

## Thursday

Read Ephesians 1:5-6. What is your understanding of adoption and why does Paul use this metaphor to explain our relationship with God? Why has God done this for us? How can your own adoption by the God of the universe motivate you to live differently today? You are a child of God! May that truth give you a new view of you!

## Friday

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. What has Christ done for you? What does it mean that “we are now the righteousness of God?” How does that change what you understand about your position before God? Remember, we are building a very important structure, your life. Your life requires a strong foundation and that is what God is laying out for all of us. May you see it and may it change your life!

# WAKE UP... and see the Glory

## The Blessing

### Ephesians 1:3-6

Introduction  
Escaping vs. Entering

I. God's blessing \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

1. Past event \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ blessing
3. Comes from \_\_\_\_\_
4. All in \_\_\_\_\_

II. God's blessing \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning
2. \_\_\_\_\_ apart
3. Without \_\_\_\_\_

III. God's blessing \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5-6)

1. “Adoption – the best way to come into a Family”
2. Why? Because He wanted to

Conclusion  
Here's my life... I know it's in good hands!

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

Building a strong foundation is the most critical component to building anything. Without a strong foundation you can have all the beauty, creativity and money in the world, yet what you build will not last. This is why Jesus taught us to build our lives upon the rock and not upon the sand. How is your spiritual foundation? Do you have the strength and perspective to be solid even though the storms of life are inevitable? That is what Paul is doing in Ephesians 1, he is laying a foundation for us that will see us through the season of our spiritual lives. Let's go to God's word and see this foundation up close!

### **Monday**

Read Ephesians 1:1-6. What are the pieces to your foundation that you observe here? What are the elements of your foundation that you find most meaningful to you? It is a glorious picture Paul is just beginning to paint and one that we must learn and re-learn over and over again. May you know the joy and passion of God and may it strengthen your heart today!

### **Tuesday**

Read Ephesians 1:3. What is the blessing that Paul speaks of? How fully would you say you are experiencing this blessing? What does it mean that this blessing comes from heavenly places? What does that say about the enduring power of this blessing? What is so incredible about what we are being taught is that Jesus has secured it and simply made it true to anyone who believes. It is not something to wish for, hope for or work for...it is simply what is for anyone who comes to Jesus!

### **Wednesday**

Read Ephesians 1:4. What does it mean to be chosen before the foundation of the world and what does that have to do with you? What are you chosen to be? How does that make you feel? To be holy means to be set apart for the purposes of God. To be blameless means that you are without blemish as God looks upon you. May that encourage your faith!