

LOVING BENEDICTION

Ephesians 6:21-24

I. God's benediction is His declaration of saving blessedness in Christ.

II. God's benediction is His declaration of saving blessedness to those who love Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How does Paul end every single one of his letters? How do we end every single one of our worship services?
2. Is a benediction a wish or a prayer? If not, what is it? Where in the Old Testament do we see this?
3. What are the three saving blessings that Paul declares in vv. 23-24? What do they mean, and has Paul spoken about them before in this letter?
4. Who is God's benediction for?
5. Thinking back upon everything we have seen in Ephesians, what is one truth that has particularly impacted you from this letter?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is my typical posture during the benediction? Do I sense the gravity of what is taking place?
2. Do I know and delight in the peace, love, and grace of God in the gospel of Jesus Christ?
3. Am I a Christ-lover? What does my lifestyle reveal about my love for Christ?