

The Mission of Thanksgiving
Ephesians 1:3-17, Pew Bible p. 976
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1. Before the foundations of the world, God chose us (V. 3).
2. God chose us to be holy and blameless (V. 4).
3. In Christ, we have redemption through His blood (V. 7).
4. Christ's blood gives us forgiveness of sins (V. 7).
5. He reveals to us the knowledge of the mystery of his will (V. 9).
6. In Him, we have a hope for an inheritance in heaven (V. 11, 18).
7. In Him, we have salvation (V. 13).
8. We are sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit (V. 13).
9. We give thanks for our friends in the faith (V. 15, 16).
10. We rejoice because God gives us the spirit of wisdom and the knowledge of Him (V. 17).

Discussion Questions

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-17.
2. Which blessing from the mission field that Dr. Doug shared stood out to you the most?
3. What is a spiritual blessing?
 - a. How many spiritual blessings do we have in Christ, according to verse 3?
 - b. What spiritual blessings do you have that you have enjoyed the most?
4. Why is it helpful for a Christian to remember the spiritual blessing of being redeemed by God and forgiven for sin, according to verse 7?
5. How is knowing the will of God a spiritual blessing, according to verse 9?
 - a. In what way does the Christian know the will of God more than a non-Christian?
 - b. How have you been blessed by knowing the will of God in your life?
6. Why is the apostle Paul so thankful for the Christians in Ephesus, according to verses 15-17?
 - a. What people are you thankful for this Thanksgiving and why?
 - b. How can you enjoy God's spiritual blessings more in your life?
7. Pray for our church to give thanks for our spiritual blessings in Christ. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.