

All spiritual blessing (2/6/22)

Sermon Description: An online trend going around is “Tell me without telling me.” Basically, you don’t state that you are a pet owner, or taco lover, or parent, or overly emotional. Instead you share something visible which demonstrates it. The passage we’re in is, arguably, the best in the Bible at telling people (1) God is great, (2) God’s actions (salvation!) are critical, and (3) We are the beneficiaries of his greatness and salvation (grace!). How can you tell them without telling them about God’s great salvation? Just show them Eph. 1!

Main Passage: Ephesians 1:3-14

Title: All spiritual blessing

Topics: Character of God > Goodness of God

Tags: chosen, predestined, adoption, redemption

Questions to consider:

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- Of the blessings mentioned, which resonated with you most deeply? Would you have time right now to thank and praise God for that?

Week #4

“Tell me without telling me” trend

Introduction: Again?! Round 3 of 3 in this passage...then, I promise, we’ll move on!

Ephesians 1:3–14

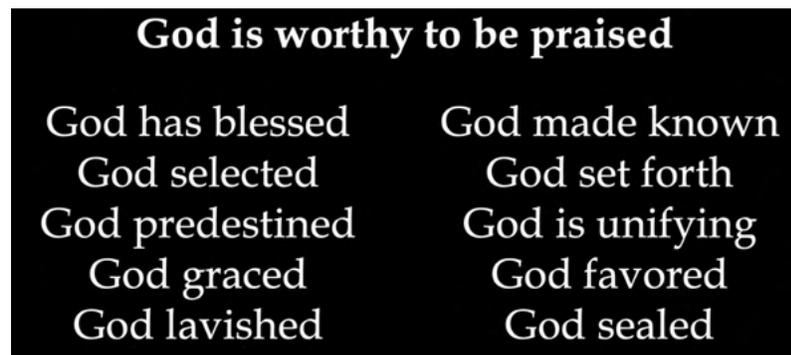
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Week #1: Introduction to the book of Ephesians

Week #2: (Week 1 of 3 in Eph. 1:3-14) I'm okay in Jesus. A study of the expression "In Christ."

Week #3: (Week 2 of 3 in Eph. 1:3-14) Great is our God! Don't unsee him.



Jackie Hilly Perry: If God is holy, then he can't sin. If God can't sin, then he can't sin against me. If he can't sin against me, shouldn't that make him the most trustworthy being there is?

This week we will retrace our steps from last week. But, instead of looking at the subject (God) and verbs (God's actions), we will focus on all of the qualifiers of his work. How does God act? What means does he utilize? To whom are these actions directed? What are the impact of God's actions on that group? This will take us into deeper waters...but, if we hang in there, God will show us deeper truths about who he is and all he has done.

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How has God blessed?

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2. All blessing spiritual (Holy Spirit) in the heavens
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Ephesians 1:4 ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

How has God selected?

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2. In Him before foundation of world
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Ephesians 1:5-6a In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—⁶to the praise of his glorious grace...

How has God predestined?

1. Us
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3. According to the good purpose of his will
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Ephesians 1:6b ...which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

How has God graced?

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Ephesians 1:8 ...⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

How has God lavished (grace)?

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Ephesians 1:9b-10a ...which he purposed in Christ ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—

How has God set forth (his good purpose)?

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Ephesians 1:10b ...to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

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How has God favored (lotted) and predestined?

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2. Those who exist/are for the praise of glory—us, the first to hope in Christ

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How has God sealed?

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When we walk through the **QUICK RECAP** sections, we see God! “Tell me without telling me how great your God is.” Ephesians 1!!!!

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God is worthy to be praised!!

