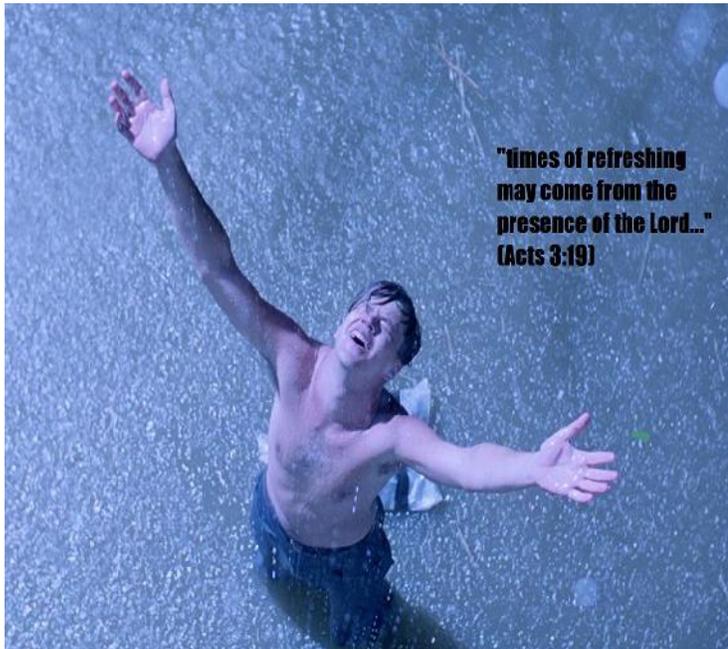


All Blessings Awareness¹, Gospel Pride in Ephesians.

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1. Awareness speaks of “hope” as used in the Bible. It goes beyond the spiritual realities and blessings in heavenly places, to give awareness and hope each day in the human heart!



NOTE: This Bible session is dedicated to all those chosen **IN CHRIST** from before the foundation of the world, those who are “not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16), showing it as real and genuine, unlike the official or professional Christian, by giving readily a testimony to Christ and their faith, across the world in places not easy and witnessed online by the cities and countries that are constituents of SunGrist_Bible on [\[www.biblecombible-man.com\]\(http://www.biblecombible-man.com\), and especially those witness of google plus with their words of witness and testimony about Jesus, the Bible, and God.](http://www.biblecombible-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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6-1: Introduction with Gospel Pride to ALL BLESSINGS AWARENESS in Ephesians 1:3-13.

1. GOSPEL PRIDE IN ROMANS. You have seen some of Gospel Pride in Romans so far as having the dual thrusts of: (1) We are not ashamed {more positively stated, we are proud of the Gospel of Christ} of the Gospel, Romans 1:16, knowing that it is (a) the Gospel or good news of Christ, (b) that it demonstrates the power of God all the way to human salvation, (c) there is no discrimination with God as it is for "everyone who believes", and (d) it is for the Jews first because of the election through Abraham, but also to all Arabs, Greeks, and Gentiles; (2) Gospel pride because "hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us", Romans 5:5, the inward Holy Spirit spread out all over our hearts gives the only pride admissible in the sight of God, Gospel Pride; (3) Not ashamed but proud of the "rock of offense and stumbling block", (Romans 9:33) that God placed right in the middle of Zion, that rock being Jesus Christ, and (4) Gospel pride because of the awareness that by the grace and power of God, He will not allow us to be ashamed after we believe, Romans 10:33.2. Is that enough on Gospel Pride, or are you interested in more?

NOTE: Even though all human pride is forbidden in the sight of God, pride is one of the 7 deadly sins and obvious in the sight of God, Gospel pride is to "glory" in God and what He has done by grace and IN CHRIST like Paul wrote in Galatians 6:14, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world."

