

Series: Ephesians: Our Life In Christ (ONLINE WEEK 3)

Sermon: Jackpot! (part 4)

Passage: Ephesians 1:11-14

Illustration:

Need: God the Holy Spirit deserves our never ending praise for all that He has done in us and will do for us in the future!

I. Review 1:3-10

- Believers praise God the Father
 - b/c in Christ, he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing/benefit in the heavenly places.
 - b/c He chose us before creation to make us holy & blameless.
 - b/c He predestined us to be adopted as sons & daughters according to His purpose fueled by His grace.
- Believers praise God the Son
 - b/c of our redemption that He provides in His blood fueled by His grace.
 - b/c of the forgiveness of our sins in His blood fueled by His grace.
 - b/c His grace has been lavished on us.
 - b/c we have been brought into God's mysterious plan of salvation which is in Jesus (through His death and resurrection) and will be completed in Him in the fullness of time.

II. Believers praise God the Son (1:11-13a)

- b/c "In Him we have obtained an inheritance" translates one Greek verb - *klerōō* that is only used once in the NT. In other Greek literature it has a very nuanced meaning but basically it can be either be to choose, to receive, or to allot/assign.
- b/c It means either we have received something from God (inheritance mentioned in vs 14) or we are made to be an inheritance for God. I favor the later though either are praise worthy!
- b/c God again determined beforehand (predestined) for His own purpose and will.
- b/c God is active in all created circumstances to further His divine purpose.
- b/c In our believing the gospel we become an actual praise to the glory of God the Son.

III. Believers praise God the Holy Spirit (1:13b-14)

- b/c "In Him you...were sealed" (secured, authenticated, approved, deemed genuine, have become God's property)
- b/c the Holy Spirit is God's down payment on our guaranteed future inheritance - the completion of His redemptive work in us and the fulfillment of all of His promises to us.

IV. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

- Christians praise God the Father for all that is ours by His grace in Christ.
- Christians praise God the Son for all that He has provided for in His blood by His grace.
- Christians praise God the Holy Spirit for all that He does in us and for us into the future.