

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of November 22nd

*\*\*Last week's sermon can be found at [gbcmt.org/sermons](http://gbcmt.org/sermons) or on the GBC App*

1. What does the Thanksgiving holiday typically look like for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Read 1 Peter 1:1-2. Peter addresses his letter to those “who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God.” As Pastor Bryan explained, what is the difference between foreknowledge and foresight? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. In Pastor Bryan’s sermon he said, “you will never understand salvation if you don’t understand the total depravity of man.” What does “total depravity” mean (see Eph 2:1-3)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Read Eph 1:5 and Gal 4:1-6. Do you see yourself as an adopted child of God? What affect should embracing this truth have on our lives? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Society is fixated with talk about self-esteem and self-worth. Where does the Christian’s self-worth and sense of significance come from? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Pastor Bryan said, “The ultimate goal in God’s choosing us and adopting us is that we would recognize His grace – [this] brings glory to God.” How can a faulty view of salvation rob God of glory? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Read Rom 6:15-23. What is a “slave of righteousness?” \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19 and Rev 5:9. What was the cost of your redemption? How should this motivate you in the Christian life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. In Eph 1:13-14, what does it mean to be “sealed with the Holy Spirit?” \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. During this holiday season, how can you remind yourself to be thankful for your salvation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sermon Prep:

Read Colossians 3 and Ephesians 4

## THE ULTIMATE REASON FOR THANKFULNESS

Ephesians 1:3-14

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“The Ultimate Reason for Thankfulness.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Jesus had a masterful way of “boiling” issues down to the what?
2. The ultimate reason for thankfulness is what?
3. What verses of Scripture are all one sentence and are some of the most profound verses in all of Scripture?
4. What does the word, “blessed” in Ephesians 1:3 mean?
5. When this section of Scripture is properly understood and digested, the proper response is what?
6. What are the blessings that Paul tells us about in Ephesians 1?
7. Many wrongfully believe that God wants us to be what?
8. All spiritual blessings are ours because of our what?
9. Paul blessed God because he was so overwhelmed that God had done what?
10. What are three references that Pastor Bryan refers to that show that God chose us?

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11. Is God's choice based upon foresight or foreknowledge?
12. What does the word, "foreknowledge" mean?
13. What is the purpose to God's election?
14. You will never understand salvation if you don't understand what?
15. We are totally depraved, which means we are what?
16. What word not only describes our relationship to God, but also our position?
17. God predestined us, which means what?
18. Why is there so much talk in the church about self-worth and self-esteem?
19. What is the ultimate goal in God's choosing us and adopting us?
20. Because we are in Christ, we are totally and completely what?
21. The basis upon which He does accept you is because you are what?
22. What word was a common word used for the release of slaves and prisoners?
23. What word described the process of purchasing and setting free by paying a price?
24. Before you became a Christian (in Christ) you were a slave to what?
25. What resulted from the redemption in Christ?
26. On the Day of Atonement, what did the high priest do with the two goats?
27. How many of our sins were forgiven when we were saved?
28. God forgives according to the what?
29. What does the death of Christ affect?
30. According to Ephesians 1:11, because we are in Christ, we have what?
31. What is the goal of our salvation?
32. When we place our trust in Christ, what does the Holy Spirit do?
33. What does it mean to be sealed with the Spirit?
34. What is the implication of believing that one can lose his/her salvation or he/she can end up forfeiting his/her salvation?
35. What is a second concept that "sealing" carries with it?
36. A third implication of being sealed is what?
37. What is a fourth implication of the act of sealing?
38. The concept of being sealed communicates the idea of a what?
39. What does the word, "earnest", "pledge", or "guarantee" mean?
40. Why has God done all of this for us?