3. Gospel Pride in Ephesians.

"In Him you also trusted, after you hear the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom, also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise." (Ephesians 1:13)

4. ALL BLESSINGS AWARENESS in Ephesians 1:3-14.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ..."; (Ephesians 1:3)

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6-2: *Many of you can get a blessing, through the Spirit on your own human Christian spirit, in a first reading of Ephesians 1:3-14. As you do so, please cast your mental tents, or focus, on the 8 spiritual blessings in heavenly places.*

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, {this also summarizes much of GP, Gospel Pride} wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:3-14)

6-3: *Blessed be the God Who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3).*

1. First, it is wise in order to understand Paul, and the Spirit through Paul, to appreciate this God of Whom Paul is praising as the bestower of all spiritual gifts in heavenly places. Never is the Bible, or God through the Bible, unrealistic that there are many gods in the world, in the minds of many peoples and nations. Hence the first commandment, “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3), with the “gods” in little letters and the Me in big letters because our God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, knows both of those many other gods

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in the world that demand the place and position that only the "Me", in capital letters is entitled to.

2. **Ephesians 1:3.** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places..."

3. Observe that this God the Father has blessed us: (1) with all spiritual blessings, hence the title ALL BLESSINGS AWARENESS, and (2) these spiritual blessings are made secure in heavenly places, for example in "the book of life written in heaven" (Revelation 21:27) which is as secure and protected as our God is able to make possible, and as for heavenly places, these blessings are both in heaven before the Second Coming and in the new earth headquarters at the New Jerusalem after the Second Coming and the New Earth.

4. These 8 blessings in heavenly places to be briefly enumerated shortly have always existed for all believers IN CHRIST {even more Biblical than Christian}, in fact they existed before you knew about them, and before you were born-- the amazing reality you will see in a few moments, or saw in your original reading, is that God selected you to be a believer IN CHRIST before this same God created the world.

6-4: *"He chose us IN HIM" {preferred words for Christians in Ephesians where we have the great treatise of BIC, Before in Christ, and AIC, after in Christ}, before He even focused His wisdom and power to make the world.*

"...just as He chose us in HIM before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love..." (Ephesians 1:4)

6-5: *Adoption as sons of God, Second of 8 blessings in heavenly places.*

"...having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:5,6)

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6-6: Redemption through Christ's blood on the Cross, third blessing in heavenly places.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence..." (Ephesians 1:7,8)

NOTE: "according" is a key word and phrase to give God the praise after the listing of each blessing in heavenly places. Here with the third blessing, redemption and forgiveness of sins, it is "according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence¹"; with the second blessing of adoption as sons of God, it is "according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."; next with the fourth heavenly blessing of revelation of His plan for the universe, it is "according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself"; and the fifth blessing, AN INHERITANCE, which by the way has a double "according", is "according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory."

6-7: Obtained An Inheritance in heavenly places, the 5th blessing from God in heavenly places for all IN HIM².

"IN HIM also we have obtained an inheritance , being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory³." (Ephesians 1:11,12)

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1. This has to be similar to the abundant life of salvation of which Jesus spoke and the Apostles wrote, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." All be the blessings do not exist simply in heaven places, it is just the record of heavenly places of the Lord God the Father who knew us and chose us before Creation, is secured up there in heaven.
 2. To get the full impact of the IN HIM for Christians in Ephesians with the BIC and the AIC, read Ephesians chapter two.
 3. You can appreciate why W. O. Carver calls his commentary on the book of Ephesians, "The Glory of God in the Christian Calling".

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NOTE: While we are far from being among the first of the first century that trusted in Christ, Jews and Gentiles, we are PRAISE GOD among the approximately seven thousand of every generation that God has reserved for Himself, for the new body and creation in heaven and on the new earth.

6-8: 6th blessing in heavenly places for those IN CHRIST, Hearing the Gospel of salvation, the word of truth, and Believing.

“In Him you also trusted {we could stop right there and preach or praise God because of the opportunity and determined opportunity to trust and believe, but there is more to praise God about¹}, after you heard the word of truth {thank God also for those who preach and teach and witness to the word of truth}, the gospel of your salvation...” (Ephesians 1:13a)

6-9: Seventh blessing in heavenly places for those IN CHRIST, the Holy Spirit seal of security for salvation.

