

Waterfall of Blessings

Ephesians 1: 7-14

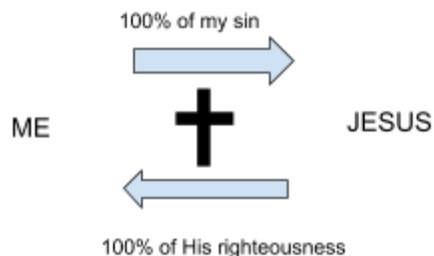
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Blessings Through the Son Redemption

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin” Jesus

The Great Exchange



For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Blessings Applied by the Spirit

1. If you go to bed tonight as a believer in Christ, why do you think you'll wake up a Christian tomorrow?

2. What does Paul say is the source of confidence that we are children of God and will remain as children of God? What two images are used to help us in our understanding? (V 11-14)

3. What does the image of a seal mean? Use the following references in which the word seal is used to consider different aspects of the definition. How does a full definition expand our knowledge of how the Spirit works to provide assurance that we are saved and will remain as God's children until the end?
 - Matthew 27:66: So they went and made the tomb secure by *sealing* the stone and setting a guard.

 - 1 Corinthians 9:2: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the *seal* of my apostleship in the Lord.

 - Revelation 7:3: saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have *sealed* the servants of our God on their foreheads."

4. What does the image of a guarantee mean when thinking about our assurance of faith and our ability to persevere in faith? For those that have purchased a home, how might the concepts of a down payment or earnest money deposit be helpful here?

"Our life is found in "looking unto Jesus" (Heb. 12:2), not in looking to our own faith. By faith all things become possible to us, yet the power is not in the faith but in the God in whom faith relies." Spurgeon