

God's Distinguishing Love

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 15

Ephesians 1:5b-6

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⁴ because He chose us
¹ to be in Him
² before the foundation of the world,
³ for us to be holy and blameless before Him
in love,
⁵ predestining us
unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto Himself,
in accord with the good pleasure of His will,
⁶ unto the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us
in the Beloved One... [DJP]

Introduction: the loves of God

I. The _____ of God's Distinguishing Love (1:5b-6a)

A. The Primal Cause: "in accord with the good pleasure of His will" (1:5b)

1. *In accord with*
2. *Good pleasure of His will*
3. What does this mean to me?

B. The Final _____ (1:6a)

1. The words
2. The thought

II. The _____ of God's Distinguishing Love: _____ (1:6a)

A. It Is a Reality: "His Grace"

1. What *grace* is

Romans 4:4; 11:5-6

1Corinthians 15:10

Titus 2:11-12

2. How it is *glorious* (⁶“unto the praise of the **glory** of His grace”)

B. It Is An Action: He “Graced” Us

III. The _____ of God's Distinguishing Love (1:6b)

A. God's Love for _____

1. Limitless in *time*

John 17:24

1 Peter 1:20

2. Limitless in *extent*

John 1:18

Colossians 1:15

Hebrews 1:3a

B. God's Love for _____

1. Startling verses

John 17:24, 26

2. Thrilling truth