

God's Plan for Spiritual Blessing
(Recreating the text of Ephesians 1:1-14)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places
in Christ,
just as*

*He chose us in Him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

*He predestined us to adoption as sons
In love
through Jesus Christ to Himself,
according to the kind intention of His will,
to the praise of the glory of His grace,
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved
[He redeemed us] we have redemption, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
In Him
through His blood,
according to the riches of His grace,
which He lavished upon us.*

*He made known to us the mystery of His will,
In all wisdom and insight
according to His kind intention
which He purposed in Him
with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times,
that is, the summing up of all things in Christ,
things in the heavens and things upon the earth.*

*[He made us a heritage] we have obtained an inheritance,
In Him also
having been predestined
according to His purpose
who works all things after the counsel of His will,
to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should
be to the praise of His glory.*

*[He sealed us] you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
In Him, you also,
after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your
salvation—
having also believed,
who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,
with a view to the redemption of God's own possession,
to the praise of His glory.”*