

“BLESSING THE ONE WHO BLESSES US”
EPHESIANS 1:1-3

**I. THE GOD WHO BLESSES IS INDICATED TO BE GOD THE FATHER,
THE FIRST PERSON OF THE TRINITY (1:3a)**

**II. THE GOD WHO BLESSES HAS TRULY BLESSED US WITH
AMAZING BLESSINGS (1:3b)**

A. These Blessings Are Characterized As Being “Spiritual”

1. That Does Not Preclude Material Things

**2. Something Is Spiritual If It Has Been Put In A Right
Relationship To God Through The Work Of His Spirit**

a. How Did Paul Become An Apostle? (1:1)

**b. How Did These Ephesians Come To Be Called “*Saints*” &
“*The Faithful*” (1:1)**

**3. Spiritual Blessings Are The Things God Uses To Turn People
Like Us Into Truly Spiritual People**

**B. These Blessings Include “All” Things That God Constitutes As
Necessary To Accomplish His Objectives**

C. These Blessings Have All Been Transacted “In Heavenly Places”

1. The Emphasis Is On Location

**2. The Transaction Has Taken Place In Realms That We’ve Never
Yet Been Physically**

**D. These Blessings Are Impossible And Non Existent If They Are Not
“In Christ”**

**1. It’s The Relationship In Which God’s Blessings Can Ever Be
Available**

2. It’s Paul’s Favorite Expression In Describing A Christian