

“In Christ: The Gracious Activity of God”
Ephesians 1:1-14

We Were All Born Again into Eternal Riches – Eph 1:3,6-8

- In Christ we obtained on inheritance – Eph 1:11
 - ...a gift of wealth we may draw upon – Ro 8:17
- It is all of grace – Eph 1:2; 6:24
 - ...the activity of God in our behalf – Eph 2:8-10
- The sphere of this activity: “in Christ” – Eph 1:1

The Gracious Activity of God in Christ:

- He has blessed us – Eph 1:3; II Pet 1:3; Jo 1:16
 - ...nothing to add to the activity of God in Christ – Col 2:9-10
- He has chosen/predestined salvation – Eph 1:4,5
 - ...a divinely purposed salvation – Ro 8:29-30
 - ...renders us fit for His presence and able to be brought into His family in Christ
- He revealed/made known Himself to us – Eph 1:9
 - ...makes Himself fully known in Christ – Heb 1:1-3; 11:6
- He works all things according to His will – Eph 1:11
 - ...an order/meaning/purpose to it all – Ro 8:28-29
 - ...to make Christ-possessed people into Christ-expressed people – Eph 1:12
- He seals us with the Holy Spirit – Eph 1:13-14
 - ...providing security; noting a finished transaction; identifying ownership
 - ...granting us a pledge/guarantee to finish what He began – Ro 8:18-24; Phil 1:6

Grace: The Activity of God in Christ

Faith: The Receptivity of God’s Activity – Eph 1:1; 2: