

Blessed in Christ

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Ephesians 1: 9-14

Main Point

God's desire is that we celebrate being in Christ

Key Ideas

Being in Christ secures our redemption forever

Believing in Christ is the path to being in Christ

The Spirit is given in Christ that we would be secure in God's love

Quotes

"Thus all redeemed people - all the universe - and all the faithful angelic hosts - literally everything in Heaven and earth - everything material, everything spiritual, everything within, without, above and below - will be united in Christ. This is the blessing of the universe!" - R. Kent Hughes

"Jesus Christ becomes the soil in which we grow, the atmosphere we breathe, the source and the goal of our entire existence" - Charles Hodge

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God - Romans 8:19-21

Conclusion

1. What is one practical consequence of believing that every blessing of

the Holy Spirit has been given us by the Father if we are in Son?

2. How is being 'in Christ' indispensable to receiving God's blessings?

3. What do these verses teach me about

- * The mystery of God's will (vs. 9)

- * His ultimate plan (vs. 10)

- * The Holy Spirit's activity in my life (vs. 13-14)

3. What is God showing me it means to live to the praise of his glory?