

A “Magnificent Gateway” to the Epistle Ephesians 1:3

Introduction: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of our praise.

Paul sites **7** spiritual blessings in the one sentence.

Election – v4 – *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love . . .*

Adoption – v5 – *He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,*

Redemption – v7 – *In Him we have redemption through His blood, . . .*

Forgiveness of sins – v7b - *the forgiveness of our trespasses, according the riches of His grace. . .*

The revelation of God’s purpose in history. vv9-10

God’s great purpose in history is to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. . .

Sealing of the Holy Spirit – v13b – *. . . having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.*

An inheritance -v14 – *who is given a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.*