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		Spirit our salvation.
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		all things in Christ (v. 10).
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		ours.
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		vital to our witness to the world.
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		(v. 19).
	0	The world must hear, believe, and confess that is!
	0	Have you?

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- <u>Praising</u> the Father for the <u>Blessings</u> of Christ (vv. 1-14)
 - Paul begins by praising God the Father for the sacred truth of <u>election</u>. (vv. 3-6)
 - Election is God's <u>sovereign</u> plan and decree for saving broken people by the sacrifice of His Son.
 - Salvation isn't by random <u>chance</u> or human <u>choice</u>, but by God's free grace.
 - Yet people are still <u>responsible</u> for responding to the gospel. (v. 13)
 - The Father <u>decreed</u> our salvation, the Son <u>secured</u> our salvation, the Spirit <u>seals</u> our salvation.
 - The salvation of sinners is a means to an even greater reality, the <u>summing</u> up of all things in Christ (v. 10).
 - We are God's <u>inheritance</u>, and the renewed world with God as its center will be ours.
 - The Holy Spirit is the present <u>down payment</u> of our future inheritance.
 - The Spirit-filled <u>church</u> is the sign to the world that Jesus is Lord and therefore vital to our witness to the world.
- <u>Prayer</u> for Perception of the <u>Position</u> of Christ
 - Notice that authentic <u>faith</u> in Christ results in genuine <u>affection</u> for His church. (v. 15)
 - In verse 16 Paul moves from <u>adoration</u> to <u>intercession</u>.
 - Paul prays that believers would know the hope of His calling, the riches of His inheritance, and the greatness of God's <u>power</u>. (vv. 18-19)
 - With the resurrection of Jesus, God demonstrated His power over <u>death</u> itself. (v. 20)
 - That power is given to Christ (v.21-22) and it is available to His people today (v. 19).
 - The world must hear, believe, and confess that <u>Jesus</u> is <u>Lord</u>!
 - Have you?