

YOUR GREAT GOD

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Primary Text: Ephesians 1:1-14

Introduction: There Are Two Kinds of Believers

There are believers who **believe**, and believers who don't truly act on what they believe.

There are believers who:

- Take what God has provided—and those who don't.
- Stay “around” the things of God—and those who go “in.”
- Know God's promises—and those who actually possess them.

Key Thought: *“God said it, I have it, it is mine.”*

Faith isn't merely knowing what God has promised. **Faith takes possession of what God says belongs to you.**

1. KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST: Ephesians 1:1–2

- Paul addresses the believers as **saints**.
- The believer's identity shouldn't primarily be built around sin, guilt, failure, or unworthiness.
- Through Christ: You are a saint. You have been sanctified. You have been cleansed. You belong to God.
- Receive Grace and Peace

2. YOU ARE ALREADY BLESSED: Ephesians 1:3

- God “has blessed us with every spiritual blessing...”
- The believer isn't merely waiting to become blessed someday.
- Your blessing isn't based on: Your performance. Your perfection. How hard you've worked. Whether you've earned it

3. YOU WERE CHOSEN BY GOD: Ephesians 1:4–5

- God's plan for His people wasn't an afterthought.
- Those who are in Christ would be: Chosen. Holy. Without blame. Adopted into God's family.

4. YOU ARE ACCEPTED AND BELOVED: Ephesians 1:6

- One of the biggest obstacles believers face is feeling unworthy to approach God.
- God has accepted you in Christ.

5. YOU ARE REDEEMED AND FORGIVEN: Ephesians 1:7

- Our redemption comes **through the blood of Jesus**.

6. GOD'S ENTIRE PLAN CENTERS ON CHRIST: Ephesians 1:8–10

- God had a plan from the beginning, and **Christ is at the center of that plan**.
- The believer must learn to see himself or herself the way God does: In Christ.

7. YOU HAVE AN INHERITANCE: Ephesians 1:11–14

- God hasn't simply saved you from something.
- He has given you an inheritance in Christ.

8. TAKE POSSESSION OF YOUR INHERITANCE BY FAITH

- Don't merely know what Scripture says. Believe it. Receive it. Say it. Take it as yours.

9. HAVE BOLDNESS TO BELIEVE YOU RECEIVE: 1 John 5:14–15 / Mark 11:22–24

- Faith approaches God with confidence.

Because you are in Christ, God says you are blessed, chosen, accepted, redeemed, forgiven, and given an inheritance, so believe His Word and take possession by faith of what He says is already yours.