

Every Spiritual Blessing Discussion Questions

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-14

2. Big Idea: In Jesus Christ We Have Everything

Summary: God has done everything needed for us to be saved and become his people. There is no place in his eternal plan of salvation for anything we do, or any merit on our part.

3. God in Three Persons is at work saving us: what does each member of the Trinity specifically do in the work of saving us to become part of God's people?

* the Father (in verses 4-6)

* the Son (in verses 13-14)

* the Holy Spirit (vs. 13-14)

4. Spiritual Blessings: which of the 6 spiritual blessings Paul describes ...

a. which one do you appreciate tonight and why?

b. which one do you have trouble understanding or want to understand better?

c. what does it mean to say these blessings we have in Christ are **spiritual**?

5. God the Father: read vs. 3 again

God the Father is the source of every spiritual blessing we enjoy in these verses

His initiative is set forth plainly; he is subject of every main verb in these verses.

Summary: the whole paragraph (vs. 3-14) is full of God the Father who has set his love on us, poured out his grace upon us, and is working out his eternal plan.

What are the key words that describe what God the Father has done?

vs. 3: "it is he who has blessed us"

vs. 4: "who chose us" and 'destined us to be his sons' (vs. 5)

vs. 6: "who freely bestowed on us his grace"

vs. 8: "who lavished his grace upon us"

vs. 9-10: "who made known to us his will and purpose which He set forth in Christ"

6. God the Son: the phrase 'in Christ' or 'in him' occurs several times in this paragraph

a. where is that language found in the verses we read?

b. is his repetition important?

- c. What is Paul teaching us?
- d. Does that have practical consequences for us?

7. God the Spirit: in vs. 13-14 Paul describes how the Holy Spirit has been given to believers - we are being 'sealed with the Holy Spirit' and as a 'deposit guaranteeing our inheritance'.

"God's love is so great that he has made sure that the great news of what Jesus has done for us stays in us! Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and it was powerful! He filled the believers hearts and actually lives in them and guess what Jesus told him to do? He told the Holy Spirit to put a seal on your heart, so that you never lose Him or ever forget! If you belong to Jesus Elle, He will never let you go! He has sealed you in be the Holy Spirit!" - Aron Osborne

- ** how does these spiritual blessings encourage you?
- ** do you believe it? if you struggle to. do you want to believe it?
- *** pray to be receive fresh infillings by the Holy Spirit so you will never forget the love God has given you in Christ Jesus.

8. Reflection: How does receiving these spiritual blessings encourage you to put even more trust in God's plan for your life?

- *** where are you being encouraged to trust in God's plan?
- *** in what areas of life right now is it harder to trust?
- *** is there a particular blessing that Christ give us that make it easier to trust God's plan - which one

9. Worship: let us take a few moments to praise God for his glorious, unending, manifold grace give us through faith in Jesus Christ!