

Faith in the Home, Sermon Notes and Applications for the Home

Ephesians 1:3-14, "The Assurance of God's Eternal Grace and Blessings."

One of my favorite passages that captures the essence of God's will and His grace towards us is from Ephesians 1. Inspired by Holy Spirit Paul opens His letter to the Church in Ephesus, with a summary of what it means for us to be God's children:

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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 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, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Here is what we can pull from this passage:

1. God is God, and therefore He was before the creation was made by Him. He is all powerful. He is all knowing. He has no beginning and no end.
2. The assurance of salvation. God chose us, and He chose to be holy and blameless before Him from before the earth was created.
3. We are so blessed. God created us knowing that we would break His heart with our sin. Yet, He chose to create us, give us faith in Him, and He chose to die for us.
4. This passage is another testimony that the man named Jesus of Nazareth is indeed God, the Son of God. Jesus together, with the Father and the Holy Spirit created the universe and created us. He became one of us to die for us and to rise for us. He knew you on the cross, He knows you now, He knew you before He made the world.