

Ephesians 1:3-14 - Part 2

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6-24-15

Present Blessing of Adoption (vv. 5-8)

V. 5 - "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ"

Adoption - Roman law

- Privilege (v. 7)
 - "redemption" - _____ by payment of a price.
 - Equated with "forgiveness"
 - "Through his blood"
 - Redemption leading to adoption (cf. Gal. 4:5)
 - All "according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us" (vv. 7-8)
 - An absolute act of free love grounded totally in himself
 - "riches of his grace" - a superabundance of possessions exceeding the norms of any particular society
 - The _____ of all God has to offer us in Christ
 - He "lavishes" his grace - "Made abundant toward us" - he has directed the full flow of all he has to offer directly at us. (cf. 1:3)
- Responsibility
 - Grace is free, but it has _____
 - God does not _____ his children (Heb. 12:10)
 - Parallel statements
 - "predestined us...to be his sons" (v. 5)
 - "chose us...that we would be holy and blameless" (v. 4)
 - His grace is not intended to make us _____ (cf. 5:1-2ff.)
- V. 4 - "before him"
 - In his _____ or _____
 - Live in a manner worthy (cf. 4:1)