

The Heart of God for the Church...

Ephesians

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Ephesians 1:3-4

– ³ **Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us (sons and daughters) with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in**

Ephesians 1:5-6

– love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.



Ephesians 1:7-8

–⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,



Ephesians 1:9-10

–⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in



Ephesians 1:11

– Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things



Ephesians 1:12

– according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.



Ephesians 1:3

³ **Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,**



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“spiritual blessings” – divine privileges and resources



Heart of God for the Church

- What privileges and resources has the Lord placed in your life right now?
- What special opportunities has God placed in your life, as well as the resources to fulfill that opportunity?



Ephesians 1:4-6

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.



Chosen, Adopted, Made New, Accepted...

- **He chose us in Him**
- **adoption as sons by Jesus Christ**
- **holy and without blame before Him in love**
- **accepted in the Beloved**

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Heart of God for the Church

- Have you recognized you are chosen?
- 1 John 4:19 says, “¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.”



Heart of God for the Church

- Have you recognized you are chosen?
- Have you also realized and experienced the peace of being adopted as a son or daughter of God?



Heart of God for the Church

- Have you recognized you are chosen?
- Have you also realized and experienced the peace of being adopted as a son or daughter of God?
- Have you also received the “newness” God has for you through your relationship with Jesus?



Heart of God for the Church

- Have you recognized you are chosen?
- Have you also realized and experienced the peace of being adopted as a son or daughter of God?
- Have you also received the “newness” God has for you through your relationship with Jesus?
- Do you know you are accepted?



Ephesians 1:7-9

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,



Ephesians 1:10

¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both^[a] which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.



God's Grace...Forgiveness, Wisdom, Direction, Purpose

- according to the riches of His grace
- forgiveness of sins
- wisdom and prudence
- mystery of His will
- His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself

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God's Grace...

“the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings”



God's Grace...

- His grace for our forgiveness.
- His grace that gives us wisdom.
- His grace that gives us direction.
- His grace that opens our eyes to our purpose.
- His grace.



Heart of God for the Church

- Are you relying on the Grace of God for forgiveness, wisdom, direction, and purpose?
- Or are you trying to figure it out in your own strength?



Ephesians 1:11-12

¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.



Heart of God for the Church

- **we have obtained an inheritance**
- **according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will**
- **who first trusted in Christ**



Heart of God for the Church

- Are you experiencing the inheritance that He has for you?



Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who^[b] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.



“sealed with the Holy Spirit”

- Him you also *trusted*
- gospel of your salvation
- having believed
- sealed with the Holy Spirit
- guarantee of our inheritance



Heart of God for the Church

- Are you fully walking out your authority as a son or daughter of God, following the Father's lead and doing the things we see Jesus do in the scriptures?



So this is who we are...Church

- Chosen, adopted, made new, and accepted through the work of Jesus.
- Receive His forgiveness, wisdom, direction, and purpose by His Grace.
- Carriers of His authority by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Ephesians 1:15-17

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,



spirit of wisdom and revelation

- ‘wisdom’ is defined here as the practical, workable principles
- ‘revelation’ is defined as the clear perception and applicable understanding



Ephesians 1:17-18

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding^[c] being enlightened;



eyes of your understanding

- literally means that your heart may receive the brightness of hope resulting when the wealth of God's investment in you is understood



Ephesians 1:18

**¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding^[c] being
enlightened;**

that you may know what is the hope of His calling,



His calling

- being who God created you to be
- sharing the love of Christ with others
- calling is Kingdom Living



Ephesians 1:18

**that you may know what is the hope of His calling,
what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints,**



His inheritance in the saints


- The Message Translation
- “grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers”



Ephesians 1:18-19

**what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance
in the saints**

**¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His
power toward us who believe, according to the
working of His mighty power**



greatness of His power
working of His mighty power

- God's power available to us in our lives
- His powerful ability to work out His power in our lives

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Ephesians 1:19


**the exceeding greatness of His power toward us
who believe, according to the working of His
mighty power**



Ephesians 1:20-23

²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church,²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



**raised Him, seated *Him* ,
far above**

- raised Him from the dead
- seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*
- far above all principality and power and might and dominion