

studies from  
**EPHESIANS**

**How Great is Our God**

**1:1-14**

**1.** Pastor Kurt discussed the fact that the phrase “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. . .” (vs 1:3) was a declaration of fact rather than a directive to praise God. How does knowing that God’s good and loving nature is unchangeable affect your worship of Him?

**2.** In God’s good and loving nature He has “blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” Verses 4-14 go on to list some of these spiritual blessing. Read through these verses and list the spiritual blessings that you discover in the space below. (WARNING, please do not get caught up in a lengthy discussion concerning election and predestination other than how they are a blessing to you personally.)

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**3.** Discuss which of these blessings means the most to you personally and why.

**4.** Re-read the passage once more and list below all the words and phrases that describe the generosity and goodness of God in bestowing these spiritual blessing upon us.

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**5.** How does the list above and the following verses work to encourage you in your understanding of God’s faithfulness?

**Romans 8:31–32**

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

**6.** Verse 14 tells us that God has given us the Holy Spirit as a pledge. The word pledge means something very similar to our concept of earnest money. Discuss what this means concerning God’s intention of redeeming us.