

# I M A G I N E

experiencing the life you've always dreamed of

## Imagine....God's Overwhelming Love for you

**Ephesians 1:3-14 (NLT2)** *3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every** spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are **united with Christ**. <sup>4</sup> Even before He made the world, **God loved us and chose us** in Christ to be **holy** and **without fault** in His eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to **adopt us** into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and **it gave Him great pleasure**. <sup>6</sup> So we **praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us** who belong to His dear Son. <sup>7</sup> He is so **rich in kindness** and **grace** that He purchased our **freedom with the blood of His Son** and **forgave our sins**. <sup>8</sup> He has **showered His kindness on us**, along with **all wisdom** and **understanding**. <sup>9</sup> God has now revealed to us His mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill His own good pleasure. <sup>10</sup> And this is the plan: **At the right time He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ**—everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>11</sup> Furthermore, because we are **united with Christ**, we have received an **inheritance** from God, He **chose us in advance**, and **He makes everything work out according to his plan**. <sup>12</sup> God's purposes was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. <sup>13</sup> And **now you Gentiles have also heard the truth**, the Good News that God saves you. And **when you believed in Christ, He identified you as his own** by **giving you the Holy Spirit**, whom He promised long ago. <sup>14</sup> The **Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised** and that **He has purchased us to be His own people**. He did this so we would **praise** and **glorify** Him.*

1. Paul begins the letter to the Ephesians with the **longest** sentence in the Bible.
2. This sentence reaches **unreachable** heights and **immeasurable** depths.
3. This passage is a joyful **celebration** and description of God's abundant love for you.
4. The passage speaks of the work of the **Trinity** regarding your salvation.

The Father **planned** it. The Son **purchased** it. The Holy Spirit **pledges** it.

5. The key to God's blessings is found "**IN CHRIST**."
6. God has blessed us with **EVERY** spiritual blessing. Paul lays out seven blessings that demonstrate God's love for you.

### 1. God **Chose** You verses 4 & 11

1. God did this **before** He made the world.
2. He chose you because of **His** love.
3. He chose you to be **holy** and **without fault** in His eyes.

## 2. God Adopted You

1. God initiated membership into His family for you.
2. This was His desire and it pleased Him.

## 3. God Poured Grace on You

1. This was done because we belong to Jesus.
2. He is rich in kindness and grace.

## 4. God Redeemed You

1. In the time of this writing you became a slave in one of three ways.
  - a. you were born into slavery.
  - b. you were conquered and made a slave.
  - c. you had a debt you could not pay
2. Jesus death was for everyone who would receive it.
3. We have been forgiven for all our sins.

## 5. God Enabled You

1. God showered you with kindness.
2. God gave you wisdom and understanding.
3. He has given us revelation knowledge.

## 6. God Gave You an Inheritance

1. He makes everything work out according to his plan.
2. He unites all believers in Jesus.
3. He is our inheritance and we are His inheritance.

## 7. God Gave You A Deposit

1. The Holy Spirit is given as a promise of more to come.
2. Understanding these truths should cause us to praise and glorify God.

God has a great plan for your life and is continually working on your behalf. Don't allow your temporary situation to overshadow your eternal reality.

**Romans 8:18 (ESV)** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*