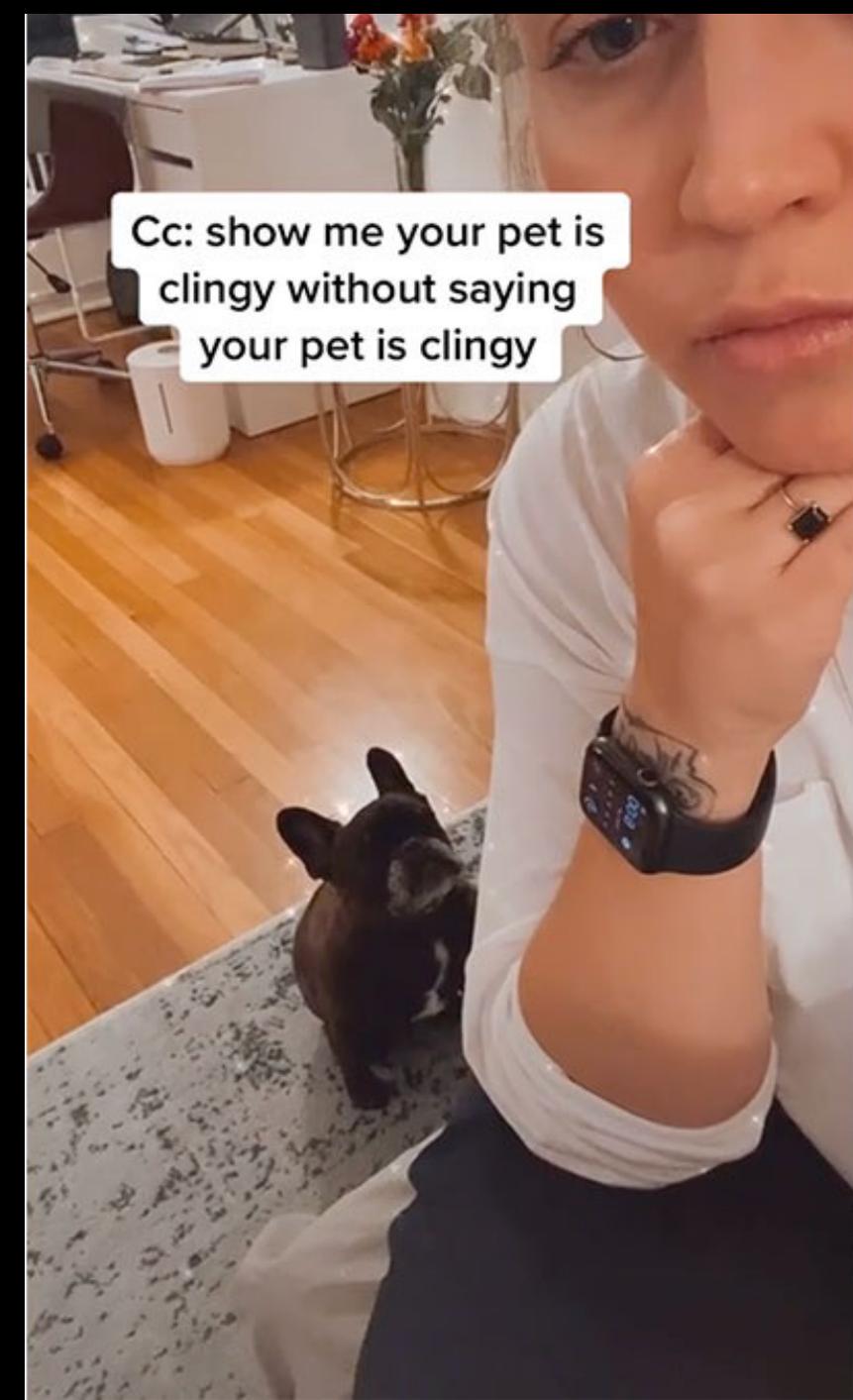
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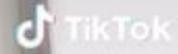
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A close-up photograph of a woman wearing a black wig with red and green hair highlights. She is wearing glasses and has a nose ring. The background shows a kitchen with wooden cabinets and a sign that says "Pepsi".

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Ephesians

Week 1 of 3: In Christ

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Week 2 of 3: God is worthy to be praised

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Jackie Hill Perry - Holier Than Thou

