

## WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?

Ephesians 1:1-14

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Verses 3-14 are \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians is written to those \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

(vv.1,3,4,7,9,10,12,13,20)

We are saints because we are \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1)

Saints: hagios - set apart for God (Thayer's)

All of God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

God \_\_\_\_\_ me to be \_\_\_\_\_

Blessed (*eulogeetos*) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed (*eulogesas*) us with every spiritual blessing (*eulogia*) in the heavenly places in Christ - Ephesians 1:3 (NASU)

Every Spiritual Blessing: election, adoption (v.5), grace, forgiveness (v.7), revelation (v.17), wisdom (v.17), the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the primary gift (v.14) and the source of all the others

I was \_\_\_\_\_ before Creation (v.4)

God \_\_\_\_\_ me before I \_\_\_\_\_ for God (v.4)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

- John 3:16 (NASU)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

I am set apart for \_\_\_\_\_ (I have a \_\_\_\_\_)

Saints: hagios Holy: hagios (Strong's)

Holy: hagios - set apart for God (Thayer's)

It was God's \_\_\_\_\_ to give me (all who are "in Him") the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of an adult child

In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure... - Ephesians 1:5 (NIV)

(Jesus) You must be born again. - John 3:7 (NIV)

Adoption: huiiothesian

huios: a son

thesian: to place (Strong's)

"Adoption" in the NT refers to the official act of a father who bestows the status of full adulthood on a son of minor status. It is not the taking in of an outsider; it is the placing of a family member into the privileges and blessings of adulthood. This means that even the youngest Christian has everything that Christ has and is rich in grace. (Wiersbe's)

Adoption is the act of God by which He gives His "born ones" an adult standing in the family. (Bible Exposition Commentary)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ by God (v.6)

To the praise of the glory of his grace (*charis*), wherein he hath made us accepted (*echaritoo*) in the beloved. - Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

Charitoo: To grace, i.e., indue with special honor (KJV)

Make accepted, be highly favoured (Strong's)

God \_\_\_\_\_ His grace on me (v.7)

Redemption: apolutrosis - (the act) ransom in full (Strong's)

In the first-century Hellenistic world "redemption" was used relatively rarely, but it was used in connection with the purchase of a slave's freedom (NIV Life Application Commentary)

God has revealed \_\_\_\_\_ to me (vv.9-10)

...According to His good pleasure... (v.9 NIV)

In Him I have an \_\_\_\_\_

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, - Ephesians 1:10b-11 (NASU)

(vv.13-14)

The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)

I am \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit to convey

His \_\_\_\_\_ of me and my \_\_\_\_\_ in Him