

Sermon: "Feeling Sunk? This Will Float Your Boat"

Text: Ephesians 1:3-14 (Page 976 in the pew Bible)

I. Praise God because you have His blessings anchored in the past.

- **Your salvation predestined with purpose, vs. 4-5**

“V4-5 In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,”

- **Your salvation His choice by mercy, vs. 4**

“V4 he chose us in him before the foundation of the world”

II. Praise God because you have His blessings active in the present.

- **You are redeemed and forgiven – *now!* vs. 7**

“V 7 we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

- **You are His child – *now!* vs. 5**

“V 5 he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ,”

- **You are indwelt by His Spirit – *now!* vs. 13**

“V 13 when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,”

- **You are being helped in holiness – *now!* vs. 4**

“V4 that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

III. Praise God because you have His blessings promised in the future.

- **You have an inheritance secured and prepared for you in the future, vs. 11, 14**

“V11 In him we have obtained an inheritance,”

“V 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it”

IV. Your praise has as its origin and focal point Jesus Christ and His grace

“In Christ... to the praise of His glorious grace”, vs 3, 6