

Reasons to Praise

Ephesians 1:3-6

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| 1. _____ with God | Father (3)
Son (9)
Spirit (13) |
| 2. _____ in God's timing | |
| 3. _____ in God's glory | |

Δ He has blessed us ... with every spiritual blessing (3)

■ Location - where has He blessed us?

- in _____ (3)
- in the heavenly places (3)

■ Action - how has He blessed us?

- He _____ us. (4)
- He _____ us. (5)

■ _____ - when has He blessed us?

- _____ the _____ of the world (4)

■ Reasons - why has He blessed us?

- immediate reasons
 - that we should be _____
 - that we should _____
- ultimate reasons
 - the _____ of His will (5)
 - the _____ of His glorious grace (6)

Δ He has blessed us in the Beloved (6)

* God ties _____ to _____!

"In love He predestined us for adoption..."

- Resist the temptation to _____ God and reinterpret His words when He is communicating His _____ for _____.
- Resist the temptation to _____ your _____ on God's _____.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

"It's important to know that nothing about the biblical doctrine of _____ is meant to cast doubt on whether you are welcome in God's household. God is not some metaphysical airport security scanner screen, waving through the secretly pre-approved and sending the rest into a holding tank for questioning. God isn't treating us like _____ made of meat, forcing us along by His capricious whim. Instead, the doctrine of election tells us that all of us who have come to know Christ are here on _____. God was looking for us... There's freedom in that, and a liberating sense of belonging."

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