

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Newcastle Lunch time service – 20/2/2018.

Reading: Eph. 1: 1-14.

Text: Vv. 4-6

OUTLINE!

'THE AIM OF GOD'S ELECTING GRACE.'

Introduction:

- Review previous part of this part of God's Auto biography.-Verses 1-3. 'What's in a name'?
- The staggering list of those “*spiritual blessings*” every believer has “*in the heavenly places in Christ.*”
- It is divided into three parts to show how the Trinity is active in the work of initial and ongoing salvation.
 - i. Vv. 4-6, The work of God the Father.
 - ii. Vv. 7-12, The work of God the Son.
 - iii. Vv. 13-14, The work of God the Holy Spirit.
- The thing that really continues to blow my mind away is **WHEN.**
- Also, **WHY?** (Note how each section ends!)
- And then of course is the question, **WHAT** was the aim of it all?

1. Holiness. - V. 4

2. Adoption. - V. 5

3. Acceptance. - V.6

Where does this leave you and I today?

Rejoicing!?!? - Or -

Desiring God to be gracious to you so that you too might rejoice “in Christ”?

Your responsibility is to come now while you hear His voice. For He says, “*Come unto Me all you who are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest.*”

Amen!

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