

The Triune God Saves

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God is composed of 3 persons: united in essence, and separated in personhood.

- The Father... “to the praise of his glorious grace” v6.
- The Son... “for the praise of his glory” v12.
- The Spirit... “to the praise of his glory” v14.

The Father chose you

Ephesians 1:3–6 NIV³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Predestination is not about **who** is in and out.

It’s about **what** is God’s goal for your life: to be his adopted child.

Spiritual Blessings:

1. The Father chose you to _____
2. The Father pre-destined you to _____

The Son redeemed you

Ephesians 1:7–12 NIV⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. ¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Redemption: to pay a ransom.

Homework: Find out all the “in Christ” references in Ephesians.

Spiritual blessings:

3. The Son paid for _____
4. The Son will reestablish _____
5. You can experience _____

The Spirit sealed you

Ephesians 1:13–14 NIV ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

Spiritual Blessing:

6. The Spirit is the seal that _____
7. The Spirit guarantees _____

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