

Ephesians 1: 3- NIV "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4) For he chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love

5) He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will-

6) to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One he loves.

7) In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

8) that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

"Life" usually gets in the way of the really important stuff. Most of our days are spent doing what is necessary, fulfilling what is planned, and handling everything urgent so the pattern can be repeated in "tomorrows". We head for rest times exhausted, and emerge from them with little refreshment, falling back into the well-worn path of daily living with sighs of submission.

I have had the privilege of talking with people in their golden years, often hearing words of regret expressed when thinking of their lives. Most wish that they had enjoyed and embraced each day with the wonder that it really is, rather than letting it pass, waiting for a better one to come.

Today is very special, no matter what it presents to you. You have the incredible privilege of walking through it with your Lord, and those whom He has placed in it with you. Honor Him, and love them with His love. Let no fear, bitterness, anger, or hate ever spoil another moment of the time that the Lord has given you. In the light of eternity, the time wasted on anything but love and service for Him, mean nothing. You and I have the very breath of the Lord in each of us. Let's use every one of them to glorify His Name.

Needing to take time to be thankful for and enjoy what is important – Jim Corbett