

Spiritual Blessings — Part Two

Ephesians 1:11-14
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Seven more spiritual blessings to enjoy and share:

Ephesians 1:11 (NIV84) In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

10. God has chosen us according to His _____.

a) 1 Peter 2:9

Are you living your life in a way that _____ God?

11. God has _____ us according to His plan.

Do you believe God picked _____ before world began?

12. God has planned everything according to His _____.

a) Romans 8:28

What things in life seem _____ of control?

Ephesians 1:12 (NIV84) In order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

13. God has designed us to bring Him praise & _____.

Does my daily life bring _____ to & reflect God's glory?

Ephesians 1:13 (NIV84) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

14. God has _____ us in His family through faith.

Do you truly _____? If so, you are in the family!

15. God has _____ us with the Holy Spirit.

Have _____ been sealed by the Holy Spirit?

Ephesians 1:14 (NIV84) who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

16. God has given us His Spirit as a _____.

Have you been _____ and filled by the Holy Spirit?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to you that God has chosen and predestined you for His purposes? How does this truth impact your sense of identity and direction in life?
2. In what areas of your life do you find it difficult to trust that God is "working all things together for good"?
3. What are some practical ways your life can reflect (and bring glory to God) on a daily basis?
4. What does it mean to be "included in Christ" through faith? How would you explain this to someone who isn't a Believer?
5. The Holy Spirit is described as both a seal and a guarantee of our inheritance. How do these metaphors help you understand your security in Christ?
6. Which of the nine spiritual blessings from Ephesians 1:3–14 do you find most encouraging, and why?