

The Pattern of the Blessing in Ephesians 1:3-14

1. Theme: Praising God
2. Motive of election
3. Motive of adoption as children
4. Motive of deliverance and forgiveness of sins
5. Motive of the unity of all things in Christ
6. Motive of sharing in his inheritance
7. Motive of the Holy Spirit as seal
8. Motive of the Holy Spirit as pledge of our inheritance and deliverance

Stanza 1

Strophe 1: Praising God

- 3** Blessed is the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places in Christ.

Strophe 2: Election

- 4** For he chose us in him
before the foundation of the world
that we should be holy and blameless
before him in love.

Strophe 3: Adoption

- 5** He predestined us for sonship
through Jesus Christ to himself
according to the pleasure of his will—
6 to the praise of the glory of his grace
that he has graced us in his beloved.

Stanza 2

Strophe 4: Deliverance and forgiveness of sin

- 7** In him we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of our offences,
according to the riches of his grace
8 that he lavished on us
in all wisdom and insight.

Strophe 5: Unity of all things in Christ

- 9** He made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in him,
10 for the plan for the fullness of the times,
to recapitulate all things in Christ

–the things in heaven and the things on earth.

Strophe 6: Sharing his inheritance

- 11** In him we have chosen, being predestined,
according to the purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will
- 12** so that we would be **to the praise of his glory.**
who were the first to hope in Christ

Stanza 3

Strophe 7: The Holy Spirit as seal

- 13** in him you also
when you heard the word of truth
the gospel of your salvation
in him believing you were sealed
with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit

Strophe 8: The Holy Spirit as pledge of our inheritance

- 14** who is the guarantee of our inheritance,
until the redemption of the possession,
to the praise of his glory.