

Ephesians

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6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

*8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ*

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What is also absolutely true for those who are IN CHRIST? **Rom.8:1, 4:17-25; Ps.103:3**

What has the Father done, in love, for those He chose? **1:4-5a; Ps.103:13**

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Those who are condemned are so because of what? **Jn.3:16-18, 19-21; Rom.3:9-20**

What is the sure indication of one who is chosen? **Rom.8:14-17; Gal.5:18**

And the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace is...? **1:6-7, 2:8-9**

And what are *some* of these incredible blessings, being in Jesus? **1:7; Ps.103:2-4**

And how are these 'riches of His grace', (given to us), measured? **1:8, 1:18, 2:7, 3:8**

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In Adam all die, physically and spiritually. In Christ, all live, spiritually and physically!

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There is absolutely NO CONDEMNATION for those who are IN CHRIST! Imputation!

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Condemnation comes because they do not believe in the name of the only Son of God.

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It is one who is led by the Spirit of God. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit...

And the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace is...? **1:6-7, 2:8-9**

His will is to bless us in the Beloved. Beloved = Jesus! We are blessed by being in Jesus!

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We have redemption through His blood, and the forgiveness of our trespasses, by grace!

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They are lavished, riches, glorious, rich in mercy, immeasurable, unsearchable!!

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