

Ephesians 1:3-11 (NLT) (Feel free to use your own Bible version)

3 All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. 4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5 God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. 6 So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. 8 He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. 9 God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. 10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. 11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

1. Read through above passage of the Bible
2. Now “**Call out**” (pray in your mind) to the Holy Spirit, ask Him to guide you into all truth and to reveal Jesus to you. As mentioned, only the Holy Spirit can open up the Bible to make it living.
3. Re-read the above passage slowly, and “**Search** for the treasure”
 - what stands out? What jumps out of the page at you, that you are drawn to?
 - what did this mean in the context it was written?
 - what is it saying?
 - what does it mean to me today?
4. Ask the Holy Spirit what He wants to say to you today from this “treasure” He has highlighted.
5. “**Accept**” what the Bible is saying and that God is for you, and wants to bring enrichment and life to you. What may this look like, especially when we read things in the Bible that we may find hard?
6. Finally, “**Apply**” the Word of God - don’t just hear the Word, but do it ([James 1:22-25](#)).
 - How can this passage change my life?
 - My attitudes? My values?
 - My relationships?
 - My plans?
 - My relationship with God?