

“God’s Blessings: to the Praise of His Glory” 12/08/19

Ephesians 1:7-14

Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

“Truly as I live, says the LORD, the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.” Num 14:21; Habakkuk 3:3

“To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations” Eph. 3:21

How is God going to bring Praise to His Glory?

LESSON 1- God will be glorified through creating a FAMILY Vv. 7-10

A. Being brought into God’s family, we have been REDEEMED v.7a

B. Being brought into God’s family, we have been FORGIVEN v. 7b

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

C. Being brought into God’s family, we have been ENLIGHTENED v. 9

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever.” Deut. 29:29

D. Being brought into God’s family, we are fulfilling His PURPOSE v.10

We have been *chosen, predestined, adopted, accepted, redeemed, forgiven, enlightened.* Paul is not even done yet!! (That’s just verses 1-10)

LESSON 2- God will be glorified by using us as His PROOF Vv. 11-14

A. We have been picked as God’s INHERITANCE V.11

B. We have been predestined to be the proof of His GLORY V. 13

C. God has secured His plan by sealing us with the HOLY SPIRIT

We can see three things from this passage that are true of the Holy Spirit’s sealing:

- 1) **Ownership-** “You are not your own, you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19)
- 2) **Security-** “My sheep hear My voice...I know them and they hear My voice. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.” John 10:27-29
- 3) **Irrevocable-** “For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable” Rom. 11:29

Discipleship A disciple will be grateful for All God’s rich blessings!
Moment

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

Leviticus 17:11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.' (Lev. 17:11 NAU)

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. (Heb. 9:22 NAU)

Matthew 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. (Matt. 26:28 NAU)

Hebrews 8:12 "For I will be merciful toward their evil deeds, and their sins I will remember no longer." (Heb. 8:12 NET)

Psalms 103:10 He does not deal with us as our sins deserve; he does not repay us as our misdeeds deserve. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so his loyal love towers over his faithful followers. ¹² As far as the eastern horizon is from the west, so he removes the guilt of our rebellious actions from us.

Esther 8:8 "Now you write to the Jews as you see fit, in the king's name, and seal *it* with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's signet ring may not be revoked." (Est. 8:8 NAU)

2 Timothy 2:19 However, God's solid foundation remains standing, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from evil." (2 Tim. 2:19 NET)