## Ephesians 1:3-14

- (1) <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every blessing of the Spirit in the heavenly realms in Christ,
- (2) because He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, [so that] we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons to Himself through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His [sovereign] will, for the praise of the glory of His grace, which [grace] He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved [Son],
- (3) 7 in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace 8 which [grace] He lavished on us.
- (4) In all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of His [sovereign] will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Him, <sup>10</sup> that is, to bring the plan of the ages to fulfillment; the resolution of all things in Christ, both things in the heavens and things on the earth in Him,
- (5) 11 in Whom we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works out all things according to the counsel of His [sovereign] will, 12 so that we who had already put our hope in Christ would be for the praise of His glory,
- (6) 13 in Whom you also, once you heard the message of truth—the gospel of your salvation—and in whom you also believed, you were then sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the down payment of our inheritance until the [final] redemption of [God's] possession, for the praise of His glory.