

Blessed Beyond Measure!

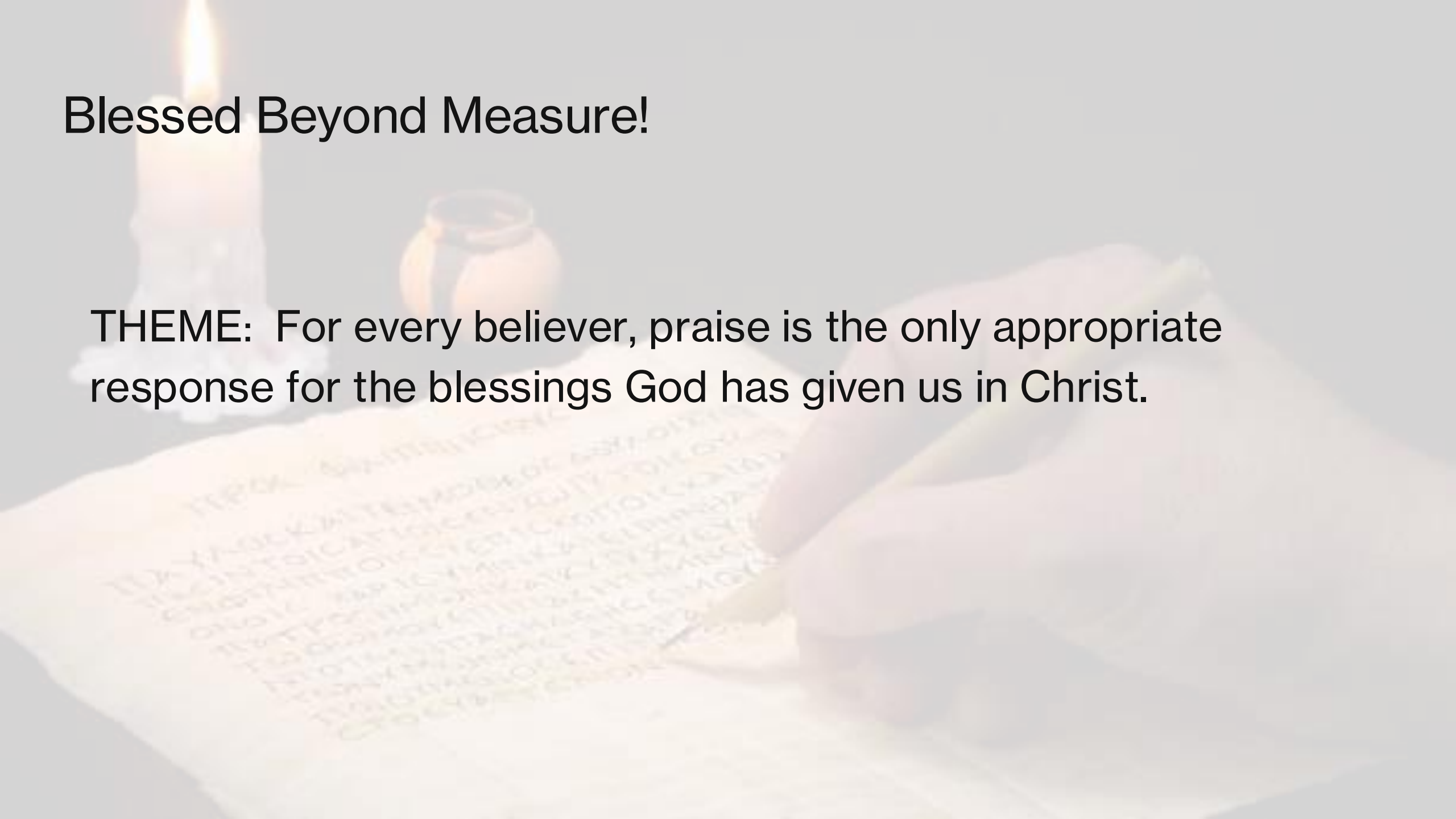
Ephesians 1:3-14

Letters of Paul
Sojourners Fellowship



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THEME: For every believer, praise is the only appropriate response for the blessings God has given us in Christ.



Some Initial Observations

- Verses 3-14 form just one sentence in the Greek
- This passage is filled with expressions of praise
- The passage is challenging to outline
- Paul opens with with an exclamation of praise to God (3)
- The reason for our praise: God has blessed us (3b)
- Aspects of God's blessing of us
 - We received His blessings at the moment of salvation
 - He has given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
 - We receive them in Christ



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1. Election (4)
 - a. The reality of God's sovereign choice
 - i. God chose us, we didn't choose Him
 - ii. Election is individual and personal
 - iii. Election is in Christ
 - iv. Election is unconditional
 - b. God's purpose in election (4b)



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1. Election (4)
2. Adoption (4c-5)
3. Grace (6)
4. Redemption (7a)
5. Forgiveness (7b-8)
6. Revelation of His Will (8b-10)
7. Inheritance (11-12)
8. Sealed with the Spirit (13-14)

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Some Final Observations

1. The centrality of the work of Christ, “in Him”
2. All is for the praise of His glory
3. These blessings form the foundation for the rest of Paul’s letter
4. Praise God for the incomparable gift of His Son!