

For Further Study:

- “Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God” by JI Packer
“Rediscovering Holiness” by JI Packer
“Powers of Darkness” by Clint Arnold
“The Cross of Christ” by John Stott

Small Group Questions:

1. What appears to be Paul’s overall purpose in these opening Verses (3-14)?
2. Which spiritual benefit is the most difficult for you to believe? Which benefit is the most encouraging for you personally? Why?
3. How does this help us understand the work of the trinity in our salvation?
4. How should this theology affect our daily living? Evangelism? Worship?
5. Which of these doctrines could you study in further depth?
6. How can we pray for each other?

I. Praise God for our spiritual _____ in Christ (3-14)

As a result of our new position in Christ Jesus:

- a. We have been blessed with the security of _____ (4)
- b. We’ve been blessed with the promise of _____ (4)
- c. We have been blessed with the rights of _____ (5-6)
- d. We have been blessed with the assurance of _____ (7)
- e. We have been blessed with lavish _____ (7)
- f. We have been blessed with the hope of _____ (8-10)
- g. We have been blessed with the comfort of _____ (11-14)

“On our feet we may have arguments about it, but on our knees we are all agreed. In prayer (and the Christian is his sanest and wisest when he prays) you know that it is God who saves men. You know that what makes men turn to God is God’s own gracious work of drawing them to Himself, and the content of your prayers is determined by this knowledge.” - JI Packer

“Election is the beginning of God’s dealing with us in a gracious way.” - Wayne Grudem

“The Gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving. The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales.” - John Stott