

January 17, 2021
Ephesians 1:3-14

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

I. Introduction:

Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

II. Spiritual Blessings In Christ:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. [4] For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love [5] he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- [6] to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace [8] that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. [9] And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, [10] to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

[11] In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, [12] in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. [13] And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, [14] who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:3-14

A. How God Has So Richly Blessed Us:

- 1.) We were chosen by him to become holy and blameless in his sight. (vs. 4)
- 2.) We were adopted as sons and daughters through his son Jesus Christ (vs. 5)
- 3.) We received redemption and forgiveness through the blood of Christ. (vs. 7)
- 4.) He made known to us the mystery of His wisdom and understanding. (vs. 8)
- 5.) We were chosen to be living examples that would bring praise and glory to Him. (vs. 11)
- 6.) We were included in Christ when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation. (vs. 13)
- 7.) We were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, That's come into our lives. (vs. 13-14)

III. Conclusion And Application: