



Sermon series: Ephesians: Together in Christ
Text: Ephesians 1:3-14
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The Reason We Exist

Big Idea: The Greatness of our salvation should lead us to delight and praise.

Angle #1: We have been _____ by the _____. (Vs. 3-6)

1. To be chosen by God is an incredible _____ and _____.
2. God's choice of us is a stunning display of His _____.

*"Election sets the soul on fire with enthusiastic delight in God."
-Charles Spurgeon*

Angle #2: We have been _____ by the _____. (Vs. 7-10)

1. To be redeemed by Jesus is a great _____ for _____.
2. God's redemption of us displays the _____ of God's _____ in Jesus.

*"God redeemed us only because he is abundantly wealthy in grace.
God's grace is his costly gift to us in Christ." -Richard Coekin*

Angle #3: We have been assured of an _____ by the _____. (Vs. 11-14)

1. We are _____ an _____ by God. (Romans 8:14-17; 1 Peter 1:3-4)

"Our future inheritance will not only cause our worst experiences in this life to become distant memories; it will make even the most exotic places on earth and the finest moments of our lives pale in comparison." -Juan Sanchez

2. God's gift of an inheritance is a _____ of His abundant _____.

Can you think about a time where you have tasted, seen, or experienced something amazing? How did you respond? Why do we feel the need to burst out in praise in those moments?

Paul says in vs. 3 that God has blessed us "in Christ with every spiritual blessing." If you had to come up with your own list of some of the greatest spiritual blessings God has given to us in Christ, what would that list include?

How do you respond to the idea that God created us and saved us for the purpose of praising him? Why is it not wrong for God to expect (and command) us to praise him?



What is your own personal view and understanding of election and predestination? How should these doctrines effect our view of God? What impact should these doctrines have on our lives?

What is your response to guilt in your life? Where are the areas in your life that you most often experience guilt? How does Jesus' redemption of us teach us to deal with the guilt of sin?

Does the thought of living under Jesus as the ruler of your life sound more like a burden (something you have to do) or like a joy (something you get to do)? What's one area in your life where you need to remember that obeying Jesus actually brings life and joy?

What are some of the pictures or analogies that can be helpful to you to imagine the future inheritance God has promised you?

What are some of the ways that God's promised inheritance to us should impact how we live right now?

In what ways could we say the gift of the Holy Spirit is the first taste of this inheritance?

What are the ways that you find your joy in life and worship of God being tied to your circumstances? How can remembering and reflecting on the greatness of our salvation give us a reason for joy and worship in all circumstances?