

Series: The Wealth and Walk of the Christian
"Too Blessed to be Stressed" Pt. 2
Eph. 1:7-14
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1. We see in chapter 1 the blessings we have as Christians because we belong to Christ [v.3]. The blessings from the Father [vs.3-6], the blessings from the Son [vs.7-12], and the blessings from the Spirit [vs. 13-14].

2. Last week we saw the blessings we have from the Father- We are blessed, we are chosen, we are predestined, we are adopted, and we are accepted.

TT: Today we see the blessings we have from the Son and the Spirit.

I. Blessings from the Son (Eph. 1:7-12).

1. Redemption [v.7a]. Three ideas in redemption...

"Redemption" is defined as paying the required ransom to God for the release of a person from the bondage of sin.

Christ's blood sacrifice on the cross paid the price for those enslaved to sin, buying us from sin and the consequences of sin (I Cor. 6:20).

Redemption involves the removal of the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

2. Forgiveness [v. 7b].

"Forgiveness of sins" means God's grace to forgive our sins is made possible by the redeemer, the price of redemption, and to whom the redemption was paid.

Forgiveness means "To send from one's self, to send away, to bid go away or depart." (scapegoat) We are pardoned from our sin debt. We are still sinners, but judicially we are forgiven.

Forgiveness is undeserved, free, and complete. There is a difference between Judicial and parental forgiveness.

3. Enlightenment [vs. 8-10]. We can know the mystery of His will.

"Hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known to us the Mystery of His will" [v.9].

The word "mystery" is used in the sense of something beyond human comprehension until revealed. Mystery is a "sacred secret" hidden in the O.T.

We have received spiritual wisdom and discernment to know what is in store for us. Mainly that He will...

"Gather in one all things in Christ" [v.10].

“All things” means at the end of world history, God will gather believers together in the millennial kingdom “dispensation of the fullness of times.” This is the seventh and last age of history on earth.

What is Dispensationalism? God’s dealing with his people in different ages, in different ways, though He does not change in character.

Dispensationalists understand the Bible to be organized in seven dispensations:

Innocence (Genesis 1:1 – 3:7).
Conscience (Genesis 3:8 – 8:22).
Human Government (Genesis 9:1 – 11:32).
Promise (Genesis 12:1 – Exodus 19:25).
Law (Exodus 20:1 – Acts 2:4).
Grace (Acts 2:4 – Revelation 20:3).
Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:4 – 20:6).

4. Inheritance [vs. 11-12]. We have an inheritance in Christ.

“In whom we have obtained an inheritance” [v.11a].

Christ is the source of the believer’s divine inheritance, which is spoken of as already having been received. We have an inheritance and we are an inheritance (John 17).

“Being predestined” [v.11b].

Before the earth was formed God determined this. Election deals with people and predestination deals with God’s purposes (Romans 8:29-30; Eph. 1:4-5, 12-13).

“To the praise of His glory” [v.12].

God’s glory is the supreme purpose in His redemption. Today’s easy-believism teaches it’s all about you, salvation centers on you.

I. Blessings from the Son (Eph. 1:7-12).

II. Blessings from the Spirit (Eph. 1:13-14)

1. He has sealed us (v. 13).

This important verse outlines the way of salvation. The sinner hears the Word of Truth, trusts in Christ, receives the Holy Spirit, and is sealed forever. This sealing speaks of ownership, authority, and security in Christ. Nobody can break God’s seal (Eph. 4:30)!

2. He has given us a promise (v. 14).

“Earnest money” in business means money given as a down payment or pledge for a purchased possession.

God has given us His Spirit as the “down payment” to assure us that we will experience a total redemption of spirit and body.

Please note that at the end of each of these three sections, Paul tells why the Father, the Son, and the Spirit have given us these blessings: "To the praise of His glory" (Eph.1:6, 12, 14).

Let me say it this way- The Father who thought us, the Son who bought us, and the Spirit who sought us. The Father planned us, the Son purchased us, and the Spirit protects us.

We certainly are too blessed to be stressed!

Believing the gospel is the way we receive these blessing!