

## REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:** Ephesians 1:3-14 is a profound "doxology" or anthem of praise (a single sentence in Greek) detailing the spiritual blessings believers have in Christ. The passage is structured around the specific roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the eternal plan of salvation, aimed at the praise of God's glory.

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

### **I. THE FATHER'S SELECTION vv. 3-6**

A. We bless the One who has blessed us. v.3

1. We give praise to God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) as the initiator and giver of all blessings. *Psalm 150:1, 9:1*
2. These blessings are for every believer and cover every spiritual need, from forgiveness to inheritance.
3. Our spiritual identity and riches are secured in the eternal, heavenly realm through our union with Jesus. *Psalm 119:89*

B. God's plan for us is that of holiness. v.4

1. This plan was not an afterthought but was established in eternity past.
2. He chose us before we ever had a thought of choosing Him.
3. All of this was an act of God's great love for us. *1 John 4:19, 2 Peter 3:9*

C. God's desire for us is that of relationship. vv.5-6

1. As adopted children of God, we have full rights and privileges as members of His family.

2. It brings God pleasure when we say “yes” to Him. *Luke 12:32*
3. We now become the “praise of His glory”, magnifying His character and grace. *v.6, Ephesians 2:10 NLT*

## II. THE SON’S REDEMPTION *vv.7-12*

### A. Redemption comes through the blood of Jesus. *vv.7-8*

1. Our freedom from the debt of sin was purchased at a great cost – the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. *Genesis 2:16-17*
2. The blessing of forgiveness is extended by the riches of His grace.
3. This abundant blessing is coupled with wisdom and understanding. *v.8*

### B. This plan of redemption has now been revealed. *vv.9-10, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4*

1. It pleased God to pull back the curtain on His plan of redemption, openly declaring it to all people.
2. All things, both in heaven and earth, will be brought together according to God’s timing. *v.10*
3. This is all being done under the headship of Jesus Christ. *Philippians 2:9-11*

### C. This was all within His eternal purpose. *vv.11-12*

1. As believers, we have the assurance that we are participants in the promises of God.

2. This is all being directed by God's divine purpose and will.  
*2 Peter 1:3-4*

3. Our lives are intended to be a living exhibit that points others to the greatness and splendor of God. *v.12*

### III. THE SPIRIT'S SEAL *vv.13-14*

A. Our faith in the gospel released the Holy Spirit into our lives. *v.13*

1. This is initiated by trusting the good news regarding our salvation.

2. Those who belong to Jesus, have the Spirit of God. *Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 6:17,19*

3. In order to maintain a connection with our heavenly family, Jesus left us with the Holy Spirit. *John 14:16-18*

B. We are now sealed by the Holy Spirit. *v.13*

1. A seal was a mark of ownership and authenticity.

2. The seal is a sign of God's approval of us. *2 Corinthians 1:21-22*

3. Anyone attempting to steal what has been sealed would be properly punished.

C. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee of our eternal inheritance. *v.14*

1. The Greek word for guarantee is arrhabōn which means a downpayment or a pledge that the full amount will subsequently be paid.

2. Full redemption of our physical bodies and our entry into our heavenly home is a certain event yet to come. *Philippians 3:20-21*

3. Once again, Paul ends this section in the same way he ended the sections referring to the Father and the Son: “to the praise of His glory.” *Psalm 17:8*

**CONCLUSION:** Ephesians 1:3-14 concludes as a profound hymn of praise to God for initiating a cosmic plan of salvation, entirely centered "in Christ." It emphasizes that believers are chosen, adopted, redeemed, and sealed with the Holy Spirit—not by their own merit, but according to God's purpose to unify all things in Jesus for the praise of His glory.