

**Part 2: TEN REASONS TO GIVE GOD PRAISE**

**BIBLE READING**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will: To the saints and believers in Christ Jesus at Ephesus.

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, in Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love

<sup>5</sup> He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will,

<sup>6</sup> to the praise of His glorious grace that He favored us with in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

<sup>8</sup> that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

<sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He planned in Him

<sup>10</sup> for the administration of the days of fulfillment—to bring everything together in the Messiah, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him.

<sup>11</sup> In Him we were also made His inheritance, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will,

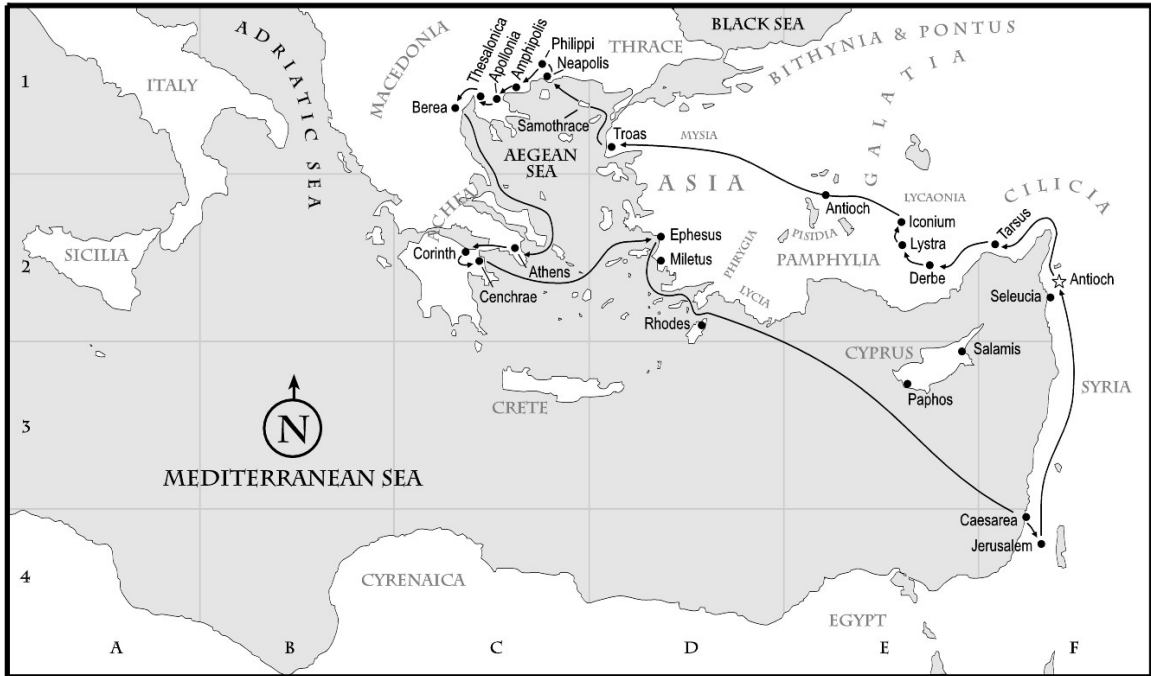
<sup>12</sup> so that we who had already put our hope in the Messiah might bring praise to His glory.

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also, when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – in Him when you believed - were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> He is the down payment of our inheritance, for the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:1-14 p1524



## **PAUL'S SECOND JOURNEY**



## THE INITIAL GREETING

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an **apostle** of Christ Jesus by God's will: To the faithful saints in Christ Jesus at Ephesus.

### We are all apostles... sent ones... ambassadors.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an **apostle** of Christ Jesus by God's will: To the faithful **saints** in Christ Jesus at Ephesus.

### We are all saints... set apart for God's use.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an **apostle** of **Christ Jesus** by God's will: To the faithful **saints** in **Christ Jesus** at Ephesus. <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord **Jesus Christ**.

## SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS WE HAVE IN CHRIST

**A. THE FATHER INITIATES**

**B. THE SON IMPLEMENTS**

**C. THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS**

## **THE FATHER INITIATES - IN ETERNITY PAST v3-6**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us** in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. <sup>4</sup> For **He chose us** in Him, **before the foundation of the world**, to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love <sup>5</sup> **He predestined us** to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of His glorious grace that **He favored us** with in the Beloved.

## **THE SON IMPLEMENTS - 2000 YEARS AGO v7-12**

<sup>7</sup> We have **redemption** in **Him (Christ)** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the riches of His **grace** <sup>8</sup> that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of **His will**, according to His good pleasure that He planned in Him <sup>10</sup> for the administration of the days of fulfillment—**to bring everything together in Christ** the Messiah, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him. <sup>11</sup> We have also received **an inheritance** in Him, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who had already put our hope in the Messiah might bring praise to His glory.

## **THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS – TODAY v13-14**

<sup>13</sup> When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also **sealed** with the promised **Holy Spirit**. <sup>14</sup> He is the **down payment** of our inheritance, for the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:1-14 p1524

## **TEN REASONS TO GIVE GOD PRAISE**

### **1. BECAUSE HE HAS BLESSED US IN CHRIST WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING v3**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

And you have been given fullness in Christ, (made complete in Christ).  
Colossians 2:10

### **2. BECAUSE HE HAS CHOSEN US v4**

<sup>4</sup> For He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in His sight.

### **3. BECAUSE HE HAS PREDESTINED US v5**

In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to be adopted through Jesus Christ for Himself, according to His favor and will,

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. John 15:16 NIV

### **4. BECAUSE HE HAS REDEEMED US v7**

<sup>7</sup> We have redemption **in Him** through His blood.

### **5. BECAUSE HE HAS FORGIVEN US OUR SINS v7**

<sup>7</sup> We have redemption in Him **through His blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

### **REDEMPTION COVERS THREE AREAS**

The paying of a ransom  
The removing of a curse  
The release from a bondage

### **6. BECAUSE HE HAS LAVISHED HIS GRACE UPON US v8**

His grace <sup>8</sup> that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift (**Jesus**). 2 Corinthians 9:15

### **7. BECAUSE HE HAS MADE KNOWN TO US THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL v9-10**

<sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He planned **in Him (Christ)** <sup>10</sup> for the administration of the days of

fulfillment—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in Him.

## **8. BECAUSE HE HAS PROVIDED AN ETERNAL INHERITANCE v11**

<sup>11</sup> We have also received an inheritance **in Him**, predestined according to the purpose of the One who works out everything in agreement with the decision of His will

## **9. BECAUSE HE HAS SEALED US v13**

<sup>13</sup> When you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed in Him, you were also sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**.

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## **10. BECAUSE HE HAS GUARANTEED OUR FUTURE v14**

<sup>14</sup> He **(the Holy Spirit)** is the down payment of our inheritance, for the redemption of the possession, to the praise of His glory.

<sup>14</sup> He is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance... NIV

## **TWO PRACTICAL THOUGHTS**

1. Since they all start with God, as He's the initiator, then all the glory goes to God.
2. Since they all centre on Christ, everything revolves around his death on our behalf.