



“Gold Digger” – April 29th, 2018

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight...

Ephesians 1:3-8

The big idea from Pastor Garrett’s message is that **your greatest value is found in what God has done for you in Christ.** Read through the Ephesians 1 passage and then answer these questions.

1. Identify as many spiritual blessings as you can from the verses. What difference does it make that these are spiritual blessings as opposed to material blessings?
2. What are you searching for in your life right now that you believe once you find it will prove your worth as a person? How did you come to the point of view that obtaining this or that thing will prove your worth?
3. It is ironic that the value and validation we want to *receive* from others is hardly the value and validation we *give* to others. What do you think is lacking in our lives that makes us struggle to give to others what we want to receive?
4. How ought the ‘spiritual blessings’ in the Ephesians 1 give us a Biblical way to see others and ourselves?
5. In Pastor Garrett’s message he quoted French philosopher Blaise Pascal saying, “*Human beings are the glory and the garbage of the universe.*” What do you think this quote means? Do you agree or disagree that humanity is both ‘glory’ and ‘garbage’? What passages of scripture would you use to support your point of view?