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**(Ephesians 1:3-14)**

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.* <sup>4</sup> *For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.* <sup>5</sup> *He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,* <sup>6</sup> *to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.* <sup>7</sup> *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace* <sup>8</sup> *that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding.* <sup>9</sup> *He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ* <sup>10</sup> *as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.* <sup>11</sup> *In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will,* <sup>12</sup> *so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.* <sup>13</sup> *In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.* <sup>14</sup> *The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.*

The theme of this passage is praise!

Theology that doesn't drive us to worship is bad theology.

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Paul's body was in chains but his heart was with Jesus!

**(Romans 1:21-23)**

*<sup>21</sup> For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.*

**(Ephesians 1:7-10)**

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**(Psalm 90:2)**

*Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God.*

**(Ephesians 1:13-14)**

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Election does not circumvent human agency and responsibility  
Grace and faith are two sides of the same coin

**(Deuteronomy 29:29)**

*The hidden things belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our children forever, so that we may follow all the words of this law.*

Mystery should drive us to worship

When you're with Jesus you're finally home

How do we live in light of being adopted into God's family?