Spiritual Blessings in Christ
Eph. 1:3-6

Introduction:
A. Spiritual blessings are in Christ.
   1. All or Every- None to be found elsewhere.
   2. In Christ–Baptized into Christ. (Rom. 6:4; Gal. 1:26,27)
   3. Spiritual as opposed to temporal. (cf. Matt. 5:45)
B. Examples of spiritual blessings in verses that follow:

Discussion:
I. Predestination (1:4-6)
   A. Not of the Calvinistic variety.
   B. But, of the gospel variety.
      1. Chosen in Him by to be holy. (v. 4)
         a. Chosen inheritance by gospel. (vv. 11-14)
         b. Chosen generation, holy nation by obedience. (1 Pet. 2:4-10)
      2. Predestined to sons by Jesus Christ–He is means of sonship. (v.5)
         a. Sons by faith in Christ (Gal. 3:26-29)
         b. Not sons by any other means–like descending from Abraham.

II. Purchased–Redemption (1:7)
   A. The price of redemption: “blood of Christ” (v. 7; cf. 1 Cor. 6:19,20)
   B. The purpose of redemption (cf. Titus 2:14):
      1. To make us His purified people–“forgiveness of sins” (v.7).
         a. Were sold under sin. (cf. Rom. 7:14)
         c. Remain pure walking in the light and confessing sins. (1 John 1:7-9)
      2. To make us His “own special people”
      3. To make us His zealous people. (v. 14).
         a. A properly directed zeal. (Rom. 10:1-4; I Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 3:15-17).
         b. A contagious zeal. (cf. 2 Cor. 9:2)
   C. The promise of final redemption. (vv. 13-14; cf. Rom. 8:22-25)

III. Power (1:15-23)
   A. God's power raised Christ from dead to sit in “heavenly places” (1:20)
      1. Put him above all power. (v. 21).
      2. Put him over the church. (vv. 22,23).
   B. God's power raised us from dead to sit in “heavenly places” (2:6; cf 1:3).
      1. Were dead in trespasses and sins. (2:1-3).
      2. Made alive and raised up–saved. (2:4-10).

IV. Peace (2:11-22)
   A. Made possible by removing sin.
   B. Made possible by removing law of Moses.

Conclusion:
A. How blessed we are to be in Christ!
B. How important it to know how to get in Christ and live in Christ!