

A Life of Faith...Every Day
Ephesians 1:1-10
Praise, Worship and Predestination

“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.”

Ephesians 1:3

Question: Do you know who you really are?

Setting the context:

1. Paul is writing to the Ephesian church- possibly the churches in Asia Minor around 60 A.D.
2. This opening section is a section of doxology/worship.
3. The term, “In Christ” appears 164 times in Paul’s writings and 36 times in Ephesians.

Main Point: Knowing who we truly are in Christ
produces _____ and _____.

Lessons from what God has done:

1. He has blessed us. (v. 3)
2. He chose us (v. 4)
3. He predestined us for adoption (v. 5)
4. He has blessed us with and given us grace (v. 6)
5. He has redeemed us through Christ (v. 7)
6. He has given us more grace (v. 8)
7. He has made His will and purpose known (v. 9)

Point One: God has a divine plan for us- _____.

“Blameless is the Old Testament word for unblemished sacrifice. Holy and blameless as a couplet...points to our final state of perfection. So, far from encouraging sin, the doctrine of election forbids it and lays upon us instead the necessity of holiness. For holiness is the very purpose of our election.”

-John Stott

Point Two: The blessing of _____ is that we are now the redeemed of God.

Redemption- deliverance or liberation for payment of a price; to wash away, to cover, to atone; forgiveness as the act of God.

God chose to adopt people into His family through Jesus
Christ simply because He loves us...now!

Point Three: There is a _____
for the Christian- unity with God.

God has...

- Chosen us in Christ in the past.
- Redeemed us and brought us into His family now.
- Will unite us with Him in eternity in the future.

Wrap Up:

Do you remember all that God has done for you? Does it produce praise and worship in you? If not, why?

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, February 1st, 2015
Next week: Ephesians 1:11-14 The Holy Spirit