

Teaching Outline

Series: God's Holy People
Spiritual Blessings

Eph 1:1-14 (NLT) ¹ This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.² May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

God's blessings are *based on* our relationship with Jesus.

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

For those who have placed their faith in Jesus as their Messiah, there are several Spiritual Blessings:

1) **We were _____ before creation.**

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

2) _____ : **undeserved favor or merit.**

3) _____ : **deliverance by payment of a price.**

4) _____ : **canceling of a debt owed.**

NLT Romans 4:25 He (Jesus) was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God.

5) _____ : **knowledge of the true reality of a situation.**

6) _____ : **knowledge of and love for the will of God.**

7) _____ : **made known.**

8) _____ : **down-payment or first installment.**

Don't miss *even one* of the many blessings God wants to pour out on you!!

Next Steps:

- **During the week, review these eight blessings. Thank God for what He has done in your life.**
- **Read verses 15-23 (chpt 1) to prepare for the next teaching.**