

Our Blessings In Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3

*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.*

Key Concepts – Heavenly Realities The Riches of His Grace

Has Blessed Us

Past Tense: A done deal

3 **BLESSED BE** <eulogetos> (the Blesser, praise Him) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed** <eulogeo> <2127> (celebrate with praises) us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ :

Heavenly Places (realms) – in heaven

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens**.

1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Principalities and Powers – in heaven

Riches of His Grace – in heaven

Mystery of His God – in heaven

Purpose of His Will – in heaven

Inheritance – in heaven

With All Spiritual Blessings

In Christ – in heaven

Treasure Hunters
and
Lost Gold Mines

(ie) Treasure hunters,
lost gold and silver
mines

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Not what you see and feel.

1. Has Blessed Us – *The Blessor has blessed and will not change*

“Something took place in heaven long before time began.” mystery

Paul begins with God and ends with God

Our problem is we too often begin with man, our works, our faith, our repentance our efforts, our good deeds,

Rick Warren – It’s not about you.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones - quote

Watchman Nee - SIT – WALK - STAND

Seated With Christ:

It is not a command. It is done. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places.

He has made us to sit in heavenly places in Christ.

Eph 1:20 – made him to sit, seated him, at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Eph 2:6 – made us to sit, seated us, with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

It is finished! – Done Deal. Signed, Sealed, and Delivered. Nothing lacking.

The Christian Life does not begin with work. It begins with a work that was, is, and ever shall be finished, completed on the cross and in heaven.

Adam did not create the world in six days, God did. And he made Adam to sit in it, rest in it, enjoy it, and maintain it.

Grace is the fount, **Peace** is the stream flowing

Grace is the theme of Romans, Ephesians, and Galatians. Grace alone, faith alone.

Blessed

NIV: Isaiah 62:5 As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

Past Tense: Done Deal.

From or Before the Foundation of the World

Eph 1:4 – Chosen in him before the foundation of the world

I Peter 1:20 – Lamb without spot foreordained the foundation of the world

Rev 13:8 – Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

Rev 17:8 – Names written in heaven from the foundation of the world

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2. Heavenly Places (realms)

Used five times in Ephesians

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places,

*2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago---whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows---such a man was **caught up to the third heaven**.*

The first **heaven** we see by day (the sky),
the second **heaven** we see by night (the stars),
the **third heaven** we see BY FAITH (where God lives). ...

Which things angels desire to look into.

For angels never felt the joy that our salvation brings

1 Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Principalities and Powers

1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

There is something going on in heaven we do not see.

Revelation 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 10 for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Job 1:6-10, 2:1 – Satan came before God

Zech 3:1-5 – Accuser of the brethren

Daniel 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me;

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,

2 Corinthians 4:18 *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

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3. Every Spiritual Blessing

Psalm 103

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; *so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn: Count Your Blessing, name them one by one.

There are 10 listed here

1 Peter 1:4 To an inheritance [<2817>](#) incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Spiritual Blessings in Heaven

1. Chosen us – vs 4
2. Predestined us – vs 5
3. Adopted us – vs 5
4. Accepted us – vs 6
5. Redeemed us – vs 7
6. Forgiven us – vs 7
7. Given Grace to us – 7-8
8. Purposed us – vs 9
9. Bequeathed us – vs 11
10. Sealed us – vs 13

What God Says Is True

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickens the dead, and **calls those things which be not as though they were.**

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*Here is what took place for you in heaven. So start acting like it. Walk worthy
What God has cleansed do not call common or unclean.
God sees you in Christ, in heavenly realms, seated with him, complete in him.*

4. In Christ

In him... in his righteousness... in his love...

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the **riches of the glory** of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:

Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

(ie) Fish in or out of water – believe me he knows!

(ie) Put \$100 bill in a magazine, throw it in the fire. Where is the bill, inside burned up
But put that same bill in a fire safe and cast it into the fire. It is untouched INSIDE.

(ie) Drowning man – can't do anything while he tries to save self. Let him tire out, faint, or get exhausted, then you can save.

(ie) Get into the Ark!

Ephesians 2:8-10

10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus

8. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- 9. not by works, so that no one can boast.

13. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Who Am I In Christ?

Not what I used to be.

I am what God says I am. I am what he promised to make me. I am his child, complete in him, his workmanship, a brand plucked from the fire.

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Song: Who Am I.

Ephesians Chapter One

Word by Word (KJV)

*The Greek words are marked with Strong's Concordance numbering system.
Each number represents a Greek word. Ten Blessings in heavenly places.*

BLESSED US: <eulogeo>

3 Blessed <2128> be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed <2127> us with all spiritual <4152> blessings <2129> in heavenly <2032> places in Christ :

1. **CHOSEN US:** <eklegomai> 4 According as he hath chosen <1586> us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy <40> and without blame <299> before him in love:

2. **PREDESTINED US:** <proorizo> 5 Having predestinated <4309> (5660) us

3. **ADOPTED US** <huiiothesia> to be adopted children <5206> of Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure <2107> of his will <2307>,

4. **GRACED US:** <charis>6 To the praise of the glory of his grace <5485>,

5. **ACCEPTED US:** <charitoo> wherein he hath made us accepted <5487> in the beloved <25 agapao>.

6. **REDEEMED US:** <apolutrosis> 7 In whom we have redemption <629> through his blood, the

7. **FORGIVEN US:** <aphesis / aphiemi> forgiveness <859> of sins according to the riches of his grace <5485>;

8 Wherein he hath abounded <4052> toward us in all wisdom <4678> and prudence <5428>;

8. **PURPOSED US (to know the mystery):** <protithemai> 9 Having made known unto us the mystery <3466> of his will <2307>, according to his good pleasure <2107> which he hath purposed <4388> (5639) in himself:

10 That in the dispensation <3622> of the fulness <4138> of times <2540> he might gather together in one <346> all things in Christ, both which are in heaven <3772>, and which are on earth; even in him:

9. **BEQUEATHED US:** <kleroo> 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance <2820>, being predestinated <4309> (5685) according to the purpose <4286> of him who works <1754> (5723) all things after the counsel <1012> of his own will <2307>:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

10. **SEALED US:** <sphragizo>13 In whom you also trusted, after that ye heard the word <3056> of truth <225>, the gospel <2098> of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with <4972> (5681) that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest <728> of our inheritance until the redemption <629> of the purchased possession <4047>, unto the praise of his glory.

The Purposes of God
Ephesians 1:3-14 NKJV (revised)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places **in Christ**:

4 According as he has **chosen us** in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having **predestinated us** *to be* adopted through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the *good pleasure* of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his **grace**, wherein he has made us **accepted** in the Beloved One.

7 In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, according to **the riches of his grace**; 8 Wherein he has **abounded toward us** in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having **made known unto us** the mystery of his will, according to his *good pleasure* which he has **purposed** in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained **an inheritance**, being predestinated according to the *purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will*: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, were **sealed** with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.