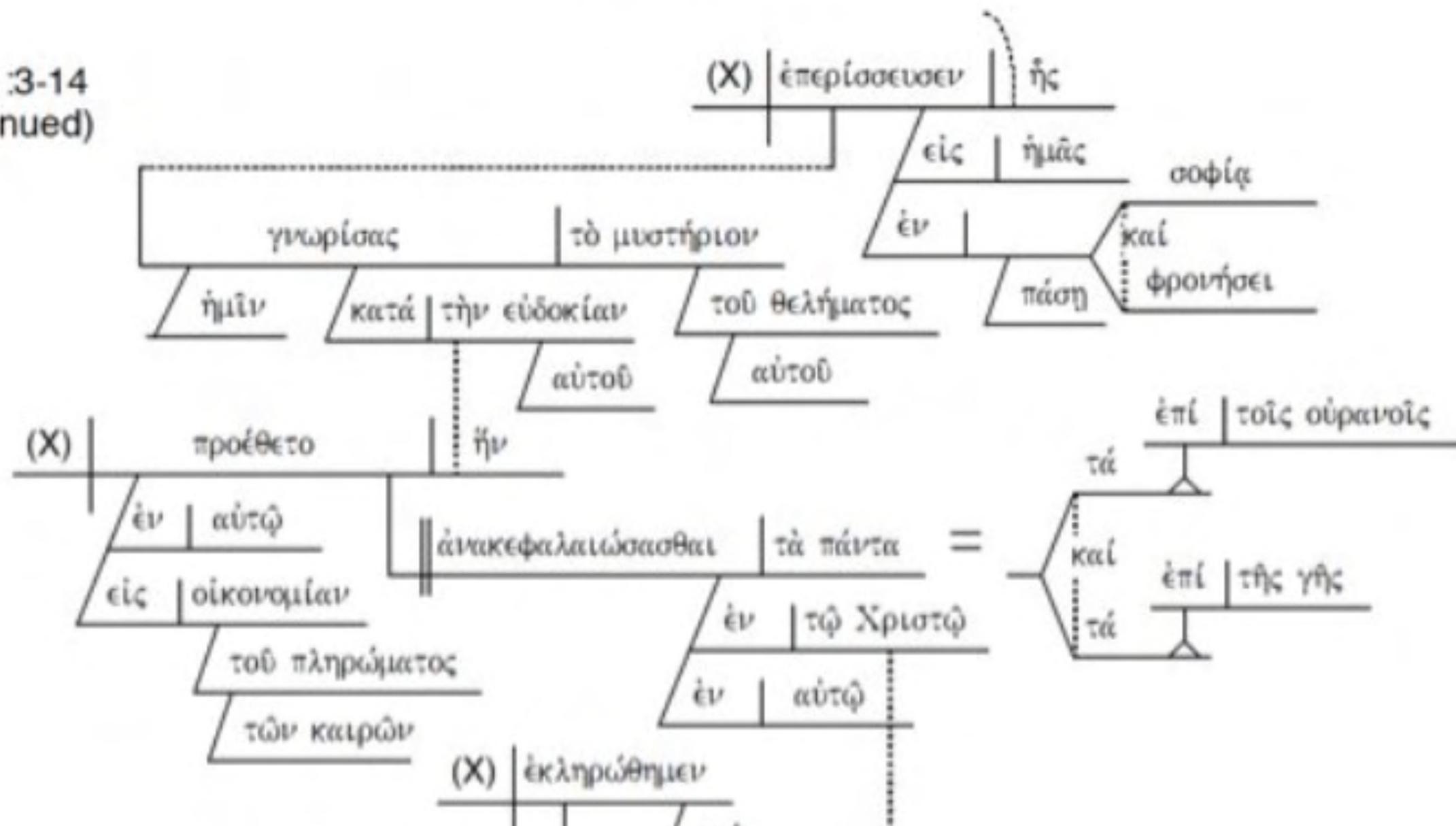


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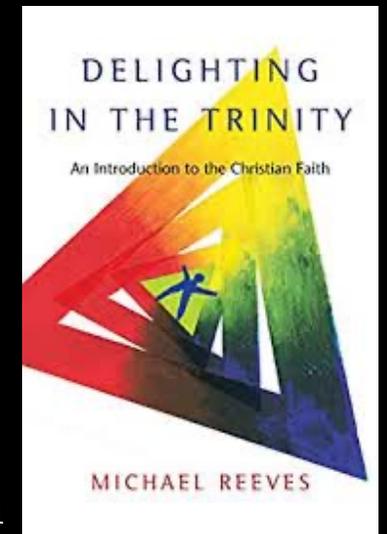
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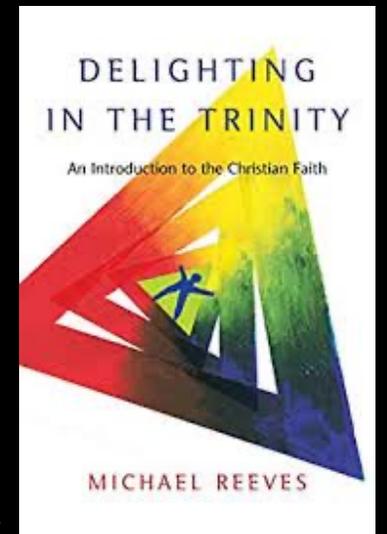
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