

Pushing Back the Darkness

Ephesians 1 ESV

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5** he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **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 **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

13 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, **14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

He has blessed “US” in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

We have favor with God!

God had 2 purposes.

- 1 To adopt us as sons.
- 2 To make all things one.

We have a hard time seeing ourselves as sons.

The reason we have trouble standing up to the kingdom of darkness is that we don’t understand Sonship!

Ephesians 2 ESV

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

God is

Rich in mercy
Rich in Grace

Mercy……. He never runs out.
Grace……. And He has lavished it on us.

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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 He predetermined his intent “beforehand.”

It was dependent on his wealth, and not on my poverty.

Gods love willed it....

Jesus sacrifice purchased it....

Holy Spirit insures it...

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Redemption is the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing of a debt.

A squatter will not stand up and fight for something he doesn't believe belongs to him.

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Sons Vs Servants

Servants are connected to the system.

Sons are connected to the father.

Servants accept the reasonable Arguments of darkness as flaws in The Fathers principles.

Sons reject such lies, and demand that His truth be upheld.

Servants accept the expansion of the kingdom of darkness as normal.

Sons reject the encroachment on Kingdom boundaries/ territory.

Servants submit and relinquish territorial jurisdiction, when confronted with opposition.

Sons fight to the death to guard what their father has given them.

Servants are so unsure of their POSITION that they always question their personal well being.

Sons are so confident in their relationship that they refuse to believe the Father would ever allow them harm.

Servants have abandonment issues that make them transient, and they are always looking for the next opportunity for themselves.

Sons know that they are heirs and that the kingdom has been promised to them.