



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Mission of God: The Trinity Reaching Us

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

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Mission of God

- A. The Mission of God is based on the nature, person, and community of the Triune God
- B. God's mission is to unify all things in the universe (earth and heaven) in Christ. Eph. 1:10
- C. The mission reaches us and then we the church are called to join in this mission.
- D. Ephesians 1 shows how we the church, are qualified to join God in His mission

Qualified by the Trinity

- A. The Trinity works together to qualify us to join God's mission
 - 1. In ourselves we are not qualified
 - 2. The three do not work independently
 - 3. Their work is not random but planned – 1:11b
 - 4. God works all things in our life – Rom 8:28?
- B. The work of the Father
 - 1. Blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly sphere **in Christ**
 - 2. Chose us **in him** to be holy and blameless
 - 3. Predestined us for adoption as sons **through Jesus Christ**

4. lavishing the riches of his grace upon us **in the Beloved**
 5. making known to us the mystery of his (Trinity) will which he set forth **in Christ**
- C. The work of Jesus Christ
1. redemption through his blood
 2. forgiveness of our trespasses
 3. richly pouring out (lavishing) his grace on us
- D. The work of the Holy Spirit
1. Sealed with the Holy Spirit
 1. After hearing and believing the word of truth
 2. The Holy Spirit is the seal signifying ownership and security
 3. The Holy Spirit keeps and preserves us until the day of redemption – Eph. 4:30
- E. The Holy Spirit is a down payment (deposit, guarantee, pledge) of our inheritance
1. We are given something now but there is more to come
 1. “already but not yet”
 2. we have inheritance that we enjoy today but the majority is still to come through our future resurrection and glorification
 2. We have the assurance of a coming inheritance because we are His sons – Rom. 8:16-17
- F. What else is the Spirit doing?
1. Empowering to participate in God’s mission – Acts 1:8
 2. Teaching – John 14:26
 3. Witnessing with our spirit that we are a child of God and heirs – Rom. 8:16-17
 4. Leading – Romans 8:14