Series: Learning To Walk - Ephesians 2-5-23 Craig Robertson

Ephesians 1:11-14 – Blessings Of The Spirit

Jesus Christ sends us the Holy Spirit who lavishes upon us blessings that we could not obtain for ourselves! Will you believe him for these blessings?

Intro.

I. <u>Seals You With The Lord's Presence, Ownership, And Promises – vv. 11-13</u>

- 1. His Presence
 - 2 Corinthians 1:22, John 14:15-17
- 2. His Ownership
 - John 17:9, 1 Corinthian 6:19
- 3. His Promises
 - Belonging, Eternal life, Freedom through Adoption, heirs of God (Rom. 8:9-17),
 - Luke 3:21-22 The Spirit speaks the Father's validation, identity, and affirmation into our hearts when we put our faith into what Christ has done for us!

II. Guarantees The Lord's Love Now And Our Inheritance To Come – v. 14a

• Romans 5:5, 1 Peter 1:4-5

III. Empowers You To Live "To The Praise Of His Glory" – vv. 6, 12, 14b

• 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Ephesians 3:16, Galatians 5:22-23

Devotions: Identify your doubts and fears. Are they focused on God, or yourself, or both? Pray and read through the following blessings of the Father, Son, and Spirit. Underline those that the Holy Spirit seems to highlight for you. Pray and believe your Lord Jesus for the truth of these blessings.

Praise for the Blessings of the Father (Eph. 1:3-6):

"Blessed be the God and Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed me in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose me in him before the foundation of the world, that I should be holy and blameless before him, in love, he predestined me for adoption to himself as a son through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure and purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed me in the Beloved.

Praise for the Blessings of the Son (Eph. 1:7-10)

In him I have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of my trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon me, in all wisdom and insight making known to me the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure and purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Praise for the Blessings of the Spirit (Eph. 1:11-14)

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him I also, when I heard the word of truth, the gospel of my salvation, and believed in him, was sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of my inheritance until God redeems possession of me, to the praise of his glory."