

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

IN CHRIST / A WALK THROUGH EPHESIANS

The Goodness of God Part 2

Ephesians 1: 11-14

The Goodness of God Awakens my Praise for the Glory of God

1. REVIEW

Read verses 11-12, Paul mentions to us that we have been given an inheritance now that we are adopted into God's family. How would you describe this inheritance we have received? (Compare 2 Peter 1:3-4; Gal. 5:22-23)

Are we able to access our inheritance now or is this something that we must wait for in eternity? If so, how can we?

Read verse 13, Paul explains how the Lord worked in our lives to lead us to salvation. He said that we heard the gospel (the word of truth) then our hearts were awakened to this truth and we personally believed this message of hope and were saved. Sharing the Good news message of Jesus is how we can see the Power of God on display. So, on a separate sheet of paper, spend a moment to briefly write out how the Lord worked in your life. (Your Personal Testimony) Try writing it like this...

I was _____; But God _____; And Now _____.

In verses 13-14, Paul wants us to understand the eternal nature of our salvation. He explains that we were "Sealed by the promised Holy Spirit" – And later he says that the Holy Spirit is our Guarantee – Down payment of our purchase. How does this truth impact your heart toward the Lord?

2. ASSESS

In what way would you like to invest your given inheritance from the Lord right now in your life? To help you with this, think about a very specific need in your life. Then ask the LORD to grant you access to your inheritance for this need.

3. APPLY

Every day this week write out on a list 3 things about God that reveal His goodness toward you.

In what specific way are you going to help fulfill the mission Christ gave you in Matthew. 28:19-20 – To Glorify God By Making Disciples?

How do you sense God what to use your gifts within the Church Body as well?