“... in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:13b,14)

6-10: There are 8 blessings in heavenly places of which you should maintain awareness if you count the Redemption and Forgiveness of Sins separate in Ephesians 1:7.

1. In either case, awareness that blesses the soul and might be called in the nature of Acts 3:19, a “time of refreshing”, or what we at SunGrist_Bible on www.biblecombibleman.com like to call “Jesus and Refreshing Evangelism”, in

1. Parenthetically can appreciation be expressed right here and now for those online and through google plus give their testimonies to Jesus, God, Bible, and faith. Not being generally found or sin by the officially religious, Christ, and church members, it is a blessing to all! How can one no think that in spite of the current Falling Away through the 6 Christian fables presented online at www.biblecombibleman.com/ChristianFables.html, there are many real Christians and that God with His blessings in heavenly places is still taking at least 7,000 out of each generation and out of most countries.

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any case, you should start your awareness with awareness of this great God of the Universe, Creator, and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is none other.

2. A good prayer to pray daily about God awareness.

"Thank you heavenly Father for the increased awareness of You up there on the great white throne in great majesty and power; and for the Lord Jesus Christ at Your right hand, making intercession for our sins and preparing to come get us again in great power and glory."

3. Redemption through the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. The ultimate time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord from Peter in Acts 3:19 is complete redemption at the Second Coming of Christ.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:19-21)

There are many words the Bible uses to describe salvation such as atonement, blood of Christ, redemption, justification, propitiation, reconciliation, and on and on, but the practical Bible theologian that many preachers have studied in Bible classes, W. T. Conner, chooses the word REDEMPTION to entitle his survey of the many aspects of salvation as "The Gospel of Redemption". Redemption includes the original repentance of faith when one first becomes IN CHRIST, it includes the new birth, sanctification, and completeness like Christ at the Second Coming, often called glorification. Redemption is a continuing process of buying the believer back from bondage to sin and satan; it does include a continuing process of repentance and faith throughout the new life IN HIM; and it does include a continuing life process of the confession of sins and the forgiveness of sins.

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6-11: Let us not miss in Ephesians 1:3-14 all the Praise to God the Father.

1. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (1:3)
2. "...to the praise of the glory of His grace..." (1:6)
3. "...according to the riches of His grace..." (1:7)
4. "... that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory." (1:12)
4. "...who {the Holy Spirit} is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession {purchased as possession and child of God by God in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, by the death of the death of the Son of God on the cross}, to the praise of His glory." (1:14)

6-12: With all the big things to do like the heavens full of stars, the distant planets, beautiful flowers, plants, and animals and birds, WHY in His planning before Creation did He see fit to chose each one of us that are IN CHRIST?

The answer is that He chose us to be holy and blameless in order to be among those 7,000 of each generation and country that re-people the new earth after, at the Second Coming, the old earth and heavens are burned up with fire.

1. God chose us to be holy and without blame.

"...He chose us in Him from before the foundation of the world, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE..." (Ephesians 1:4)

Wow, what a challenge and not easy! We know of the daily Christian warfare against "principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places"; we know of that natural and remaining human spirit, even after IN CHRIST, that wars

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daily against our new creation in Christ to promote love of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; we know how "the spirit that dwelleth within us lusteth {or covets} to envy" even after the new birth; and sometimes we know the cry of the Apostle Paul, "who shall deliver us from the body of this death?"

2. It is not easy, and that is also why God through the Apostle Paul, also wrote, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." in Philippians 2:12.

3. And those admonitions that started the year with II Peter, implied that this holiness and no blame will not come automatically and instantly, that along with the sustaining grace of God, we have some work to do to ADD to our initial faith the following stages of progress and survival in the Christian life--

"...giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self control, to self control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love." (II Peter 1:5-7)