

Ephesians 1:3

“**Blessed** (to celebrate with praises = **the PRAISE OF OUR WEALTH**) **be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ** (God the Father be praised and worshiped – doctrine leads to doxology - when we discover Who God is and what He has accomplished for us in His Son, we cannot help but praise and bless His holy name – Ps. 103:1-2 = **the BESTOWER OF OUR WEALTH**), **who hath blessed us** (presently and perpetually – the Greek aorist tense – a past action with continuing results = **the STATEMENT OF OUR WEALTH**) **with all spiritual blessings** (all lifesaving and sanctifying treasures that can be defined as nonmaterial, invisible, imperishable, eternal - 2 Cor. 4:18 - and spiritual privileges or resources, which are possessed by every Christian in their present life, and which enables them to live an enriching, victorious and fulfilling life in relation to their spirits, minds, or bodies – “we are complete in him” – Col. 2:10 – “having nothing, and yet possessing all things” - 2 Cor. 6:10 – **the MEASURE OF OUR WEALTH**) **in heavenly places** (the heavenly or celestial realms as opposed to the earthly realm, a *physical* reference to the literal and local throne room of God’s presence where Christ is enthroned and dwells – “and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” or literally “the heavenlies” - Eph. 1:20, but from our human perspective “the heavenlies” is also a *spiritual* reference to an unseen or invisible world of supernatural and spiritual reality, which is occurring right now in Heaven for God hath “seated us with Him in heavenly places” as in Eph. 2:6 – according to God’s spiritual reckoning we are seated with Christ, related to Christ in Heaven, where we share Christ’s PLACE, POSITION, POSSESSIONS, PRIVILEGES, PERFECTIONS, and PROVISIONS for our salvation, sanctification, complete victory, authority, and all spiritual blessings! = **the PLACE OF OUR WEALTH**) **in Christ** (a spiritual location or place where the believer resides as they share Christ’s life in the heavenlies - our unalterable, unchanging, and everlasting position - a *POSITION* from whence all of our spiritual possessions and riches reside in view of our union or togetherness with Christ in the heavenlies – However, in *PRACTICE*, being in Christ is also a positional union that we

share with Christ and experience on an earthly level, as He lives within us on a moment-by-moment basis to sanctify our lives and share with us all of our heavenly blessings – Col. 1:27; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 3:17 **the POSITION OF OUR WEALTH**).