

## ***Your Blessings From The Father***

**Ephesians 1:4-6**

**...in Christ, we have been given everything that we need for Salvation, in verses 3-14 He lays out His Master Plan for Salvation.**

**...sovereign election...we have trouble understanding it completely.**

**...salvation begins with God, not man - before salvation we were spiritually dead**

***1. He Chooses You. (v. 4)...to pick out, select or choose for Himself***

***John 15:16; Acts 13:48; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:1; and Romans 8:28-30.***

***The Bible teaches both sovereign election and human responsibility - they are incompatible, both are taught and both are true.***

***John 6:37***

***a. In Christ, we have been declared righteous and blameless.***

***b. Before the foundation of the world***

***c. Entirely of grace, freely given...that which we do not deserve.***

***2. He Adopted You. (v. 5)...Act of a loving Father, our salvation is entirely of grace...adopted in Christ***

***a. Predestined...only applies to saved people.***

***...a predetermined destination or purpose for all believers***

***b. Adoption...God gives a believer to position of a mature son, with full access to all of God's privileges and responsibilities.***

*We are joint heirs with Christ (Rom 8:17). According to the kind intention of His will.*

*3. He Accepted You. (v. 6)...made us favored*

*...we are given divine favor, like Mary the mother of Jesus Christ*

*Why did God do all this for you?*

*It is all to the praise of the glory of His grace...God's grace is given to you...it was all His idea, plan, to seek us out and save us...He gets all the glory and all the praise.*