

Daily Devotions



Week 6

Blessed in Christ

Jackson was so excited about the new baby his mom would be having soon. He would be a big brother to either a sister or brother! Jackson had been helping for several weeks as his parents prepared for the new baby. The family had worked together to get the baby's room ready. They had put in new carpet and painted the room. They had moved Jackson's baby furniture into the room and got it all set up. They spent time together decorating the room for the baby to enjoy. And they had shopped for everything the baby would need, and that the family would need to take care of the baby. It had been such an exciting time for them. Jackson could not help but think how blessed the new baby would be. As part of their family, the baby would have everything it needed and even more! Jackson praised his parents. Just as they had prepared for him when he was born, they were preparing for the new baby. What great parents to prepare and to take such good care of their children!

Monday: *Read Ephesians 1:3.* What has God blessed us with? Where do those blessings come from? Why do they belong to us? As soon as we receive Jesus Christ as our Savior we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. These blessings come from God the Father and they belong to us because we have received Jesus as our Savior. Just as the parents in our story provided everything the new baby would need, God has provided everything you need to live and grow in your spiritual life. How great is our God to take such good care of His children!

Tuesday: *Read Ephesians 1:4.* What does the word "chose" mean? The dictionary defines the word "chose" as, to select or pick by preference. Did you know that God chose YOU and loved YOU even before He made our world? God's Word is true and you can be certain that you are valuable in God's eyes! How does it make you feel to know that God chose you even before He created the world? How can knowing this truth help you when other people make you feel like you are not important, that you don't have anything to offer, or that you are not valuable?

Wednesday: *Read Ephesians 1:4.* The second part of this verse tells us that God chose us to be holy and without blame in His eyes. What do you think this means? To be holy and without blame means that we walk in God's ways and always do what is right according to God's Word. Is this something that we can do on our own? No! The good news is that when Jesus died all of our sin and guilt was laid on Him. Since He has already paid the price, by His shed blood, our guilt is no longer held against us. The perfect righteousness of our Savior has covered our sin. So when God looks at us, He sees the righteousness of His Son, Jesus. Take time to really think about this. What does it mean to you that God sees you as righteous because of the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ? This is an incredible blessing!

Thursday: *Read Ephesians 1:5.* God not only chose you, but when you received Jesus as your Savior, He adopted you. To be adopted means that adults chose a child that was not born to them and made that child legally their own child. You are now one of God's children! You have been adopted into His family and are now His own child! He did this because of what Jesus did and because it made Him happy to do it. This verse says that He adopted us with all the rights children have. What are some of the rights children have in a family? They have the family name, love, protection, material provision, access to their father, and a future inheritance. All this and more is ours as the children of the living God!

Friday: Think about what you have read and what you have learned this week. What did you already know? Did you learn anything new? Was there anything that really stood out to you? Write out a prayer to God about your devotions this week.