All Spiritual Blessings

Ken Chapman · Ephesians 1:3–14

INTRODUCTION

- God offers to us something of great value. Now, to be fair, he asks a pretty high price for it.
- But right-thinking people, his people, understand that if we can think in terms of transactions, that the transaction is worth it.
- There are no spiritual blessings outside of Christ. But in Christ are all spiritual blessings.

1 God Chose Us

Ephesians 1:3–5

- Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he chose us in him.
- The other language is that he predestined us. That just simply means that he chose us beforehand.
- He has adopted us into his family.

2 Adopted Into His Family

1 Peter 2:9–10

- But here, rather than being born into Christ, he says that we are adopted into Christ.
- More common in the first century Roman world was the idea of I need an heir.
- You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, his own special people.
- Who once were not a people, but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- You are that because God chose you to be that.

3 He Chose Us Through His Word

Ephesians 1:9–13; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 John 4:4–6

- He chose us through his word. He made known to us the mystery of his will.
- In him you also trusted after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
- You heard the word of truth, and he called you by his gospel. That's how God chooses us.
- He who knows God hears us. He who is not of God does not hear us.
- The gospel, the message itself, is its own filter.
- We make no apologies in just preaching the pure word of God.

4 He Has Redeemed Us

Psalm 78:42–43; Ephesians 1:7

- He could not choose us without redeeming us. He could not choose us without changing us.
- The day when he redeemed them from the enemy, when he worked his signs in Egypt.

- Redemption doesn't necessarily always highlight the cost that was paid. But it highlights the results of what has happened through that transaction.
- When the scriptures speak about redeeming us, it's highlighting the fact that God chose us and freed us from our slavery and sin.
- In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.
- It is forgiveness that redeemed us.

THE CHALLENGE

The question of every hour is Are you in Christ? Where every spiritual blessing is found? Would you respond to that gospel message?

MY NOTES