

“Blessed be the Lord ...
because the Lord blessed us”
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Introduction (VV 1-2)

1. God’s purpose takes precedence.
2. The church that forgot God.
3. Ephesians 1:3-14, one big blessing!



1. Praise his glorious grace (vv. 3-6).
 - A. Blessed so that we praise God.
 - i. Chosen *for* Holiness.
 - ii. Predestined *for* Adoption.
 - iii. Chosen + Predestined → Praise.
 - B. Blessing flows out of God’s character.
 - i. God’s character transcends time.
 - ii. God’s people can only be explained by God’s Character.

Application: Doctrine leads to doxology.

 - i) Learn about God.
 - ii) Focus on the attributes of God.
2. Redeemed by Grace (vv. 7-10).
 - A. The riches of his grace.
 - i. Redeemed by his blood (v. 7a).
 - ii. Forgiveness of our trespasses (v. 7b).

iii. Abundant grace (v. 8).

B. Christ-centered grace.

³ ... Lord Jesus Christ ... in Christ ... ⁴ ... in him ... ⁵ ... through Jesus Christ ... ⁶ in the Beloved. ⁷ In him ... his blood ... his grace, ⁸ ... ⁹ ... in Christ ¹⁰ ... in him ... ¹¹ In him ... in Christ ... his glory. ¹³ In him ... in him, ... ¹⁴ ... his glory”

C. Unifying grace (v. 10).

i. For the church.

ii. For all creation.

Application:

i) Anticipate the return of Christ.

ii) Unify under His grace.

3. Guaranteed inheritance (vv. 11-14).

A. Already obtained.

B. Guaranteed by the Spirit.

C. Must be *personally received*.

Hearing + Believing → Sealing.

Application:

i) Tell someone about Jesus.

ii) Find security in Christ.