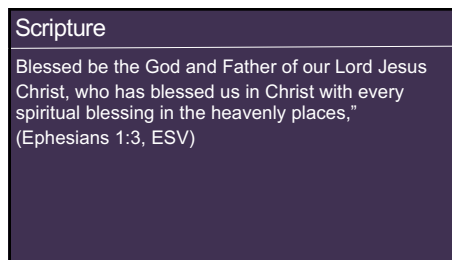




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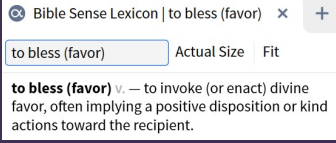


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meaning of the word, bless



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Bible Sense Lexicon | to bless (favor)". Below the title bar, there is a search bar containing "to bless (favor)" and two buttons: "Actual Size" and "Fit". The main content area displays the definition: "to bless (favor) v. — to invoke (or enact) divine favor, often implying a positive disposition or kind actions toward the recipient."

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Point

1. Christ has blessed us to be eternally blameless

he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him," (Colossians 1:22, ESV)

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Point

2. Christ blessed us by choosing us before we were even born to be saved

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." (2 Thessalonians 2:13, ESV)

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Point

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:11–14, ESV)

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Point

3. Christ blessed us above all levels of demonic influences and forces

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 3:7–10, ESV)

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REFLECTION

We have been blessed in Christ to have dominion over every demonic influence that we will ever face in our lives.

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