## <u>"In Christ: To the Praise of His Glory"</u> <u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u>

Introduction: A word about these words

- <u>Verses 3-14</u> are one long, 202-word sentence in Greek!
- Eleven prepositional phrases point to Jesus Christ
- It's a doctrine-rich declaration of praise (cf. vv. 3, 6, 12, 14)
- 1. God the Father (vv. 4-6, 11-12)
  - a. Chose us before the creation of the world in Christ
  - b. Predestined us for adoption to sonship through Christ
  - c. Works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (purposed in and revealed by Christ)
- To the praise of his glorious grace!
- 2. Jesus Christ, the Son (vv. 7-10)
  - a. Redeemed us with his blood
  - b. Forgives us our sins
  - c. Reveals the mystery of God's will
  - d. Will bring unity to all things
- His blood changes us so that we, in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory!
- 3. <u>The Holy Spirit (vv. 13-14</u>)
  - a. Creates faith when the gospel is heard
  - b. Seals believers in Christ
  - c. Guarantees our inheritance with Christ
- To the praise of his glory!