

Sermon Topic: "God is So Good"
OR "Guess what's in store
FOR YOU

Sermon Text: EPHESIANS 1: 1-9

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Let Me Share Some Good News
With You "God is So Good And
His Grace So Wonderful" And
His Mercy ENDURETH FOREVER"

~~But I Ask, Guess what's in
Store For You? If You Are a
Member of His Family~~

Lets Pray

Guess what's in store for you
if you belong to the family of God
~~if you belong to the family of God~~

If you have your Bible, I
would ask you to open it to
the Epistle written by Paul to the
Ephesians and find Chapter 1
Verse 7 / Our text is Verse 1-9

There is a statement in v. 7
that blesses my heart each time
I read it. Here it is:

"According to the Riches of
His Glory"

Now if you will read before
and after Verse 7, you'll find
that it's "God's Blessing" that
we are talking about =

In Verse 3, Paul says: "Those who
are saved / called "Sants" in v. 1
have God's promise of "Being
blessed, with ALL Spiritual
Blessing in Heavenly Places
with Christ"

Let me tell you, I don't know
about you, but that excites me!

I can't begin to imagine all
that speaks of, but it has
to be wonderful!

You see Paul had ~~had~~ an
experience that few ever had!

The Bible says that this man
was allowed to see into the
Heavens, and to hear things
that were in store for the
"Saints" or the Saved. =
(you can verify that in 2 Cor. 12
Verses 2-4)

Let me tell you, Paul knew what
he was talking about! He knew
about things we can only imagine.

Paul was not led to talk about
what he had seen or heard!
But he could tell us that great
things were in store for the
Saints, the Saved!

2/1^{new} What would you think this man
is talking about? // What would
you say the "Spiritual Blessings"
were?

It could be Peace // Security //
Pardons or Adoption // Oh but
Listen, if you belong to the
family of God, you have 3
of the Above, and you have
all 4 //

But Paul says: "All" Spiritual
Blessings // Not just 3 or 4 -

Oh my soul, that's exciting to me

In Ephesians 1:4 Paul uses the
word "Chosen" // It means "Picked
out" // Selected //

This speaks of the fore knowledge
of God // You see God knew from
before time was, the name of
everyone who would accept His
Son as Savior -

This does not mean God chose those who would be saved, but that He "chose" to bless those who would be saved = //

It means before there was time, God chose to bestow His blessings on them. Not a few, but all of them. //

Oh listen if you are a sinner (a saved person) you need to believe

Let me tell you "God does not work on the spur of the moment as we do. He had it all worked out before we were = //

Paul is telling us that God loved "this is what I'm going to do" I don't have to, but I choose too" That's called "Grace" Beloved //

And Paul went on to say: "God took pleasure in doing it"

3/ Don't we have a wonderful God
And isn't He worthy of our
Love / Worship / And Commitment 3/

Oh But listen, Verse 9 Says; To
the Saint: "your sins are
Forgiven // They are covered
By the blood of Jesus" //

And
Here is the Promise that we will
Not have to pay the debt God
Resumed for forgiveness of our
sins = // Jesus did it // And He
agreed to do it "before the foundation
of the earth" // (And you glad
Jesus did it) // you see He
was the only one who could //

Let me tell you:
Jesus bore a debt He did not owe /
a debt we could never pay =

It was the only way / And Jesus
did it "According to the riches
of His Grace" Not because He
had to / But because God chose to.
That's Grace

If you will read this carefully
you will see again and again
that Jesus was and is included
in "all these spiritual blessings"

This blessing God "chose"
to bestow, "According to the
Riches of His Grace"

Notice ^{AGAIN} how often Jesus is
mentioned by Paul. Let me tell
you "Just being with Jesus
will be blessing enough for
me" - Just know that one
day, I'll look at His Grace,
"The One who saved me by His
Grace"

One day
I'll see His hands // His feet //
His side // I'll also see His brow -
and the scars from the crown
of thorns.

"That will be glory beyond"
that will be a "spiritual blessing"
if that were all, it would
be enough.

4/ Oh But Listen "God had a Plan"
And it is a workable one

Writing to Timothy Paul said:

"Not According to our works/
But According to His own
purpose or plan // And 2 Tim.

