

Sunday January 21st, 2108 – 10:30 am

IMAGINE FINDING THIS IN YOUR IN BOX!

Ephesians 1: 1-14, 22-23 - **1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

²² And he put all things under his (Jesus) feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

I G_____ Up?

Why is Paul so concerned?

- Some of the people in the church were on their way to G_____ U_____.
- Some of the people in the church had already G_____ U_____.

II G_____ List of Spiritual Blessings

Key Blessing: A_____ - vs. 5

It made us part of G_____ F_____.

John 1:12 – To ALL who did receive Jesus, who believed in His name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.

A. Blessings from God the F_____

* God C_____ us – vs. 4

* God C_____ us from future judgment by the forgiveness of our sins.

B. Blessings from God the S_____

In the Old Testament, a goat was brought to the High Priest called a S_____.

2 Problems:

1. New one needed E_____ Y_____

2. Sometimes the goat would wander back in the C_____.

* F_____ inheritance – vs. 11

C. Blessings from the H_____ S_____

* vs.12 – “sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”

* In Paul’s day, the Seal = 3 things:

1. O_____

2. S_____

3. P_____

What must we do with all these blessings?

1st – R_____ our blessings.

2nd – R_____ out to others.

3rd – R_____ that these blessings are given to us to serve others.

“God gave Jesus Christ as head over all things, to the church, which is His Body.”

Chosen → act towards others with K_____, U_____, M_____.

Forgiven → Forgive others

Sealed → choose to live as P_____ - Romans 12:18

Living as peacemaker, with gentleness, brings a good conscience, which brings joy.