

BLESSINGS FROM THE FATHER

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

BLESSINGS IN THE SON

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

Ephesians 1:7

BLESSINGS IN THE SPIRIT

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. Ephesians 1:13-14

READ - EPHESIANS 1:15-23

Notes:

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Ephesians 1:18-19

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him. Romans 1:2

1. UNDERSTAND THE HOPE TO WHICH BELIEVERS ARE CALLED

He called us to Christ and holiness, to freedom and peace, to suffering and glory. More simply, it was a call to an altogether new life in which we know, love, obey and serve Christ, enjoy fellowship with him and with each other, and look beyond our present suffering to the glory which will one day be revealed. John Stott

2.. UNDERSTAND THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4

"Our desires are not too strong, but too weak. We are halfhearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased." CS Lewis

3. UNDERSTAND HOW GREAT HIS POWER IS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Matthew 19:27

Everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

Matthew 19:29-30

Community Group Questions:

- 1. What is your most important takeaway from this story?
- 2. Why is it important to understand you calling/purpose in Christ?
- 3. How might you "know him more" and draw closer to him today?