

## TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Ephesians 1.1-14*

Paul is so excited as he starts off this letter to the believers in Ephesus. He is excited because he is recalling all that has been accomplished for the believer through God's work in Jesus Christ. He is excited because.....

1. We have been **ADOPTED** into **GOD'S FAMILY**. v.5

*...he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ... v.5*

2. We have been chosen and redeemed by **GOD'S GRACE**. vv.4-7

*For he chose us in him...he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ,...to the praise of his glorious grace,...In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace... v.4-7*

3. We are **FORGIVEN**. v.7

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins... v.7*

4. We have been **TAGGED** with the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

*When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance. v13-14*

## HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO ALL THIS?

We continually **PRAISE GOD!** vv. 3, 6, 12, 14

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-18

We **LIVE OUT OUR CALLING** . v.4

*Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.*  
Philippians 2.14-15

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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