

Text: Ephesians 1:3-14

Topics: Adoption, Blessings, Redemption, Security  
Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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## The Blessings

### A. Blessings announced (3)

Praise God for the blessings He has given!

### B. Blessings acclaimed (4-14)

- 1) Chosen for holiness (4)
- 2) Predestined to adoption (5-6)
- 3) Redeemed and forgiven (7-8)
- 4) Mystery enlightened (9-10)
- 5) Inheritance bound (11-14)
- 6) Holy Spirit endowed (13-14)

### C. Blessings appreciated

Accept it!

Hold it!

Live it!

Thank God for it!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Do you thank God more for the things that you enjoy in life, or for the things that He has chosen to give you? What's the difference?

2. Jesus, Paul, and Peter point out to their audiences that they have been chosen by God in the following passages. What goes with that choosing? See John 15:16, 19; Colossians 3:12-17; and 2 Peter 1:2-11.

What are some examples of experiencing this in your life? How has Christ helped you in it?

3. Read Colossians 1:13-14, 21-22. What did God save you from, and to, and how? (See also Ephesians 1:3-4.)

What might your life look like today if He did not save you?

4. Read Romans 8:12-17. What changes have occurred in our lives through being adopted by God?

Explain how knowing this helps us face fearful circumstances. Give an example in your life?

5. Read Deuteronomy 7:1-6. What warning does God give the people? Why, what does He want them to know?

How is the New Testament message the same in Titus 2:11-14? How is it different?

Give an example of a temptation you face, that knowing this truth is, or would be, helpful for resisting it. Explain how to apply the truth.

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 1:3-14 and the sermon, for you?