



Grace Place Ministry Sheet

This ministry sheet is a step by step guide for Grace Place Groups, Gatherings, and Churches. It can be used in a small group setting, adapted for larger groups, or used as a sermon outline for pastors and teachers.

FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE REPORTS:

Fellowship is an important part of Grace Place! Spend time fellowshiping and getting better acquainted with those attending. If it is just your family, spend this time listening to each other! Be sure to introduce any guest or first time attendees. Ask those attending to share a Praise Report of something good God has done during the week!

WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of all Grace Place events. Worshipping together can be a wonderful experience for everyone! Use those in the Group, or Gathering, that are musically inclined to lead, or use a Grace Place Worship CD and simply sing along! Encourage all to participate in worship, either by singing, or simply enjoying a time of worship.

BIRTLIFE BIBLE STUDY

Symbols to help you with your Birthlife Bible Study:

- BIRTHRIGHT

Truths that never change about...

1. The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright
2. The Birthright given to every Child of God

- EARTHLIFE


Truths for everyday living, while here on earth.

- BIRTLIFE

As you walk in your EARTHLIFE, and apply your BIRTHRIGHT, you will experience BIRTLIFE living!

YOU ARE BLESSED!

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Purpose: To discuss three meanings derived from the word “bless”, in Ephesians 1:3,  and how they apply to our lives.

Scripture Verses: Ephesians 1:3

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”

Overview: Ephesians, chapter one, is filled with Birthright truths. In verse three we have the opportunity to see how the word “bless” is used in three powerful ways, each with a life changing purpose.


1. BLESSED! Who God Is.

Ephesians 1:3a *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

The first “blessed” refers to WHO GOD IS. In the Greek, it means “adorable”. In other words, God is worthy to be adored. It also means “to be extremely fond of, to have loving admiration for, and to be extremely charming.” *“Adorable be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...”* is how this would read with the Greek meaning in place.

- How does this information affect your perception of God?
- Does the word “adore” seem more personal than “bless”?
- How will this help you worship God?


2. BLESSED! What God Says.

 Ephesians 1:3b “*who has blessed us...*”

The second “blessed” refers to WHAT GOD SAYS. In the Greek, this “blessed” means “to speak well of, to thank, to invoke a benediction, to prosper”. All of these meanings have to do with what God says about us!

- Try putting some of these meanings in the text of this verse.
- How does it make you feel, to know that God speaks well of you?
- Read Matthew 25:34. When was the Kingdom prepared for you?
- Look at the verb in this verse? When did He bless you? When did He speak well of you?

3. BLESSING! How God Gives.

 Ephesians 1:3c “*every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*”

The final “blessing”, refers to HOW GOD GIVES. In the Greek, it means “commendation, adoration, benefit, largeness, bountiful, fair speech”. Now, read these words with the words “every spiritual” in front of each one. For example: Who has blessed us with every spiritual commendation in the heavenly places.

- Name some of your Spiritual Blessings.
- Do the Spiritual Blessings from God seem real to you?
- How can they become more real in your life?
- Read Hebrews 11:1. According to this verse, what will help make our Spiritual Blessings more real?



Birthlife Conclusion: God wants you to experience your Birthlife, found in Jesus Christ. When life seems to crash in, consider for a few moments, WHO GOD IS, WHAT GOD SAYS, and HOW GOD GIVES. He is worthy to adore, He has already spoken a permanent and continual blessing over you, and He has given you every spiritual blessing, stored in heaven for you to use now in your Birthlife. **YOU ARE BLESSED!**

PRAYER AND/OR MINISTRY TIME

Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and follow as He directs.

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