"Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our Salvation" (Psalm 68:19)

Those words spoken by King David, reflect our testimony to the goodness of God this Thanksgiving in 2011.

2 Cor. 9:15 – ***2 Corinthians 9:15***
Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

The ultimate gift, the most sacrificial gift, the most costly gift was that of God giving His Son, so that we might have the gift of eternal life!
"Unspeakable" – Indescribable;

"Thanks be to God!"
Ephesians 1:1-6

***God is worthy of our praise (blessing) because of what He has done for us in Christ.**

What has God done for every Christian?

I. He <u>BLESSED</u> Us (v. 3)

A. The <u>Amount</u> of our blessings - "All"

B. The <u>Quality</u> of our blessings - "Spiritual blessings"

C. The <u>Location</u> of our blessings - "In heavenly places"

D. The <u>Source</u> of our blessings - "in Christ"

II. He <u>CHOSE</u> Us (v. 4)

A. The <u>Plan</u> of God's Choosing - "in Him"

B. The <u>Time</u> of God's Choosing - "before the foundation of the world"

C. The <u>Goal</u> of God's Choosing - "that we should be holy and without blame before Him"

III. He <u>ADOPTED</u> Us (v. 5-6)

A. The <u>Pre-determined Plan</u> of our Adoption - "having predestined us"

B. The <u>Means</u> of our Adoption - "by Jesus Christ . . . in the beloved"

C. The <u>Motive</u> of our Adoption - "the good pleasure of His will"

D. The <u>End Result</u> of our Adoption - "to the praise. . . of His grace"

"<u>How to Observe Thanksgiving</u>"

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.