

“WHO ARE WE?”

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Ephesians 1:1-14 (NASB)

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1. WE ARE CHOSEN.

Ephesians 1:1-14 (NASB) ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, **To the saints who are at Ephesus** and *who are* faithful in Christ Jesus: ² **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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, ⁴ just **as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ **He predestined us to adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

2. WE ARE REDEEMED.

⁷ **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

3. WE ARE SEALED.

¹³ In Him, you also, **after listening to the message of truth, the gospel** of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, ¹⁴ who is given as a **pledge** of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.