1:9 Says: "It was Planned before
the world began" //

Paul also wrote, "In the fullness
of time" // when every thing was just
Right // God began to Bless in
a very unusual way // And it was
"According to the Riches of His
Grace" //

Oh listen,
The older I get, the more excited
I get because each day brings
me nearer to the day when I
will know first hand what
Paul meant when he wrote:

"The Saints will be blessed
with all spiritual blessings
in heavenly places"

Writing to the Corinthians Paul
said (And he was repeating Jesus)

"Eye hath not seen, Nor ear
heard, Neither hath ~~man~~
entered into the heart of
man the things God hath
prepared for them that love
him. (1 Cor. 2:9)

All we can do now is read
and wonder about "The Riches
of God's Grace" / But one day
we'll know = Amen

All we can do now is read
& wonder about "all those
Spiritual Blessings in Heavenly
Places" / But one day all the
wondering will be over // all
the questions will be answered //
"We'll be there"
with Jesus //

And we'll experience them
all - Does it excite you?
It sure does me //

⑤ Through the letter to the
Saints at Ephesus, Paul
Speaks of God's Blessing = of
How long it has been around //

He Reminds us that it ^{was} An Act
of Divine Grace or God's Power -
"Not that God had to do it,
But that He chose to do it" //

Let me ask, "Are you excited
about what you've heard?"
"Are you anxious to experience
all these Spiritual Blessings
in Heavenly places?" //

Oh listers, those who are members
of God's Family, called "Saints"
by Paul, have already been
Adopted into God's Family // We
have already become "Joint heirs"
with Jesus //

We've already tasted a
few Spiritual Blessings
here on this earth //

And let me tell you "I thank
God for what I've already
received" / I Am Overjoyed
By what I've already received //

I Praise God for the Blessing
of the Holy Spirit = / For God's
Word And the Promise of God
that Wisdom is mine For the
Asking - //

I Thank God for all the
Scriptures that Guarantee
me that God is on my side //
That what I've given to
God is safe. //

Let me tell you, "I count it a
"Spiritual Blessing" to know,
that God's Grace is
Sufficient to meet all my
Needs" / I have His Word as
a ~~promise~~ ~~to~~ ~~let~~
~~me~~ ~~down~~ And God's Not
Going To Let me Down

67 I cannot it a "Spiritual
Blessing" to have Gods Word
that "after I Believed, I
was Marked on Gods Property.

And Now I'm Blessed in
Reading from Gods Word that
"There are other Blessings God
has in store for me // And
not only for me, but for
all who have Believed and
have become members of
Gods Family // Adopted into
that Family = yet having
been given all the promises
of God //

all because of "The Riches
of Gods Grace" // Not because
God had to - // But because God
chose to = //

oh sisters, we have Gods Word
on it // And God has NEVER
gone back on His Word -

Right Now We Enjoy Pardon /
Redemption & Adoption / And
God wants us to have & Enjoy
Peace / And we can if we will
Accept His Word As we should //

This Peace God wants us to have
Goes Beyond Any we've ever
known / Do you have it? // Do you
want it? // If so, And you
are a member of God's Family
"Claim It" //

Oh Listen Beloved / What we
have now is wonderful / But
Paul says, "There is more" //

And it's to be found in
Heavenly places //

That place Steven was allowed
to look into / He said, "As men
were stoning him to death, //

"Behold, I see the heavens
opened up / And the Son of
man standing on God's bright
side" Acts 7:56

77 **Were talking About That Place**
Paul Saw, & "He called it Paradise,
And he heard things too marvelous
& wonderful to speak of"
(2 Cor. 12:4)

We're talking About That Place
John saw in the Spirit / So
Marvelous & So wonderful
that he had to use words like
"As tho" and **like unto** or
"As if it was"

Oh Listen, / **Am going there one**
day / And all that Paul
spoke of will be mine to enjoy
And I'll be there for you
to, if you are a member
of the Family of God.

How? / According to the riches
of His Grace **Because** "In the
fulfillment of time Jesus paid the
Price for our Redemption"

I say "Praise God"
~~Benedictus at these numbers 6:24-26~~

Let me Ask **Beloved**, **Do you have that Assurance?** // If so We invite you to make your way to this altar, where you can **Worship Yourself in Worship & Praise If you are loved & you know it, then come Commit your all to the Lordship of Christ.**

Is there anyone who does not have the Assurance, but wants it - **Then lift your hand Bright Now** - As these loved one Commit themselves to Jesus.

Let me tell you how to be loved

- ① **Admit that you are lost.**
- ② **Admit that you are a sinner.**
- ③ **Tell God I mess it, that you Confess your sins** Asking Him to Forgive you & blot them out.
- ④ **Believe in your heart that Jesus died for you - darkness your sins are His.**
- ⑤ **Believe that God Raised Jesus from the dead.**

⑥ Ask Jesus to save your soul
Inviting Him to take control
of your life - **And Believe
that He did!!**

If you've done all that and meant
it / God's word says, "**you will
be saved**"

If you did that, I want
to talk to you - ~~and~~
~~the Holy Spirit~~ ~~and~~ ~~want~~
~~talk~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ -

(Close with prayer after
asking those who asked
Jesus to save their souls,
left a hand, so we can
pray for them)

Prayer-