



Our Wealth
in Christ

➔ Ephesians
1:3-14



**I AM BLESSED,
CHOSEN, ADOPTED,
ACCEPTED, REDEEMED,
AND FORGIVEN.**





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“to the praise of His glory” (v. 14)



The Past (v. 3-6)

- You *have been* blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ.



The Past (v. 3-6)

- You *have been* blessed in Christ.
- You *have been* chosen.

“The Lord voted for my salvation, the devil voted for my damnation, and I voted with the Lord, so we got a majority.”

*From “In the Heavens:
Practical expository
addresses on the Epistle
to the Ephesians”*

H.A. Ironside
(1876-1951)





The Past (v. 3-6)

- ▶ You *have been* chosen.
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The Past (v. 3-6)

➤ You *have been* chosen.

➤ The duration of God's choice ...



The Past (v. 3-6)

- You *have been* chosen.
- The duration of God's choice ...
 - “before the foundation of the world.”



“In the beginning was the election of grace. While yet the world was not and the immensity of space stretched lampless and unpeopled, we were in the mind of God. We have the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

G.G. Findlay, “The Expositor’s Bible: Ephesians”





The Past (v. 3-6)

- ▶ You *have been* chosen.
- ▶ The Purpose of God's choice ...



The Past (v. 3-6)

- You *have been* chosen.
- The Purpose of God's choice ...
 - "to be holy and blameless in His sight"



The Past (v. 3-6)

- You *have been* blessed.
- You *have been* chosen.
- You *are* loved.

*“In love he
predestined us
for adoption to
sonship through
Jesus Christ, in
accordance
with his
pleasure and
will ...”*





This is Grace ...

“The portals of heaven are thrown open to mankind: the river that flows from the smitten rock is free for all that are thirsty; and an amnesty free as the air and wide as the world is announced to the guiltiest rebels. This is grace – God took no counsel with man in forming the plan of redemption. “



The present (v. 7-12)

➤ You *have* redemption.





The present (v. 7-12)

- You *have* redemption.
- You *have* forgiveness of sins.



The present (v. 7-12)

- You *have* redemption.
- You *have* forgiveness of sins.
- You *know* His will for the ages.



Ecological



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Psychological



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Sociological



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Theological



“The temple of creation is broken and dilapidated by the fall, sin has marred its beauty and rent it to its foundation; and the office of Christ as the head of the Church and the universe, is to reorganize what was decomposed, and recollect its scattered fragments.”



The Future (v. 13-14)

“And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”



*Do you know how
wealthy you are?*

A hand-me-down dish
used for crab dinners
fetched \$5.7 million
after art experts
determined it was an
extremely rare Ming
dynasty porcelain.





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