

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SERMON NOTES
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"EPHESIANS: Our Blessings in Christ"
Ephesians 1:1-14

The key theme for the book of Ephesians and for our text today is:

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Verses 3 through 14 are _____

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 fulfillment—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, 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."

A. As followers of Christ, we are richly blessed!

In the Father [v. 4-6] we are:

- a) _____ (v. 4)
- b) _____ (v. 5)
- c) _____ (v. 6)

In the Christ [7-12] we are:

- a) _____ (v. 7a)
- b) _____ (v. 7b)
- c) _____ (v. 8-10)
- d) _____ (v. 11)
- e) _____ (v.12)

In the Holy Spirit [13-14] we are:

- a) _____ (v. 13)
- b) _____
_____ (v.14)

"We _____ redeemed!"

"This morning let's commit ourselves to be mindful of our rich blessings in Christ and then, to live out our lives as a 'thank offering' to 'the praise of His Glory'!"