

THE WORK OF THE TRINITY

EPHESIANS 1:3

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: As we are getting started in Ephesians, we are seeing the basics in the first lessons. We are saved by faith through God's grace, and we are in Christ and have Him indwelling us by His Holy Spirit. Because of this, Christians are called saints and have been seated with Christ in heavenly places.

BLESS GOD THE FATHER. God deserves your worship because it is He who created all things, and it is He who planned your salvation even before the creation of the world. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, God's Ultimate Purpose, p. 53. (Ephesians 1:3, fn 1:3, Ephesians 1:4-6, fn 1:4, fn 1:5, Genesis 1:26, fn 1:26[2nd], Romans 8:28-30, fn 8:29-30, John 15:15-16, fn 15:15) *What do you say when you bless God, or what could those words be like?*

BLESS JESUS THE SON who put God's plan into operation. Lloyd-Jones, p. 53. Jesus, the Son, has revealed God, the Father, to you. Jesus was sent to show us what God, the father, is like. Jesus voluntarily left His glory in heaven to be born as a baby and to live as you live but without sin. He came to suffer death in your place on a cruel cross, to redeem you from your sin, and give you His resurrected life. (Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 1:7-12, fn 1:7, fn 1:11, John 14:6, fn 14:5-6, John 16:23-24, fn 16:23-27, Romans 3:23-26, fn 3:24, fn 3:25) *What do you acknowledge when you pray in Jesus' name?*

BLESS THE HOLY SPIRIT as He applies the plan. Lloyd-Jones, p. 53. The Holy Spirit's work is to glorify Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit's role is to show us how to be acceptable to God, that is to let Jesus bear the punishment of our sin in exchange for His righteousness. With that trade God gives you the Holy Spirit as a deposit guaranteeing what is to come. The presence of the Holy Spirit gives proof of Christ's resurrection and the fulfillment of the Scriptures. (Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 1:13-14, John 16:7-11, fn 16:8-11, Acts 1:5, fn 1:5, Romans 8:26-27, fn 8:26-27, Titus 3:3-8, fn 3:4-8) *What is the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

