All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

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Introduction:

- 1. Algonquin in awe of God's creation and the physical blessings we have
- 2. In Ephesians 1:3-14 Paul takes us beyond the physical blessing God grants us with.
- 3. All one sentence in the original language! A series of facts about our spiritual blessings presented. Wants us to see the grandeur! (As he sits in prison)
- 4. Blessed be God for these
- 5. Ephesians 1:3-14

Discussion:

- I. Chosen In Christ
 - A. Ephesians 1:4
 - B. Chose us in Him // Called acc. His Purpose (Romans 8:28-30)
 - C. Chosen b4 the foundation of the wold // elect (1 Peter 1:2)
 - D. Chosen collectively (not individually) To be holy & w/ o blame — Deut. 7:6-8; Acts 13:17; 1 Peter 2:9
 - E. NOT SEPARATE FROM THE GOSPEL AND BELIEF Eph. 1:13

II. Adopted As Sons

- A. Ephesians 1:5-6
- B. John 1:11-13
- C. Romans 8:12-17 spirit of adoption -> children -> heirs

III. Redeemed

- A. Ephesians 1:7
- B. 1 Peter 1:18-19 by the precious blood of Jesus

IV. Forgiven

- A. Ephesians 1:7
- B. The new, better covenant sins remembered no more (**Heb. 8:12**)
- C. Jer. 31:34 For I will forgive their iniquity, their sins will I remember no more
- D. According to the riches of his grace

V. All Things Gathered Together In Christ

- A. **Ephesians 1:8-12** All things gathered together (summed up)
- B. Revelation of this mystery Eph. 3:1-7
- C. 1 Cor. 15:25-28 Put all things under him...

VI. Sealed With the Holy Spirit

- A. Ephesians 1:13
- B. Clay seal, wax seal of the king authentic. This belongs to the King.
- C. 1 Cor. 1:20-22 sealed us as a guarantee

VII. Holy Spirit Provides "Guarantee" Of our Inheritance

- A. Ephesians 1:14 guarantee = Faithful Down Payment (Earnest payment)
- B. 2 Cor. 5:5-6 that we may be confident
- C. Rom. 8:23 we eagerly await

Conclusion:

- 1. The mundane worldly things become less important in sight of these spiritual blessing! Lift our minds above that thru the word of God.
- 2. These blessings are to the praise of His glory!
- 3. All of these blessings are found only in Christ!