**#2) …He Adopted Us!**

*4 …* ***In love****5****he predestined us for adoption*** *to sonshipthrough Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—6to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*   Ephesians 1:4b-6

**#3) …He Redeemed & Forgave Us!**

*7In him we have* ***redemption through his blood****, the* ***forgiveness of sins****, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,*  Ephesians 1:7-8

**#4) …He Revealed The Mystery Of His Will To Us!**

*9hemade known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*  Ephesians 1:9-10

**#5) …He Predestined Us!**

*11In him we were also chosen,* ***having been predestined****according to the plan of him who* ***works out everything*** *in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for* ***the praise of his glory****.* Ephesians 1:11-12

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

**In Christ, We Are Blessed Because…**

**#1)** …**He Chose Us!**

*4For* ***he chose us****in him* ***before the creation of the world****to be* ***holy and blameless****in his sight*. Ephesians 1:4

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