

What Am I Doing Here? Part 2

Blessed

Reference: **Ephesians 1:3-6**

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I want to break down these four verses and look at the overflowing _____ of God, being _____ in Christ, being _____ as sons and daughters, and finally the _____ of God's will.

verse three

First notice that Paul offers _____ to God by acknowledging that He (God) is the one who is first blessed.

Reference: **Psalm 148:13** (see screen)

The overflowing blessing of God:

The Greek word used for blessed typically is "Makarios" which essentially means "fortunate, _____, enlarged, or lengthy". It is often used to describe when a person is **happy for being in God's favor**.

Reference: **Psalm 145:21** (see screen)

- Recognizing God as the _____ of all blessings.
Reference: **Psalm 115:12-14** (see screen)

Remember, the ultimate blessing is that you are _____ and without that, there are no real blessings.

And eternal life can only come from _____, Himself.

Reference: **John 5:24** (see screen)

- Understanding the **depth** and **magnitude** of God's blessings.
Reference: **Romans 8:38-39** (see screen)
- We should show **gratitude** and **praise** for the blessings we have received.
Reference: **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**;

Being chosen in Christ:

Predestination means God's _____ of all things, meaning that God has already decided on the purpose of everything, including you and me.

References: **Ephesians 1:11**; **Romans 8:28-30** (see screen)

- God has a sovereign plan and _____ for our lives.
References: **Psalm 57:2**; **Ecclesiastes 7:20**; **Luke 18:19**; **Romans 12:4-5**; **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** (see screen)

Being adopted as sons and daughters:

- We are set apart from the world and are a part of God's _____.
Adoption is the action of legally taking another's child and bringing this child up as _____, _____.
Reference: **Romans 8:15** (see screen)
- The significance of adoption and its spiritual implications:
Adoption is described in the Bible as the divine work wherein God declares regenerated believers to be His beloved _____ and _____ and welcomes them into His eternal family.
Reference: **Romans 8:15** (see screen)
- Embracing our identity as children of God and heirs of His promises:
As adopted children of God we have favor with God, we are in a personal relationship with God and this "spirit of adoption" permeates our experience, we have received forgiveness for sin, we have received the assurance of the Father's love, care and compassion, and we have received freedom in place of slavery. We must embrace our identity as the children of God and heirs of His promises.
Reference: **Ephesians 5:15-16** (see screen)

The purpose of God's will:

- All that we have in and through Jesus Christ has been because of God's _____.
- What should we do now? How can we repay Him?
The answer is that we can respond to His grace with a life of _____ and _____.
References: **Romans 1:5**; **Philippians 2:8**; **Luke 6:46**