

## RECEIVING GOD'S BLESSING

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A Legacy of Freedom and Blessing, Part 3 of 3

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*What if you never received the blessing from your parents?*

*When the blessing is not received/withheld...*

*When we do not receive the blessing...*

**MAIN IDEA: The more we let our Heavenly Father replace our early Father's voice in our world, the more freedom will begin to take hold.**

### Luke 3:22

"I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." **John 17:26**

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

### 1. You already HAVE THE BLESSING of your heavenly Father because you've been joined to Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's 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, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect

when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

### 2. His blessing creates a completely new IDENTITY and PURPOSE within us.

<sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. **Eph. 1:3–14**

- **Meaningful Touch** (Spirit's presence)
- **A Spoken Message** (written here, lights coming on)
- **Attaching High Value** (chosen, adopted, pleasure)
- **Picturing a Special Future** (destiny, plan, purpose)
- **An Active Commitment** (working, timing, purposed)

<sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

### 3. We must allow our heavenly Father's love and the way he sees things to REDEFINE US, our identities, our futures, our perspectives, our everything!