



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Series: All Things Under Christ Pt 1

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Blessed in Christ

With all wisdom and understanding, 9 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 reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. (Ephesians 1:8b-10)

1. Praise be to God our father. Eph. 1:1-6

- To whom, from whom
- Reasons for praise.
- Adoption.

2. In Christ- all things in heaven and earth are unified. Eph. 1:7-12

- Redemption & Forgiveness
- Wisdom & Understanding.
- To bring unity to all things under Christ.

3. The Spirit- The seal guaranteeing inheritance. Eph 1:13-14.

- Hear & Believe.
- The gospel of salvation.
- The guarantee

A. Examining the texts.

Discussion Starter: In what ways are people in your experience more aware of their difficulties than their blessings?

1. Read Ephesians 1:1-6. Who is this letter from and to? What blessings does Paul think the Ephesians should praise God the Father for?
2. Read Ephesians 1:7-12. What has Christ won for the Ephesians? What do you think Paul means by verse 10?
3. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. How does one receive the Spirit according to these verses and what does the Spirit guarantee?

B. Meditation & application

4. What blessings does salvation entail? How does that make you feel? Do you think you are often conscious of what is yours in Christ or is that something you easily forget? How could you be more conscious of the blessings available in Christ?
5. What does this passage reveal that leads us away from any pride or arrogance in our salvation and identity in Christ?
6. What does this passage say about the Trinity?
7. If you had to explain salvation to someone using this passage alone what could you say about salvation and the blessings involved in order to help someone come to faith?

A Prayer: Heavenly Father- we thank you Father Son and Holy Spirit for all you have done in us and for us. We ask that you might flood our hearts with gratitude and praise. In Jesus Name- Amen.