

Positioned to Win

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Introduction:

- How many times have we walked around in defeat not knowing God positioned us to win?
- I. He has Blessed Us - [Eph 1:3 NASB95] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ,
 - Blessed - to speak well of, invoke a benediction upon to prosper
 - Same God spoke light in darkness, Abram to Abraham, calls things not as thought are
 - God has declared the ability to rise to the top...how high?
 - Every spiritual blessing available to heaven
 - DIVINE PRIVILEGES AND RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE
 - There is no limit to what the blessing can do for a person
 - Proverbs 10:22 - rich, no sorrow [Pro 10:22 NASB95] 22 It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it.
 - II. He has Chosen Us - [Eph 1:4 NASB95] 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
 - Chosen - selected
 - God did not have to redeem us. He could have left us in sin with no remedy.
 - He has evaluated us and said I want him/her.
 - Bananas - bruised, black spots - often sweeter
 - You may have bruises, black spots - He has chosen you.
 - God's attitude toward you are premium quality to Him!!!
 - FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD - He has been thinking about you since way back then.
 - Why? He loves you.
 - III. He has Predestined Us - [Eph 1:5 NASB95] 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
 - Does not suggest a fatalism the excludes some while including others.
 - It assures an appointed plan and a guaranteed destiny for the redeemed
 - His plan is we are sons of God - not gender but positional...we are all sons
 - Everything in the Fathers Kingdom belongs to who...the son
 - You have the same...as Jesus
 - V. 11 - counsel of His will - STRONG PURPOSE & SOLID GROUND [Eph 1:11 NASB95] 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
 - In Him...today and tomorrow
 - IV. He has Accepted Us - [Eph 1:6 NASB95] 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
 - Literally...graced with grace or favored with favor
 - He has placed His favor upon us.
 - Not fair, makes no sense...

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- Romans 8:28 - because of favor [Rom 8:28 NASB95] 28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to [His] purpose.
- Joseph - coat of favor...doesn't matter who is against...favor will make a place for you.

Conclusion:

- Ephesians 1:18-19 - know it, working in us [Eph 1:18-19 NASB95] 18 [I pray that] the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. [These are] in accordance with the working of the strength of His might
- If we don't know what He did for us, it will not do us any good in this life.

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Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

Proverbs 10:22

The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

Ephesians 1:11

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Ephesians 1:18-19

18 ...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power