

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
EPHESIANS, PT. 2 - FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT (EPH 1:3-14)
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I. Introduction

- A. The book of Ephesians is laid out in a manner to help the young, ethnically diverse church come to a fullness of love in order to maintain unity while standing against spiritual warfare.
- B. Paul sets the entire tone of the book of Ephesians through the details that He covers in verses 3-14.
- C. In the original language, Ephesians 1:3-14 is one long sentence consisting of over 200 words covering some of the richest themes of the knowledge of God in the entire Bible.
 - 1. Our chosen-ness in Christ
 - 2. The Father's motivation of love
 - 3. The truth of our adoption and acceptance
 - 4. The depth of our redemption and inheritance
 - 5. The mystery of His will for all the ages
- D. These passages are actually a hymn of praise that proclaim the blessedness of the Father (vs. 3-6), the Son (vs. 7-12), and the Holy Spirit (vs. 13-14).

II. Blessed Be the Father (Ephesians 1:3-6)

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him(*Jesus*) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him(*the Father*) in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself(*the Father*), according to the good pleasure of His(*the Father's*) will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His(*the Father's*) grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved(*Jesus*).

- A. The Father blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Psam 72:17)
- B. Chose us in Him before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 2:9)
- C. That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love (Eph 2:4-7)
- D. Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself (Rom 8:14-17)
- E. According to the good pleasure of His will
- F. To the praise of the glory of His Grace

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G. He made us accepted in the Beloved

III. Blessed Be the Son (Ephesians 1:7-12)

Ephesians 1:7-12 In Him(*Jesus*) we have redemption through His(*Jesus*) blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His(*the Father's*) grace 8 which He(*the Father*) made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His(*the Father's*) will, according to His(*the Father's*) good pleasure which He(*the Father*) purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He(*the Father*) might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him(*Jesus*). 11 In Him(*Jesus*) also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him(*the Father*) who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

- A. Redemption through His blood according to the riches of His grace (Rom 5:6-11)
- B. Grace lavished upon us in all wisdom and prudence (Rom 5:12-21)
- C. He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself
- D. At the right time He will gather together all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, the Lord Jesus. (Psalm 2:5-8)
- E. We have received an astounding inheritance in Christ (Rev 21:7)
- F. The Father works all things according to His perfect will (Rom 8:28)
- G. We are to the praise of His glory (Isa 43:21)

IV. Blessed Be the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him(*Jesus*) you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom(*Jesus*) also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- A. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit
- B. The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance
- C. We are His purchased possession