

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1:5-14 - FULL, ETERNAL AND GLORIOUS BLESSINGS

- I. A FILIAL BLESSING - vs. 5, 6 - “ In love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved . . . ”
 - A. Adoption defined
 1. Dictionary: “to choose or take as one’s own” - “to become the legal parent(s) of another’s child”
 2. Scripture: natural (Ex. 2:10), national (Ex. 4:22) and spiritual (I John 3:1)
 3. Confession of Faith: “All those that are justified, God graciously gives, in and for the sake of his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of children of God, have his name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, “Abba, Father,” are pitied, protected and provided for, and chastened by him as by a Father, yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation. (with proof texts)
 - B. Adoption sourced: “in love, predestined . . . according to the good pleasure of His will . . .” Deut. 7:7,8; John 15:16
- II. A REDEMPTIVE BLESSING - vs. 7, 8 - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence . . . ”
 - A. “In Him” - all of grace, all *in, through* and *of* Christ
 - B. “redemption through His blood”
 - C. “the forgiveness of sins”
 - D. “riches of His grace”
 - E. “in all wisdom and prudence”
- III. AN UNVEILED BLESSING - vs. 9, 10 - “having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him.”
 - A. “having made known to us the mystery of His will”

- B. “according to His good pleasure”
 - C. “that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times”
 - D. “gather together all things . . .”
- IV. A BEQUEATHED BLESSING - vs. 11, 12 - “In Him [whom] also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”
- A. “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance”
 - B. “being predestined . . .”
 - C. “according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will”
 - D. “that we who first trusted in Christ”
 - E. “should be to the praise of His glory”
- V. A GUARANTEED BLESSING - vs. 13, 14 - “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”
- A. “In Him you also trusted”
 - B. “after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation”
 - C. “you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”
 - D. “who is the guarantee of our inheritance”
 - E. “until the redemption of the purchased possession”
 - F. “to the praise of His glory”
- VI. APPLICATION
- A. Glory in your God - Psalm 29:1,2
 - B. Rejoice in all things - Philippians 4:4
 - C. Look upward - Colossians 3:1