

Redemption Provided (Ephesians 1:3-3:21)

A. Praise for the possibility of a transformed life (1:3-14)

1. Praise to the Father for the purpose of redemption (1:3-6)

a. Fact of Praise declared (1:3)

- 1) “Blessed” here is not the same as the Sermon on the Mount. Here it means “worthy of Praise (Eulogetos). This word is used only in relation to God.
- 2) “Who has blessed us”
- 3) Spiritual blessings—with every kind of spiritual blessing He has to give us. He has not held back anything from us.

b. Reason for praise explained: “ELECTION”

- 1) Author of our election—God the Father.
- 2) Act of our election—Choose (verb) us—means to pick out someone.
- 3) Object of election—us-pronoun that refers to the believers.
- 4) Ground of our election—in Him (Jesus Christ)
- 5) Time of election—“Before the foundation of the world”—from eternity.
- 6) Result of our election—v. 4 “That we should be holy and blameless”
- 7) Intent of our Election v. 5. “In love he predestined us to adoption.”
- 8) Purpose of Election—not human need or comfort, but to the honor of God.