

In the Beloved: A Spiritual Blessing
Ephesians #2
Ephesians 1:5b-6

- I. Intro
 - A. We take apart a beautiful verse today
 - B. This verse sounds so good, we often just read it and keep going
 - C. But today, we must look at it a little deeper
 - D. At first glance, a verse full of awesome words that we like.
 - E. At second glance, it could be word salad, but there is a clear purpose behind this verse.
 - F. Today, I will complicate this passage, and then simplify this passage, and we will learn more about God!
 - G. We focus closely on the Divine Indicative
- II. Text: Chosen
 - A. According to the purpose of His will
 - 1. It is God's purpose to rescue us, for His glory and purpose
 - B. To the praise of His glorious grace
 - 1. Praise: applaud or commend
 - a) Epaineo: epi and aineo
 - b) Epi: on
 - c) Anio: praise
 - d) The action of placing praise on something
 - 2. Words for praise in the NT:
 - a) Aineo – A praise offering or celebration, or lifting of voice in thanks. ...
 - b) Epaineo – Means to applaud, to commend for something. ...
 - c) Eulogeo – Means to speak well of.
 - d) Doxa – glory in the divine
 - C. With which He has blessed us
 - 1. He has blessed us with the purpose of His will
 - 2. He has blessed us to the applause of His GLORY
 - 3. When He calls us, and we respond by faith His blessing is given to us.
 - D. In the Beloved
 - 1. In the relationship with Christ
 - 2. In the Abiding nature and presence of Christ
- III. Point
 - A. Purpose of His will
 - 1. Salvation is from the purpose of His will
 - 2. That's where it comes from, and why
 - 3. It is God's will:
 - a) That we are conformed into His likeness
 - b) His will has a purpose: rescue of lost humanity
 - 4. His WILL has a PURPOSE:
 - a) That purpose is to rescue lost humanity
 - b) It fulfills God's purpose and brings Him glory.
 - 5. God accepts the believer just as He accepts His own son!
 - a) This is according to the purpose of His will.
 - b) He chose us in Christ
 - c) He placed us as joint heirs
 - d) He made us accepted in the Beloved
 - 6. This truth produces PRAISE
 - B. Praise of His Glorious Grace
 - 1. This is the result: Commendation of His Grace
 - 2. "Epaineos Doxa Charis" Commend Glory Grace

3. Or, applauding glorious grace
 4. Think of it this way:
 - a) God receives glory to himself by rescuing us
 - b) In the rescue, He is accomplishing His will
 - c) In accomplishing His will, He is applauding the rescue process.
 - d) So...God's glory is celebrating (applauding) over the rescue of fallen humanity, and that brings glory to himself!
 5. Praise from all heaven and creation over the work of His power!
 6. How do we view this?
 - a) Inception: Grace
 - b) Conception: Adoption
 - c) Reception: For His glory
 7. The PRAISE of HIS GLORIOUS GRACE
 - a) is seen as the father applauding and celebrating the plan coming to fulfillment
 - b) Is secure because God became flesh and dwelt among us
- C. In the Beloved
1. This is a special reference to Christ:
 2. Special References to Christ:
 - a) Immanuel: God With Us: Matthew 1:23
 - b) The Word: logos: John 1
 - c) Only Begotten: monogenes: John 3:16
 - d) The Way, Truth, and the Life: John 14:6
 3. This is the glue that holds us all together, being in the Beloved.
 4. You are IN CHRIST
 5. You are given the righteousness of Christ
 6. You are blessed with the presence of Christ.
- IV. Close