

A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A GREAT CHURCH

Being “in Christ” is a Great Blessing

Ephesians 1:3-6

The subject of this long sentence is _____ while the object in this sentence is “the _____”.

- God is referenced _____ times in 12 verses.
- Christians are referenced _____ times in 12 verses.

_____ is worthy of blessing by the _____ of His blessing.

Ephesians 1:3

Christians bless God through _____ and _____.

Psalm 34:1

God blesses Christians through His _____ to them.

Psalm 66:5

God blesses all Christians with awesome _____.

Before _____ began, the plan for salvation was already _____.

Ephesians 1:4

“Even as” can rightly be translated “_____”, indicating the _____ of God’s blessing: God blesses us in the heavenly places because He chose us.

_____ is seen in this fact: “he chose us in him”

God’s sovereign _____ is based solely in His _____.

1 Corinthians 1:27

The _____ of choosing was before the _____ of the world.

Ephesians 1:4a

The _____ of God’s choosing is that we would be _____ and _____.

Ephesians 1:4b

The picture of _____ is now filled in with more details.

_____ is an act of God’s love.

Ephesians 1:4b-5a

Predestination means: “_____ out _____” and is used 6 times in the NT.

Acts 4:27–28

The _____ of predestination is our _____ as sons.

Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:29

The _____ of predestination is simply the _____ of God’s will.

Ephesians 1:5

Every believer must _____ God for his amazing _____.

Ephesians 1:6a

The word “_____” _____ God’s grace. “Glorious” indicates the _____ of, _____, remarkable appearance—‘glory, splendor.’

Johannes P. Louw and Eugene Albert Nida, vol. 1, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament : Based on Semantic Domains*, electronic ed. of the 2nd edition. (New York: United Bible societies, 1996), 695.

This glorious grace is the sum total of His _____ toward those He has _____.

Ephesians 1:6; Luke 1:28

The “Beloved” is Jesus Christ, who is the _____ within which this _____ comes.

John 3:35

How does this teaching affect the believer?

It should cause the Christian to burst out in _____ of God who _____ us.

It should cause the believer to live in accordance with the purpose of God’s will: to be _____ and _____.

It should _____ the believer with _____ for God’s Sovereign choice.

It should drive us to _____ the glorious grace of the One who loves us.

It should drive us to see the Scriptures from the _____ of the glorious _____ of God.