

## “Blessed in Christ”

Romans 5:12-6:11; Ephesians 1:3-14

The Book of Ephesians

**Theme:** The overarching theme in Ephesians is God, through the work of Jesus, reconciling all things unto himself (1:10). That work of reconciliation by Jesus is a work of grace resulting in us being united to Christ. And it is this union with Christ that enables the believing to receive all spiritual blessings.

### Introduction:

“Grace alone means that God loves, forgives, and saves us not because of who we are or what we do, but because of the work of Christ. Our best efforts can never be good enough to earn salvation, but God declares us righteous for Christ’s sake. We receive that grace through faith alone. God even gives us the faith that trusts him. We are not saved by obeying a list of do’s and don’ts, but by grace through faith in Christ. Our salvation is in God’s hands.”

### Outline:

#### I. THE GRACE FROM GOD

- A. The word **Grace** as found in Ephesians
- B. The word **Riches** as found in Ephesians.

#### II. OUR UNION WITH CHRIST

- A. First, the Father now sees us in Christ (Rom. 6:1-10).
- B. Second, all that the Son enjoys, we enjoy (Eph. 1:11).

#### III. HEAVENLY PLACES

### NOW WHAT?

The reality of the vertical becomes tangible in the horizontal as the church gathers and carries out the one another statements of the New Testament. If Ephesians does anything, it lays before us a table of the most delectable items introduced to our palate and we can eat as much as we want and *never ever* get bloated or stuffed. Without any compelling reason outside of Himself, the Triune God made all necessary provisions for you and me to enjoy the unsearchable riches of His grace. All He does is invite us to come. Have you come to Jesus and if not, will you come? The table is set. The invitation is extended and now it is only up to you to enjoy.

