

OUR BLESSINGS IN CHRIST
(Ephesians 1:3-6)

I. Introduction (Eph. 1:3)

A. Our blessings are supplied by _____ in _____

B. Our blessings are _____

1. In _____

2. In _____

3. In _____

II. We Are _____ in _____ (Eph. 1:4)

A. This was _____ by the _____

1. “Just as” means “through the _____”

2. “Chose” means “to select _____ from a larger group for _____” (John 15:16, 19; cf. 6:37-40, 44; also Rev. 3:20; cf. John 10:1-5, 26-30)

3. “Us” refers to _____

B. This was done _____ to _____—_____ “flinging down into stable existence the *kosmos* (ordered universe)”

C. This act _____ us to _____

1. To make us _____—an _____ righteousness, or observable _____ (cf. 1 Pet. 1:2; Acts 2:23)

2. To make us _____—an _____ guiltlessness, or _____ (Rom. 8:33)

III. We Are _____ unto _____ (Eph. 1:5)

A. This demonstrated _____

B. This established a _____ relationship with _____ (John 1:12-13; Gal. 4:5; Rom. 8:28-30)—an act of His _____ that accomplishes His _____ in choosing

C. This was based upon the “_____ or _____ of his _____” (cf. Heb. 12:6-11)—to please _____ and to show His kindly intentions toward _____, not because anyone was _____

IV. We Are _____ for His _____ (Eph. 1:6)

A. This was done to bring _____ to _____

B. This was done to reveal the _____ of His _____

1. Not because of _____

2. Based solely upon the _____ of _____

V. Our Salvation Is, Therefore, _____

A. Its initiation was the _____ of God _____

B. Its application is the _____ of God in _____

1. He saves us when we are _____, _____, _____, and _____ (Rom. 3:10-23)

2. But He does not negate our _____ to _____ (Acts 16:31; John 3:36; Eph. 1:12-13)

C. Its consummation is the _____ of God in _____ (Phil. 1:6; cf. 2 Cor. 6:16 - 7:1)