

July 18, 2021  
**“Because We Are Chosen”**  
**(Ephesians 1:3-14)**

The New York Times: There is \_\_\_\_\_ dollars of unclaimed inheritances worldwide!

God has abundant \_\_\_\_\_. He is waiting to give His children!

By His very nature, God is abundantly \_\_\_\_\_.

Living in ignorance of our \_\_\_\_\_ blessings is as useful as burying a bag of \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground and never using it.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our blessings, thank God for them, and \_\_\_\_\_ these blessings as the foundation of our lives!

This is the \_\_\_\_\_ to living without **anxiety, fear, poor self-image, envy, greed and hopelessness!**

**Word List**

**\$47.1 billion**

gifts

recognize

**claim**

gold

spiritual

**generous**

key

First of all.....

**1.- We are blessed that we have been Chosen !**

The words “*In Christ*” appears 10 times in the book of Ephesians.

What does it mean that we are chosen?

It means you are valued ! You are loved ! It means that God has a purpose for you!

With God, there are no grandchildren, no stepchildren, no illegitimate children, because each of us is a child of God “*In Christ* !”

There is great joy in a feeling of “chosenness !”

**2.- We are blessed when we realize that our sins are Forgiven !**

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The wrongs we have done are our primary source of our feelings of failure and unworthiness.

Do we understand the freedom and joy that comes from hearing that your debts have been paid in full?

Sometimes the hardest person to forgive is ourselves !

**3.- We are blessed when we realize that we are not Trapped by what has happened in the Past !**

Many of us get stuck because we remember and relive old, painful memories.

It is God who defines us, not we ourselves, not our friends and family!

When God defines our life, he doesn't look at our past . He looks at our possibilities ! He looks at our potential !

He looks at what we could be once we find our life in Christ!

You have been chosen ! You have been forgiven ! You are no longer trapped by the past!

You are, of all people, blessed !

**Let this be the day that you find your identity, your purpose, and your future in Christ!**