



EPHESIANS

1:1-6, 11-14



How did you get this?

**10 _____
before 315 AD**

**Bless the God who has
graciously predestined us to
every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

4 parts:

- 1. God is “blessed” or adored**
- 2. We have “every spiritual blessing”**
- 3. He predestined us**
- 4. God did it graciously**

...in Christ

1. God is "blessed" or adored.

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

This is the application of the first 14 verses (and more).

**We are prone to
being negativity
machines.**

**Without spiritual
intervention we will
live by our stomach,
and produce
unhappiness for
everyone.**



Ephesians 6:19-20

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.



2. God has given us every spiritual blessing.

Ephesians 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

3. God predestined us.

Ephesians 1:4-6

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Acts 4:28, Rom 8:29,30, 1 Cor 2:7, Eph 1:5, 11

"If predestination...then nothing matters



**...and
God is
mean."**

- 1. Careful**
- 2. Christ**

What we know about election:

- 1. He tells us that it happens- that God chose us before the creation of the world.**
- 2. He tells us its purpose - so we could be holy and blameless in his sight, for his glory.**
- 3. He tells us his means – in Christ, through Christ.**
- 4. He tells us his motivation- in accordance with his pleasure and will.**

God's functional purpose in election:

- 1. For his glory - God takes credit for his actions.**
- 2. Against boasting - to take pride in our predestination would be like taking pride in the color of our eyes, or the place of our birth.**

4. God saves graciously

Ephesians 1:5-6

he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely (graciously) given us in the One he loves.

Grace

**the word that means
everything and does nothing
for us emotionally.**

Grace is

**everything God gives us that we
do not have a claim to,**

which is basically everything.

Romans 8:30-32

And those he **predestined, he also **called**; those he called, he also **justified**; those he **justified**, he also **glorified**. 31 **What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?****

