From God—Our New Portfolio

Ephesians 1.1-14 01.06.2019

1. Compare the spiritual blessings in Eph 1:3 with the physical blessings in (Genesis 24:1, 34-35). Why does our heart want the physical blessings so much? Why is it hard to give spiritual blessings the value they deserve? What are the spiritual blessings in Eph 1:3-14?
2. Why is our rich, colorful life here just a pitiful shadow of the reality in the “heavenly realms”? Look at some of the responses to that realm (Gen 28:12-17; Is 6:1-5; Dan 8:27; Matt 17:1-6; 2 Cor 12:1-4). Why is it better to be known and blessed from that realm?
3. Do you have anyone who really knows you and thinks about you? Look at Eph 1:4. What does it mean to you that God thinks of you from outside of time, that is, He already saw you standing before Him blameless at the end of time before the Creation? How does that add to the goodness spoken of in Genesis 1?
4. Eph 1:5-9 speaks of God freely giving and lavishing his great love and wealth on us just because it makes him happy. Is that worth being happy about even if there isn’t enough money to pay all the bills this month? Why?
5. What things- plans, projects, relationships, etc. –are unfinished in your life? Pray right now that God would let you relax and trust Him to bring everything together (Eph 1:10). What might change in your life as you relax in Christ? Could you become bolder, happier, more active and creative?
6. Eph 1:13-14 says that the Holy Spirit is God’s down payment and guarantee of the great things ahead for you. Pick three things to ask God to help you stop worrying about because he says that you are his, in Christ.

**What God has Done for Us?**

**He Blessed us from the realm of heaven**

**He Chose us from outside of time**

**He Predestined us – Adopted us**

**He freely bestowed Grace on us**

**He Redeemed us through Christ’s Blood**

**He made known to us the greatest Mystery**

**He is bringing all things together in Christ**

**He made us His Inheritance**

**He Sealed us with His Holy Spirit**