

Life Group Homework

Series: Destined for Greatness in Christ

Blessed With Every Spiritual Blessing by the Father

Ephesians 1:1-6

Let's Get Started:

The key verse for this first message of the new series is: Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

For many of the sermon-based groups, this is week of reuniting in your Life Groups after a full summer of activities, adventures and travel. So, to get us back in the “groove” let’s begin with this question for everyone in the group:

Share at least one spiritual blessing God has provided for you or your family during this summer of 2019?

Let's Dig In:

1. The key to unlocking our spiritual wealth is a two-word phrase found 15 times in the book of Ephesians. What is this two word phrase?

_____ (Hint: Re-read Ephesians 1:1-3)

2. Paul stayed in Ephesus longer than any other place during his ministry. Can you name at least three things you learned about the city of Ephesus in Paul’s day from the message this past weekend or in your own biblical research?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. THREE UNCHANGEABLE GIFTS OF THE FATHER (VS. 3-6)

BLESSED

All believers are “rich” in Christ. Name a few irrevocable “riches” that God has promised you that you will NEVER have to worry about losing:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

CHOSEN

Read verses 4-6 and respond to the questions as you consider the impact of Paul’s words.

What did God choose YOU for? _____

When did He choose YOU? _____

How did He make you His own? _____

Why did He choose YOU? _____

Will He ever “unchoose” YOU? (Romans 8:38). _____

PREDESTINED

Condemned sinners like you and me deserve God’s judgment and to be separated from His love and presence for eternity. But far from wanting to abandon us and leave us orphans, the future God predestined for all saved believers included His desire to **adopt** us. Look up the following scriptures and answer the related questions:

John 1:12-13 What does it mean for you to know that you have been chosen to become

an adopted son or daughter of God?

Galatians 4:4-5 As fully God and fully human, Jesus' mission on earth was to redeem those under the curse of the law. The word translated as "redeem" is from the Greek root word **exagorazo**. This is the same word used to buy a slave out of bondage.

So, as an adopted son or daughter of God, how has God "freed" you?

What have you been freed **from**?

What have you been freed **for**?

Romans 8:15 God's title of "Abba Father" is only found in the Bible three times: Romans 8:15, Mark 14:36, and Galatians 4:6. Only two speakers utter these words in these passages: Jesus and the apostle Paul. The term "Abba Father" brings to mind an intimate relationship. It's a relationship that God pre-determined would be the center or the core of every believer in Jesus.

Question: How is your intimate, chosen, adopted relationship with the Lord impacting your life and the lives of others around you?

Let's Live It Out Together:

Read these 10 amazing truth attributes of God's character and nature. Which one of these attributes of God resonate most with you at this time in your life—and why?

1. God's **plan** is to bless us with every spiritual blessing.
2. God's **safeguard** is to place our blessings in heavenly places.
3. God's **agent** is His virgin-born, sinless, crucified and resurrected only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
4. God's **method** is choosing, electing.
5. God's **subjects** are undeserving sinners.
6. God's **time** is sometime in eternity past.
7. God's **purpose** is to make sinners holy before Him.
8. God's **motive** is His unsearchable and infinite love.
9. God's **intended outcome** is adopting sinners as full-fledged sons.
10. God's **goal** was, is, and will always be His eternal glory.