

EPHESIANS: THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be **to the** praise of His glory.¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. ~ Ephesians 1:3-14 (NKJV)*

SEVEN LIFE-CHANGING VERBS

1. GOD CHOSE US

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. ~ Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” ~ Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ~ John 6:37 (NKJV)

2. GOD HAS ADOPTED US

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will. ~ Ephesians 1:5 (NKJV)

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will. ~ Ephesians 1:11 (NKJV)

3. GOD HAS ACCEPTED US

To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. ~ Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV)

4. HE HAS REDEEMED US

In Him we have redemption through His blood. ~ Ephesians 1:7a (NKJV)

*¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ **but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** ~ 1 Peter 1:18 (NKJV)*

5. GOD HAS FORGIVEN US,

*In him we have redemption through his blood, **the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.** ~ Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)*

As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. ~ Psalm 103:12 (NKJV)

6. GOD HAS MADE US AN INHERITANCE.

*In Him also we have obtained an **inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ~ Ephesians 1:11-12 (NKJV)*

7. GOD HAS PUT HIS SEAL ON US

*So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.** ~ Ephesians 1:12-13 (NKJV)*

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ~ Romans 10:13-15 (NKJV)

*As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, **do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.** ~ 2 Timothy 4:5 (NKJV)*

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ~ Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV)

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. ~ Ephesians 1:14 (NKJV)

Join us EASTER Sunday, March 31, as we continue the “**Ephesians: From Death to Life**” teaching series. Invite your friends and family and join us at 8:30 am 10 am or 11:30 am

- *If you made a first-time decision to follow Jesus today, email www.lnlc.org/becomeafollowerofchrist to receive a free copy of “The Next Step for Your Journey” book, plus other helpful materials.*
- *If you are a first-time guest today, stop by the Connection Center for a free copy of the book, “Unshakable: Standing Strong When Things Go Wrong” after the service.*

NEXT STEPS

Invite someone to the Easter service next week