

## Spiritual Blessings

With what joy the apostle Paul spoke of the spiritual blessings the Lord has conferred upon His people (Eph. 1:3), and high on the list is the electing of them in Christ before the foundation of the world and predestinating them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made them accepted in the Beloved. Also high on the list is the great love wherewith He loved them, bringing them from death in sins into divine light and life, in spite of the fact that they had, like all others of God's people before their spiritual birth, lived in the lusts of the flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, being, by nature, the children of wrath. Indeed! Indeed! How rich is God's mercy and how great is His love to and for His people! (See Eph. 2). Words cannot amply describe the richness and greatness of His mercies. He could have justly left them to die in their sins and to suffer eternal separation from Him in the pit of hell, but instead He bestowed unspeakable mercy upon them and prepared a place for them in a world of glorified saints where they will forever sing the joyful praises of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. What a glorious and delightful future is laid out for His children in that place which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world (Matt. 25:34).---Elder Ralph Harris