



Every Spiritual Blessing
3rd in the “Ephesians” Series
Ephesians 1:11-14
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Introduction

In this passage, we are taught about the nature and purpose of our adoption by God the Father.

- 1) Christians, you are God’s special possession (v. 11).

- 2) Our purpose – our every existence – is for the praise of God’s glory (vv. 12).

Matthew 16:24-26 – ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

- 3) The people of God include both Jews and Gentiles – from all the nations (v. 13a).

Revelation 5:9-13 – ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

- 4) The gift of the Holy Spirit guarantees that God will finish his work in us and the world (vv. 13b-14).

Response

Let us glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) How do you respond to this text (and last week's) where God's love for you is described in detail? What does it mean that God truly and specifically loves you?

- 2) V. 11 states again, like last week's text, that God "predestined" us according to his "will." How should we receive this information: that God chose us out of his love, not out of our merit?

- 3) The fact that God chose us means, logically, that those who are not Christians were not chosen. How can or should Christians think about this or explain this?

- 4) Vv. 12 and 14 make clear that God adopts not only Jews but also Gentiles – people from every ethnicity and nation in the world. Why is that significant? How should Christians who are from one ethnicity and one nation think about and even care for Christians of other ethnicities and other nations?

- 5) Why does the Father give us the Holy Spirit, and why does it matter for our daily lives?

- 6) Twice, Paul says, "for the praise of his glory." What are some real and practical ways we can glorify God?

- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: John 14:26 (Mon); Romans 8:26 (Tues); Galatians 5:22-23 (Wed); 1 Corinthians 6:19 (Thurs); Acts 1:8 (Fri).