

Spiritual Blessings Of Saints

Ephesians 1:1-6

The Position And Privileges Of Christ's Saints

A. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2)

1. The will of God working (1:1a)

a. His purpose

Matthew 7:21

b. His perspective

Romans 12:2

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A. We Are Called Saints (1:1-2) - continued

2. The way of God working (1:1)

a. Set apart by God

1 Corinthians 1:2

b. Set apart by us

1 Timothy 1:12

3. The working of God working

2 Timothy 1:9

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B. We Are Chosen Saints (1:3-4)

1. To praise God's blessing (1:3)

1 Peter 1:3

2. To possess God's *spiritual* blessing (1:3)

2 Peter 1:3

3. To profess God's blessing (1:4)

1 Peter 2:9

Psalm 107:2

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C. We Are Conforming Saints (1:5-6)

1. The choice through Christ (1:5)

Romans 8:29-30

Matthew 12:50

2. The consequences through Christ (1:6)

a. Praise to God

Philippians 1:10-11

b. Promotion by God

1 Corinthians 15:10

The Blessings From Christ
Ephesians 1:7-14

The Benefits Of Redemption By Christ

I. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

Ephesians 1:7-8

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;

I. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

A. The cost (1:7)

1 Peter 1:18-20

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

I. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

B. The considerations (1:7-8)

1. Forgiveness for us (v 7)

Romans 4:7

**Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered.**

Hebrews 10:17

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

I. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

B. The considerations (1:7) - continued

2. Grace from God (v 7)

Romans 5:21

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

I. The Blessing Of Redemption (1:7-8)

B. The considerations (1:7) - continued

3. Understanding to us (v 8)

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Colossians 2:3

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

II. The Blessing Of Purpose (1:9-10)

A. Knowing God's will (1:9)

Ephesians 1:9

**Having made known unto us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in
himself:**

II. The Blessing Of Purpose (1:9-10)

A. Knowing God's will (1:9)

1. A mystery to those who do not know God

Colossians 1:26

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

2. A meaning to those who know God

Revelation 4;11

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

II. The Blessing Of Purpose (1:9-10)

B. Knowing God's plan (1:10)

Ephesians 1:10

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:

Colossians 1:20-22

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight:

III. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

A. Chosen by God's purpose beforehand (1:11)

Ephesians 1:11

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:

III. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

A. Chosen by God's purpose beforehand (1:11)

1. The plan of inheritance from the beginning of time

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

III. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

A. Chosen by God's purpose beforehand (1:11) – cont'd

2. The permanence of the inheritance

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

III. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

B. Chosen to bring praise to God (1:12)

Ephesians 1:12

That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Romans 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Psalms 33:12

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

III. The Blessing Of An Inheritance (1:11-14)

C. Chosen to be God's possession (1:13-14)

1. Known by Him (v 13)

Ephesians 1:13

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,

2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

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C. Chosen to be God's possession (1:13-14)

2. Known by His (v 14)

Ephesians 1:14

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Philippians 2:16

Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

**Do You Look Forward To The
Benefits Of Redemption?**