

Eternity to Eternity of the Love of God

Eph 1:3-14

Past

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, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

For us: Blessed us Predestined us
Chose us Bestowed on us

In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Chosen sons
Chosen family

Transition to present

Present

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us.

In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

Grace gifts:
Forgiveness
Knowledge of Mystery
Inheritance

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Transition to future

Future

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Grace gifts:
Heavenly home
Resurrection

Kind intention: made known the mystery; predestined us

Redemption: forgiveness; resurrection body

Predestination: adoption; inheritance (according to “His will,” “His purpose”)

Praise of His glory: recognition and spontaneous gratitude