

STUDY GUIDE

Ephesians 1:3-14

- 1) What does it mean to be "*in Christ*"?
- 2) According to Ephesians 1:4 when and why does God choose us?
- 3) Does God choosing us take away our freedom of choice? How do we know we are chosen by God?
- 4) Name and describe the two spiritual blessings we receive from the work of God the Father.
- 5) Name and describe the four spiritual blessings we receive from the work of Jesus Christ the Son.
- 6) What is the spiritual blessing we receive from the work of the Holy Spirit? What are the two images of the Holy Spirit's work – and what do they mean?
- 7) How is our "*adoption*" by God the same as the adoptions here on earth? How are they different?
- 8) According to Ephesians 1:9 - what is the "*mystery*" of God's will? How do we come to *know* the "*mystery*" of God's will? What is our part in making the "*mystery*" of God's will *known*?
- 9) What is the "*inheritance*" God promises us? What does it mean to be "*an inheritance*" to God?
- 10) FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION: What effect should knowing God choose you "*before the foundation of the world*" have on your life?