



## ***“Gemstones of Grace on God’s Golden Cord.1”***

**THE TRANSFORMED LIFE** • part 2  
*Ephesians 1:3-6*

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### INTRODUCTION

- real gold...eternal glory
- opening observations: Eph. 1:3-14
  - + nature of the content
  - + source of the content
  - + form of the content

### *1. The Father is greatly blessed. (1:3)*

- a “good word” about God Himself
- a “good word” about the recipients of God’s work
- a “good word” about the nature of God’s work

Ezk. 34:26; Jms. 1:17

### *2. The Father chooses those whom He will redeem. (1:4)*

- God “choosing”

Neh. 9:7; Is. 41:8; Deut. 10:15

- why include this controversial doctrine?

- the bookends of God’s choosing

Col. 1:22;  
Eph. 2:10; Lev. 11:44

### *3. The Father adopts those whom He redeems. (1:5)*

- “having been predestined to adoption”

Ps. 87

- crossovers from Roman laws governing adoptions
  - + released from obligations toward the natural father
  - + acquired all legal rights...including inheritance
  - + assuming the family name and status

Philemon; Gal. 3:26-29

- no sterile doctrine establishes the adoption process

Phil. 2:13

### *4. The Father is greatly glorified. (1:6)*

Ps. 63:3