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## Monday

[Eph. 1:5](#) ...According to the kind intention of His will.

There may be no other words so assuring as these in all of God's word. You do not have to wrestle the blessing of Salvation from an unwilling God. You do not have to convince the Almighty that He should love you or act for you or hear your prayers. He does not save or bless you because of your inherent worth or value, therefore you do not have to fear the loss of His love or salvation because of any failure to 'measure up' to His standard. Why did He send Jesus to die for you? Why does He redeem you? Why is He willing to bless you beyond measure? Because HE WANTS TO! It is His decision according to *His intention*. Grace! Grace! Grace!

## Tuesday

[Eph. 1:5](#) In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus ...

We sometimes view adoption with a difficulty, as somehow less valued than relation by blood. **NOT SO!** Those adopted have been specifically chosen for the family. They have been specifically selected to receive an inheritance. They have been specifically appointed to a place of honor. In the Roman period, the adopted gained all of the rights, privileges, and promises of family. The adopted could not be displaced or denied. Though he was once a slave, now he is an heir! God chose you and adopted you into His family. You are an heir, a son or daughter of the King. You are not less than another; you are more valued than you can imagine.

## Wednesday

[Eph. 1:4](#) He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

*"My sin—oh the bliss of this glorious thought—my sin, not in part but the whole, was nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, oh my soul."* These words penned by Horatio Spafford express the heart of everyone who comes to see the depth of sin and therefore the height of forgiveness found in Jesus' atoning work. My sin is removed, not by my good works but by God's great grace. Before the creation of the world, God chose to fully forgive the sin of all who would believe in Jesus. He chose to see those who believe as holy and blameless because of the sacrifice of His Son. You are not partially forgiven. Not a part, but the whole of your sin has been cleansed by the blood of the Savior! When God looks at you He see you as blameless in Christ Jesus!

## Thursday

[Eph. 1:18-19](#) I pray that you will know what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.

Unparalleled power on your behalf! That is what God brings to bear upon your life for your benefit! The Greek words in these verses are the root words of "dynamite," and "energy." They are combined with other words meaning power, might, and strength. Paul presents them one on top of the other to build up their impact, like an explosion on top of an eruption of a volcano on top of a detonation of a bomb! What is the measure of this energy? It is the measure of power that raised Jesus from the dead and elevated Him to heaven! And all of this power is now working *for you*, if you are "in Jesus". Amazing grace how sweet the sound!!!!

## Friday

[Eph. 1:3](#) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places *in Christ*.

The clear and resounding chorus of Ephesians 1 is "*in Christ*" All of your promised blessings are "*in Him*." Every promise of God is "*in Christ*." Adoption, forgiveness, redemption, inheritance, power, and grace are all "*in Him*." Indeed, your every hope of life now and eternal is found *in Jesus*. He is the sum of God's love and the object of your faith. When we stand before the throne and understand our great redemption we will cry with one voice "*our everything is in Him!*"