

The Blessings From Christ

Ephesians 1:7-14

The Benefits Of Redemption By Christ

A. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

1. The cost (1:7)

1 Peter 1:18-20

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A. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8) – cont'd

2. The considerations (1:7-8)

a. Forgiveness for us (v 7)

Romans 4:7

Hebrews 10:17

b. Grace from God (v 7)

Romans 5:21

c. Understanding to us (v 8)

1 Corinthians 1:30

Colossians 2:3

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B. The Blessing Of Purpose (1:9-10)

1. Knowing God's will (1:9)

a. A mystery to those who do not know God

Colossians 1:26

b. A meaning to those who know God

Revelation 4:11

2. Knowing God's plan (1:10)

Colossians 1:20-22

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C. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

1. Chosen by God's purpose beforehand (1:11)

a. The plan of inheritance from the beginning of time

2 Timothy 1:9

b. The permanence of the inheritance

1 Peter 1:3-5

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C. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

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2. Chosen to bring praise to God (1:12)

Romans 8:29

Psalm 33:12

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C. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14) (continued)

3. Chosen to be God's possession (1:13-14)

a. Known by Him (v 13)

2 Corinthians 1:22

b. Known by His (v 14)

Philippians 2:16

The Blessings Of The Blessed
Ephesians 1:15-23

**Our Position In Christ Provides The Power Of
Christ**

I. Encouraged To Pray (1:15-16)

A. Because of the testimony of others (1:15)

Ephesians 1:15

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

1 Thessalonians 1:8

For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

I. Encouraged To Pray (1:15-16)

B. In thanksgiving for others (1:16)

Ephesians 1:16

Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which Also ye are called in one body,; and be ye thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

II. Enlightened By The Spirit (1:17-18)

A. Given by God (1:17)

Ephesians 1:17

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

II. Enlightened By The Spirit (1:17-18)

B. Gain for us (1:18)

Ephesians 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

III. Empowered By Christ (1:19-23)

A. Transcendent power (1;19)

Ephesians 1:19

And what is the exceeding greatness of his **power to us-ward who believe, according to the **working** of his mighty power,**

1. Its availability

2. Its authority

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

B. Demonstrated power (1:20)

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,

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

B. Demonstrated power (1:20)

1. In Christ's resurrection

John 10:17

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

B. Demonstrated power (1:20) - continued

2. In Christ's ascension

Acts 1:9

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Psalm 110:1

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

C. Supreme power (1:21-23)

Ephesians 1:21-22

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

C. Supreme power (1:21-23)

1. Over agency (1:21)

John 19:10-11

10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

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 high places.

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

C. Supreme power (1:21-23) - continued

2. Over all (1;22-23)

a. As Creator (v 22)

Colossians 1:16-17

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

III. Empowered By The Christ (1:19-23)

C. Supreme power (1:21-23) - continued

2. Over all (1;22-23)

b. As Chief Shepherd (v 23)

Colossians 1:18-19

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

**Do Not Waste The What
God Has Given Us Through
Christ!!**