

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 1:3-14 - Beyond Blessed in the Beloved - 01.14.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?

If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Read Ephesians 1:3-14:

What stands out to you about these verses? (any repeated words/phrases or a specific theme that catches your attention?)

How do these verses build upon verse 2? ("Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.")

As you read these verses, where do you see each person of the Trinity clearly represented in the process of our salvation?

According to these verses, what are the specific roles of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our salvation?

Why is it important that all three persons of the Trinity be actively involved in the plan/execution of humanities salvation?

3. As you consider verses 3-4, how have we been blessed by God the Father through the Son?

How specifically does verse 4 expound upon verse 3 (moving from general spiritual blessings to a specific blessing in Christ)?

Why does it matter that Paul explain that God chose believers in Christ "before the foundation of the world"?

As you consider the last portion of verse 4, what is the specific outcome of God's choosing of us IN CHRIST?

Read John 15:16 & Galatians 3:2-3: how do these provide clarity to the means by which we become holy & blameless?

4. As you look at verses 5-14, how does this reveal the blessings that are ours in Christ?

Why does it matter that we've been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to His will?

How does this truth encourage us in considering God's sovereignty over everything and the source of security of our salvation?

How does the clear articulation of the gospel lead to our true identity in Jesus, and how does that change everything for us?

According to verse 5, who have we become through Jesus, and how do verses 13-14 reveal what is ours because of this?

How does the Holy Spirit provide a guarantee to us of what is ours by faith in Christ?

What does the phrase, "to the praise of His glory" mean, and why must we remember that this is the real goal of our salvation?

6. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

God's sovereign plans will never be thwarted!

Our salvation was God's plan - not reactionary!

God lavishes His blessings upon us in Christ!

God doesn't withhold any good thing from us!

We're adopted by God & are truly His children!

We have a real inheritance awaiting us in glory!

God has chosen us as vessels to show His glory!

By walking by faith in Christ, we glorify Him!