

In Him . . .

...Jesus the Christ, humanity (including YOU!), has been given the most mind-blowing and earth-shattering promises ever! That's Paul's claim as he writes out in one sentence, in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, one of the most beautiful portions of a love letter ever written to anyone, anywhere! EPHESIANS 3:1-14

Encouragingly, because of Who he is writing about, Jesus the Son of God made Man Who is fundamentally related to His Father, the Spirit, Humanity and all Creation in His Personal Being, it is a letter written to everyone, everywhere, impacting everything! The Father, through the Son and in the Spirit, addresses you and I through the Apostle Paul announcing to us seven wonderful and precious facts about ourselves

...IN CHRIST [the Anointed, or One Fully Baptized and Empowered in the Holy Spirit]...

Humanity has been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. V.2

Humanity was chosen before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him [the Father, Son and Spirit] in love. V.4

Humanity was destined for adoption as the Father's children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [Jesus Christ]. V.5-6

Humanity has redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. V.7-8a

Humanity knows, according to the wisdom and insight of the Father, the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. V. 8b-10

Humanity has obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. V.11-12

We are urged to be among those who believe these Truths RIGHT NOW so that we can actually experience them RIGHT NOW! V.13-14 (Who can experience the joy of a Gift received from a Giver if they don't believe they have received it? In this case the Gift and the Giver are one and the same to humanity – God the Father, Son and Spirit, through Jesus the Christ! Triune God is His own gift to us!)

By the way, in the first instance look away from yourself and see yourself having received these promises in Christ on your behalf! Don't spoil the Good News and turn these truths into something you and I need to do before we can have them! In these scriptures it is made absolutely clear that these promises FOR US have happened TO US, IN HIM. "HIM" is referring to Jesus the Christ, the Son of God as Man, and these promises were realized for

us IN HIM, Who did it to us IN HIS Life, Crucifixion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension
roughly 2000 years ago!

~ Tim Brassell