

“Building a New You: #Blessed”

Ephesians 1:1-14

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We praise God because we’re blessed!

You’re blessed because:

1) YOU HAVE A NEW IDENTITY IN CHRIST (v. 1-3)

2) YOU’RE CHOSEN TO BELONG (v. 4-6)

3) YOU’VE BEEN REDEEMED (v. 7-10)

4) YOU’RE CHOSEN FOR HIS GLORY (v. 11-12)

5) YOU’RE SEALED BY THE SPIRIT (v. 13-14)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 1:15-23

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What are a couple of blessings that you are most thankful to God for?

- 1) How well do you understand your identity “in Christ”? (See verses 1-3.)
- 2) According to this passage, what are the blessings that God has shown us?
- 3) According to verse 4, when did God choose you? Why is that important to know?
- 4) What purpose does Paul give for God choosing you? (See verses 4 and 11.)
- 5) What drove this “predestination”? (See verses 5-6.)
- 6) Define redemption in your own words.
- 7) How is redemption connected to being God’s possession? (See verse 14.)
- 8) What is the mystery of God’s will revealed to us according to the context?
- 9) How is bringing “all things ... under one head, even Christ” (verse 10) connected to redemption?
- 10) What does verse 12 say is the outcome of our predestination?
- 11) What is the role of the Holy Spirit in securing our salvation?
- 12) How do these truths of being chosen and blessed with every blessing challenge or encourage you?
- 13) How can we pray for you today?