

July 24

Ephesians 1: 3: Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Election means God has made a choice, “he hath chosen.” Election does not declare that the non-election of some is the cause of their damnation. Man’s own sin is the cause of his damnation. Election declares God has chosen to save an exact number of sinners who otherwise would have perished in our sins. God the Father elected unto salvation whom he will, by his grace, not based on anything in the sinner “that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.” (Rom 9: 11) Since God’s choice of his people was an eternal act of our unchanging Father in Christ, solely by his grace, therefore nothing in time can change or alter it. Therefore each and every one of God’s elect shall be saved by the triune God through Christ Jesus.

Now, notice, God’s choosing his people in Christ is the first blessing, the chief blessing, by which God gave all other spiritual blessings, “God...hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings...according as he hath chosen us in him.” Apart from God the Father choosing us in Christ, no other spiritual blessings would be given. But also notice, the chief blessing of divine election is Christ in whom we were chosen. God’s own Son is the preeminent elect Son chosen of God. (Is 42: 1) God’s purpose in the salvation of his people is the glorification of the Son of his love! So when Christ entered everlasting covenant to fulfill the Father’s will, God made Christ Mediator and Surety, Head and Husband of his Church, the elect of God. (Ps 89:19-21) Because our election is in Christ who shall not fail, right then in eternity, God “saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,” (2 Tim 1: 9)

Therefore, in time, on behalf of the elect, Christ fulfills all things necessary for and in his people. When made like unto his brethren, in the flesh, Christ fulfilled the righteousness of the law and satisfied divine justice for his people by his life and death.

Then before God, all his elect were raised when God raised Christ, giving him all power in heaven and earth. God did so that Christ might have the glory and honor of giving each of God's elect life and faith in Christ, which is declared to us in Ephesians 1: 22-23 where God declares that Christ was raised to fill all in all his elect, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." He declares in Ephesians 2: 7-9 that the necessity of faith is because the purpose of God in raising Christ is so that through faith, God might show us the great things God has done for us and save us by his grace, apart from our works, "that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Therefore, in this gospel age Christ our Head is regenerating to life each elect child, granting faith and repentance, and filling each elect child full of grace and truth through God the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the gospel. The same blessings God gave to Abraham, given the same way as God gave them to Abraham, that is the through the gift of faith given by the Holy Spirit, is the purpose for which Christ laid down his life, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: THAT the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; THAT we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Gal 3: 13-14) Again we read, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, THAT we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal 4: 4-6)

So in the end, when Christ has called God's last elect child to faith, God shall gather all his elect in one, in Christ, who shall present each one righteous and holy to the Father, by whom we shall also each receive joint-inheritance with, and because of Christ, the preeminent elect Son of God. (Eph 1: 10; 2 Cor 4: 14; Jude 24; Rom 8: 17)

So we see, brethren, that as wonderful as all the spiritual blessings of divine election are, Christ our Head and Husband is THE BLESSING of divine election. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of

all principality and power.” (Col 2: 9-10) Therefore, “He that glorieth let him glory in the Lord.” (1 Cor 1:30-31)