



July 13

Passage: Ephesians 1:1-14

READ & DIG.

Read Ephesians 1:1-14. **Blessed.** What does it mean to be blessed? To be praised or commended. To be made holy/consecrated/sacred.

Who is Blessed? (V.3)

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...He is blessed. We should bless Him. Just meaning we should praise Him! He is Holy and should be looked at as sacred. And look there is more! V3 also says, that we are blessed. He, the Holy, sacred God has blessed us too! You mean we can be Holy? What? What? BUT WAIT, THERE IS STILL MORE IN THIS ONE VERSE!...He has blessed us with ALL spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ! What does that even mean? It simply means, y'all, Christ has given us what He has; all that is His, is ours...His children's. 'All His righteousness, resources, privileges, positions, and power' He has given to us-those that are His children. Speechless, huh? I know me too. Why do I live so defeated and trapped in so much of myself and sin? Look at how we could live. Ouch!

How to become Blessed? (V.4-12)

You may need to read these 10 verses a couple of times. I see some very BIG important words sticking out. First, I see adoption. And our question we started with is HOW do I become blessed with all spiritual blessings? Well, we MUST first become adopted. Adopted meaning you need to step into the family of Christ. How do I just join a family? Through the redemption Christ FREELY offers us. You must receive the forgiveness he offers. We are given redemption (salvation) through His blood. He gave His life for us so that through accepting that gift, confessing your sins, and receiving, we become HIS CHILDREN! Second, I see inheritance in this passage. You see anything my parents have is ours when they are no longer here. It will be our Inheritance. And it just so happens that I have an adopted brother, that guess what carries the same last name because my parents chose him to be their son when he was born. And because he is now their son, he gets all the same rights my older brother and I have. It is his inheritance too. We split it even 3 ways. Same, Same with Christ. He chose us, adopted us, and ALL that is His is ours too as an inheritance. DUDE! WE ARE LOADED! JESUS OWNS EVERYTHING, THE WHOLE KINGDOM!...Okay, okay that doesn't mean you can go around claiming all is yours, BUT you get to be blessed with all spiritual blessings in heaven and on earth. We have a divine inheritance.

Wrap it Up! (V.13-14)

Last, I see the word sealed. It is done.finished.sealed. Guys, when you step into His family that is it. YOU WIN! When you are saved, you can't lose it. You may make a stupid choice here and there, but truly it will break you. Your desire will be to live Holy, sacred, consecrated because you get that you are not your own. You were bought with a price, so you will desire to glorify God in your body. We win! Christ wins! Then end.

Apply & GO

It sort of feels like we aren't winning right now, I know, BUT we do win. Trust His Word! We are winning. We have the answer that the whole world is seeking. They just need to know that they too can be adopted into this rich inheritance that will last an eternity. It's our job to go grab them, tell them, and invite them into our family.