

Accomplished by the Son

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, November 15, 2020; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: The glorious salvation of sinners is ordained by the Father and accomplished by the Son, who redeems us through His precious blood, which results in lavished blessings, namely the forgiveness of sins, the riches of grace, the wisdom of God, and the hope of an eternal inheritance.

I. The Glory of Salvation – Read Ephesians 1:3-14

- A. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. In light of these verses, why is it difficult to grasp the “spiritual blessings” that are ours in Christ Jesus? How would you like to grow in seeing these “spiritual blessings” in a culture where we’re constantly bombarded by the transient things that are seen?
- B. What time references do you see in verses 3-14? What do these references tell you about the character of God and His plan of salvation? How does this further magnify the glory of Christ?

II. The Blessing of Redemption – Read Ephesians 1:7-10

- A. As you think about the two-way orientation of redemption, what are you redeemed from and what are you redeemed to (see Colossians 1:13-14)? In light of the great cost of redemption (v.7), how then should you walk (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)?
- B. We need to work hard to make sure that we never get over the joy of having our sins forgiven through Christ’s shed blood. How would you like to grow in (1) daily delighting in the joy of forgiveness and (2) regularly seeing the reality of your sin and turning from it?
- C. What are some of the subtle ways in which you’re prone towards an orientation of entitlement (i.e., thinking you deserve comfort or ease or wealth)? As you think about the lavished grace of God, how do the riches of His grace extinguish any leanings toward entitlement?
- D. In light of Ephesians 3:4-6, what does Paul mean here in chapter 1, verse 9, by “mystery”? What does the revelation of this mystery show us about the character of God and his future plan of the inheritance that is ours in Christ Jesus?
- E. How can the hope of verse 10 give you perspective in your present trials? What are some practical ways to fan the flame of hope in Christ, knowing that He will unite all things in Himself one day?

III. The Hope of Inheritance – Read Ephesians 1:11-12

- A. How does God’s sovereignty bring confidence to your life? Specifically, what is going on right now that you need to be reminded that God works “all things according to the counsel of his will”?
- B. As you reflect on the Son’s accomplishment of salvation in Ephesians 1:7-12, in what specific areas of your life would you like to grow in resting in Christ’s finished work on the cross?