



## Ephesians: “The Father’s Grace, the Father’s Glory”

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**Text:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Main Point:** God’s sovereign and generous grace towards us in Christ, calls us to praise his glorious name.

### Key Ideas:

#### 1. The Fact of the Father’s Grace.

- Salvation is entirely dependent on God. He is the initiator and the source of grace.
- Election is God’s free and gracious choice to save sinners.
- His choosing of us is based upon an eternal decree made in eternity past, and is accomplished completely through the work of Jesus Christ.

#### 2. The Purpose of the Father’s Grace

- For us to be holy and blameless before him.
- For us to be adopted as his sons and daughters.

#### 3. The Fruits of the Father’s Grace.

- Humility.
- Security.
- Praise and worship.

### Application Questions

1. Charles Spurgeon once wrote, “I believe in the doctrine of election, because I am quite certain that, if God had not chosen me, I should never have chosen him; and I am quite sure he chose me before I was born, or else he never would have chosen me afterward...for I could never find any reason in myself why he should have looked upon me with special love.” How does your own story of conversion, like Mr. Spurgeon’s, magnify God’s electing love?
2. Ephesians 1:4 states that God “chose us in him” [i.e., in Christ]. All of God’s redemptive activity on our behalf is centered in His Son — how does reflecting on that stir your love for the Savior and cultivate humility in your heart?
3. How does contemplating that God specifically chose you before time began cultivate an assurance of His unchanging and eternal favor and love for you?
4. Ephesians 1:6 states that God’s initiative through Christ in election, redemption and adoption is “to the praise of his glorious grace.” How do these truths inspire gratitude, joy and worship in your heart?