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## Happenings in God's Family



God's People Are Blessed!

Ephesians chapter one is a great chapter to explore the blessings that God gives to His people. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). After this verse, Paul begins to enumerate the many blessings that are in Christ. Christians are:

- 1. Chosen by God (v.4).
- Before Him in Love (v.4). 3.
- 5. Freely Given Grace (v.6).
- 7. Forgiven of Trespasses (v.7).

9. Knowledgeable of the mystery of His will (v.9).

11. Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13).

- 2. Holy and Without Blemish (v.4).
- 4. Adopted as Children (v.5).
- 6. Redeemed through His blood (v.7).
- 8. Abundant with Grace with wisdom and prudence (v.8).

10. A Heritage (v.11).

Perhaps you can study Ephesians 1:3-14 and find more blessings than the ones I found. What I want to emphasize about these blessings, however, is that they are only for faithful Christians! As you study through these verses, consider how many times Paul talks about being "in Christ." Here are the verses: 3 (in Christ), 4 (in Him), 6 (in the Beloved), 7 (in Whom), 9 (in Him), 10 (in Christ, in Him), 11 (in Whom), 12 (in Christ), 13 (in Whom, in Whom). We should not lose sight of the significance of these expressions! If one is not a faithful Christian, he or she does not have these blessings. It is only for those who are faithful children of God. Ultimately, these are the only blessings that will matter. Are you blessed in Christ?

God bless you, and I love you. **Kevin Cauley** 

OUR FAITH IN ACTION Wednesday, March 3, 2021			
Devotional/classes 56			
SUNDAY, March 7, 2021			
AM Worship 83			
PM Worship 53			
Contribution \$2,101.00			
Average to Date \$2,796.44			
Budget\$3,100.00			

March 14, 2021 Servants			
Announcements: Johnny Thomas			
AM Prayers	PM Prayers		
Scott Hobson	Scott Overstreet		
Thomas McGee	Blake Tyndell		
Lord's Table			
Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley		
Jamey Thomas			
PM Communion: Jody Thomas			
March 21, 2021 Servants			
Announcements: Johnny Thomas			
Am Prayers	PM Prayers		
Johnny Thomas	Derrell Patterson		
Jimmy Smith	Eddie Cauley		
Lord's Table			
Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley		
Jamey Thomas			
PM Communion: Jody Thomas			

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Sandwich crackers w/ cheese or pnut butter Justin

Please Pray for ... Wyvon May Don Grider Gayle Floyd Faith Salfen Mary Hankins Meg Shelton Robin Upson Winnie Tucker Blake Drinkard Marie McPherson Keith & Helen James Love Clark Clara Inman Helen Francis **Ginger Plumlee** Davis Juanita Higginbotham Mary Hankins Amanda Georgakis Kimberly (Shute) Charles Downs **McDaniel** Lindsey Book Gerald Watkins Stephanie Wages **Cayden Harris** Norma Crawford Henry Murray Stephanie Lebsack Anita Raney **Grieving families** J.L. Foster family James Bateman family Horace McPherson & family

Sunday morning Bible classes are coming back to our classrooms! <u>March 21st</u>



Birthdays Justin Arsenault March 17

## This (THE) invitation implies that man is away

The Lord says, "Come unto me." How could one do this if he is not away from the Lord?

(1) Man is away from God. (Eccl. 7:20; Rom 3:9,23; 1 John 5:19). Ephesians 2:12, though describing the lost condition of the Gentiles, is a graphic picture of the state of all sinful men. The sinner is Christless — "without Christ;" countryless — "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel;" friendless — "strangers from the covenants of promise;" hopeless — "having no hope;" and, Godless — "without God."

(2) Man was not born away from God. (Eze. 18:20; 28:15; Matt. 18:1-4). No, man is not born inherently, totally depraved. Sin is of such a nature that is cannot be inherited. (1 Jn 3:4). Furthermore, if man was born total depraved he could not wax worse and worse. (2 Tim 3:13).

(3) Through his own sins, man departed from God and is away from Him. Our own sins, not the sin of Adam and our parents, have separated us from God. (Isa 59:1,2). Christ came to save s from our own sins, not the sin of Adam and our parents. (Matt. 1:21). Thus, the exhortation is, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." (Isa 55:7)

## This (THE) invitation implies that man can come

(1) We do not serve a tantalizing God. God is too good and holy to tantalize man in inviting him to come for rest if man cannot come. This would be comparable to a parent holding a nice, big, shiny apple just out of reach of a toddling child and never giving the apple to the child, though he reached and stretched with all of his might.

(2) It is not that man "cannot" come; rather, it is a matter of man "will not" come. Calvinism teaches that man cannot come but, the scriptures teach otherwise (Jn. 14:6; 6:35; 7:37; Rev 22:17). Jn 5:40 and Matt 23:37 teach us that some in Christ's day would not—not that they could not— come unto Christ. Nowhere does the Bible teach that man is born so totally depraved that he cannot think a good thought or do a good deed, that he is inclined to all that is evil and is opposed to all that is good, resulting in his incapability of coming to Christ. Such a doctrine makes the sinner altogether passive in conversion, whereas the Bible teaches that the sinner is active in conversion (Acts 2:38, 40; Phil 2:12; Matt 7:21; Luke 6:46). If man can "draw back" through his own volition (Heb 10:38,39), surely we can conclude that he can "draw nigh" through his own volition (James 4:8).

(3) what about Jn 6:44,45? This passage is not teaching that there must be irresistible operation upon the heart of the dead, inactive and passive sinner, effecting his salvation; but, rather, the text teaches that God draws men to Christ through the process of teaching. "And they shall be all taught of God." (verse 45). And, upon man hearing the teaching and learning of the Father, he then comes unto Christ. (verse 45). Thus, the responsibility is still upon the individual sinner to hear, learn and respond. (Wendell Winkler points II & III from Chapter 6, "The Savior's Invitation", *Things that Accompany Salvation* Winkler Publications, 1972).