The Blessings of God

Ephesians 01:03–14

- 1 God's blessings are heavenly blessings, not material
- 2 God has chosen us to be holy and blameless
 - a. How: In Christ
 - b. Purpose: To live "in his sight in love" forever and ever
- 3 God has adopted us as His sons
 - a. Predestined foreordained:Was His will
 - b. How: By Christ
 - c. Why: To praise His grace
- 4 God has redeemed us forgiven our sins
 - a. How: By Christ's blood
 - b. Source: His grace
- 5 God has given us wisdom and understanding
- 6 God has revealed the mystery of His will to us
 - a. Source: His purpose
 - b. To climax the ages
 - c. To gather all things together in heaven and earth
 - d. To put all under Christ
- 7 God has given us an inheritance, chosen us:

He has made us the heritage of God

a. Predestined - His will

- 3 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 fulfilment 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,

- b. The inheritance:"That we might be," that is, exist eternally
- c. Why:
 That we should exist to His glory
- d. How to receive the inheritance
 - 1) By hearing the Word
 - 2) By trusting in Christ
- 8 God has sealed us with the Holy Spirit
 - a. He is the guarantee of our inheritance
 - b. Why: To praise His glory

- 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.