



**New Sermon Series:
Blessed to be a Blessing
July 31 - Aug. 28**

- July 31: Blessed to be a Blessing**
- Aug. 7: Youth Deputation/Roatán Mission Trip Sunday**
- Aug. 14: Trainee Sunday**
- Aug. 21: 1 Service Sunday & Back to School Party**
- Aug. 28: Taste of Alpha**

Today we are beginning a sermon series looking at the truth that we are BLESSED to be a Blessing! Following the worship services, our prayer team will be offering prayer for anyone wishing to receive a blessing or needing prayer for any need. For the next 4 Sundays -we'll be highlighting ways that our West Side church family was "blessed to be a blessing" this past summer. We'll be hearing from folks who participated on mission trips and deputation trips on Aug. 7. Then on Aug. 14 we'll hear about our trainee program! On Sunday Aug. 21, we'll be actually be going on mission, w/our annual "Back to School" carnival for the families of Marcus Whitman School. And then the last Sunday in August, we'll be hearing about the blessing of the Alpha program! Don't miss being encouraged by your sisters and brothers!

SERMON NOTES - Ephesians 1:1-10

Introduction: How blessed do you feel? No matter how we feel – if we are in Christ - we are spiritually blessed!

- I. 3 ways we are blessed:
 - A. We were c_____ by God to be holy and blameless
 - B. We are a_____ by God because He loves us!
 - C. We know the m_____ of God's final plan for our lives and for this world

- II. We are blessed to be a blessing!
 Jesus' example and commands: Jesus modeled blessing others. He calls His followers to be s_____ and light – sharing His love with those who don't know Him.
 - III. When we bless others – we are also b_____!

 - A. God made us to enjoy life more when we bless others: We feel good; we build relationships; we are more healthy; we feel grateful; we are more likely to receive help when we need it; we have more meaning in life.

 - B. We can spend our life on this world and our own entertainment, or we can invest our life for e_____ significance.

- IV. 2 simple ways to be a blessing:
 - A. Write a note to someone or ???? Lots of ways to bless others!

 - B. Pray for someone – or get prayer for yourself