

## “Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling” *Everything We Need and More*

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. <sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. <sup>6</sup> So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup> He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. <sup>8</sup> He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

<sup>9</sup> God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. <sup>10</sup> And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>11</sup> Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

<sup>12</sup> God’s purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. <sup>13</sup> And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. <sup>14</sup> The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

### **Reunited with God Through Jesus**

### **He Loved, Chose, & Adopted Us**

### **Incredible Kindness and Grace Towards Us**

### **Purchased Our Freedom**

### **Forgave All Our Sins**

### **Gave Us Wisdom and Understanding**

### **Revealed the Scope and Power of Jesus’ Restorative Work**

### **As His Son’s and Daughter’s We Are His Heirs**

### **Gave Us the Holy Spirit as a Helping Companion and Proof We Are His**

## Whatever We Face, We Have What We Need to Overcome

### Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

### 2 Cor. 9:8

And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

“The fact that God can bring character development and personal growth out of any situation is conditional on people's willingness to submit to God's will. God is sovereign over every life, but those who yield their will to him will be shaped according to his purposes. When God directs a life for his purposes, all of life is a school. No experience, good or bad, is ever wasted (Rom. 8:28). God doesn't squander people's time. He doesn't ignore their pain. He brings not only healing but growth out of even the worst experiences. Every relationship can be God's instrument to mature a person's character.”

- Henry T. Blackaby, *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda*

**Philippians 4:13** I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.