Ephesians



Blessings Are
Yours!

Background

Author: Paul

■ Recipients: Ephesian believers

■ Place: Rome / Prison

Background

- Purpose: Preventive maintenance
- Theme: The believers' wealth and walk

- Outline:
 - ◆ Orthodoxy 1-3
 - ◆ Orthopraxy 4-6

What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



What Is Inside?



Ephesians 1 (wealth)

Riches



◆ Riches described (v. 3-14)

◆ Prayer for comprehension (v. 15-23)

Our Trinitarian Blessings

■ Blessings (v. 3-14)

- Chosen by Father
- ◆ Redeemed by Son
- Sealed by Spirit



■ Prayer for comprehension (v. 15-23)

"Predestined"



"God has determined beforehand that those who believe in Christ will be adopted into His family and conformed to His Son"

-Charles Ryrie

Chosen by the Father (1:3-6)

Three blessings from the Father

- ◆ Every blessing
- Holy and blameless
- Adoption

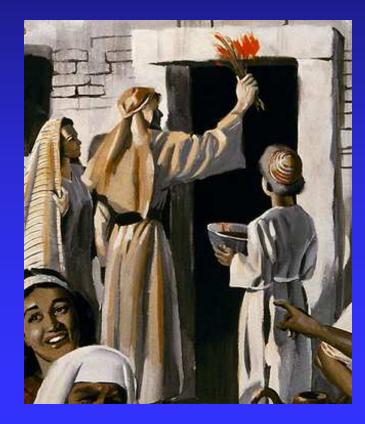


Praise to the Father

Redeemed by the Son (1:7-12)

- Four blessings from the Son
 - ◆ Redemption
 - ◆ Forgiveness
 - ◆ Revelation
 - ◆ Inheritance

■ Praise to the Son



3 Phases of Salvation

■ Justification: freedom from sin's penalty

Sanctification: freedom from sin's power

■ Glorification: freedom from sin's presence

Sealed by the Spirit (1:13-14)

■ Two blessings from the Spirit

◆ Seal

◆ Pledge

Praise to the Spirit



3 Phases of Salvation

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Paul's Prayer (1:15-23)

Eyes opened

- Understand three realities
 - ◆ Hope of the divine calling
 - ◆ Riches of His glorious inheritance
 - Greatness of God's majesty

The Exalted Christ (1:19-23)

- Father's power
- Son's resurrection
- Son's present session
- Son's authority
- Son's headship



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