Spirit calls, regenerates, he applies salvation.

Here are the seeds of the Covenant of Redemption, the pactum salutis.

The Origin of Blessing

God the Father – He is the overflowing fountain of all good.

The Means of the Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ

Spiritual Blessings

Those given by the Spirit

The Place where the blessings are stored?

In the heavenly places.

God is ever blessed, the eternally happy God.