

## Notes on Ephesians 1 Message

### **BLESSED**

*"How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ. Long ago, even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Christ Jesus. And this gave him great pleasure."*

**SPIRITUAL BLESSING** is a prospering of the soul like a financial blessing is prospering of one's checkbook.  
Some of the things of a prospering soul.

- Knowing that I have always been known in the mind of God even before he created the earth. He saves me.

- Spiritual blessing can make a person happy to be alive in spite of difficult circumstances.
- Spiritual blessing makes it possible to get things through prayer. *"May you be in health and prosper even as your spirit prospers."* 2 John 3

**LOVED AND CHOSEN** - in a world without God and without hope.

- Hopeless picture. A world without God - no future - no personal value.

That we are descended from apes - there is no creator - there are no moral absolutes - there is no hope beyond death. We as individuals don't matter - there is no judgment of the wicked --- so people should just as well .. *"feast and get drunk (and be merry) for tomorrow we die."*

I Corinthians 15:32

- Christian world view. There is a God and Father to praise with glad hearts.

- He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. There is a heavenly (God-filled) world existing in the midst of this world.

**ADOPTED into his own family, which gives him great pleasure.**

His unchanging plan, even when he knew we would fall away and become children of the Devil, was to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus to bring us home. The prospect of having us around His table gives him great pleasure.