

Nine Great Things That God Has Done For Us In Christ



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Scripture
Ephesians 1:3-14

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: ⁴ According as he hath 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 unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. ⁷ In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; ⁸ Wherein he hath 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 hath purposed in himself:

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¹⁰ That in the dispensation of the fulness 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 worketh 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 ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye 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.

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1. He has blessed us (Ephesians 1:3).

God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm. This means that, in Christ, we have received all the benefits of a relationship with Him. We have been chosen as His; received His salvation; been adopted as His children; been forgiven; received insight into the things of the Spirit; received the power to serve God and do His will; received the gifts of the Spirit; and the hope of living forever with Him. We can enjoy these blessings now, because we have an intimate relationship with Him. Spiritual blessings in the “heavenly realms”, means that these blessings are eternal, not temporal.

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2. He has chosen us (Ephesians 1:4)

God “chose us in him” to emphasize that salvation depends totally on Him and not us. We are not saved because our works deserve it, but because of God’s free and gracious salvation. We could not and did not influence God’s decision to save us, but He saved us according to His own plan. We can’t take the credit – all we can do is express our gratefulness and thanks for His wonderful love for us.

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3. He has predestined us (Ephesians 1:5 & 11)

“Predestined” means “*marked out before hand*” and is another way of saying that salvation is all God’s work and none our own doing. In His infinite love and through Jesus’ sacrifice, God has brought us into His family, adopted us His own children and made us heirs along with Jesus. Under the law at that time, adopted children had the exact same rights as biological children, even if they were previously slaves.

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4. He has made us accepted (Ephesians 1:6).

This is simple and plain. Where the world and various things within the world has rejected us, God received us as his own. Therefore, always remember: God freely and graciously accepts us even if we don't deserve it. Not only that, *He* loves us as much as He loves Jesus (John 17:23).

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5. He has redeemed us (Ephesians 1:7).

Jesus' blood represents Jesus' death. Through His death and the riches and generosity of His gracious favor, He paid the price for us to receive both redemption and forgiveness. Redemption was the price paid to gain freedom for a slave. We are released from our slavery to sin and brought into the freedom of forgiveness and right-standing with God.

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6. He has abounded toward us (Ephesians 1:8).

God's grace has been LAVISHED on us. We have received a generous, over-abundance of God's love, grace and favor!

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7. He has made known unto us (Ephesians 1:9).

In His love and mercy, God planned to save and redeem us from the foundation of the earth. His plan of salvation was consummated in Jesus Christ and could only be fully understood by us after Jesus rose from the dead. When you receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, through God's word, the Holy Spirit reveals to you the Father's plan for you.

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8. He has given us an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11,14).

An inheritance is something you don't earn. It's bestowed upon you at the discretion of another. We have inherited the Kingdom of God and all of God's wonderful promises and blessings with it!

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9. He has sealed us (Ephesians 1:13).

The Holy Spirit is the seal and also the “earnest” or “pledge” of our inheritance. The word “seal” means: to stamp (*with a signet or private mark*) for security or preservation (*literally or figuratively*); to keep secret; to attest. We use the word “seal” to denote several things: we seal things for security, to hide them, to confirm or testify to something, and to confirm ownership. We are sealed by the blessed Holy Spirit! The word “earnest” or “pledge” is used to indicate part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.



Remember:
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is the guarantee
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or “pledge” –
of our glorious
inheritance in
Him!

**May God Continually Bless You
and
Heaven Shine Upon You**