Blessed Be God

Daniel Broadwell · Ephesians 1:3–14

INTRODUCTION

- Our goal tonight is to bless the name of the Lord as we reflect on what he has done for us.
- Three times. Paul says that everything that's going on here, it's for the purpose of giving praise to the glory of God.
- There's really three sections of this poem. The first of which focuses on the work of God the Father, the second God the Son, and the third God the Spirit.

1 The Father's Eternal Plan to Adopt Us

Ephesians 1:3–6

- The Father's eternal plan was to adopt us into his family.
- The Father chose us in him before the foundations of the world, that he predestined us to adoption as sons.
- God wanted people that belonged to him. God wanted people that were his.
- The idea of love in the Bible, especially when talking about God, is much more strongly connected to the idea of choosing.
- A child that's adopted into a family, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that those parents wanted that child, chose that child, and loved that child.
- That we, though unlovable, God chose us. He wanted us.

2 The Son Carried Out the Plan of the Father

Ephesians 1:7–12

- The Son carried out the plan of the Father.
- He accomplished redemption, he accomplished forgiveness.
- Redemption has the idea of being bought back. That we were slaves or belonged to somebody else, and Jesus paid the price so that we could be redeemed and bought back.
- God wants a family for himself, but we had to be bought back in order to even be able to be in God's family, have access to the Father.
- We had to be forgiven of our sins so that we could belong to God or be a part of his family.
- We have been adopted into God's family, and so now we have an inheritance because we are the children of God.

3 The Spirit Is the Guarantee of Our Salvation

Ephesians 1:13–14; Psalm 73; 1 Peter 1

- The Holy Spirit communicates the word of God from generation to generation after that first group that heard and believed in the Lord.

- We do not have the inheritance, but the Spirit is the guarantee of that inheritance.
- The Holy Spirit is the deposit or the down payment for us on this inheritance that we have not yet fully received.
- The inheritance that we are going to receive is God Himself.
- Heaven is not our inheritance, Peter says. No, our inheritance is in heaven.
- The Spirit of God is God Himself. The Spirit of God is life giving. The Spirit of God is empowering.

THE CHALLENGE

So let us not become complacent and comfortable where we are now, but strive to seek after and to wait for the glorious inheritance that is waiting for the sons and daughters of God.

MY NOTES