

Ephesians

(In this letter to the church in Ephesus we will be greatly blessed with clear understanding of Christian belief and Christian living. By God's grace it will bring us a deeper love for God and a greater zeal to live our new life in Christ.)

All In Christ

Ephesians 1:3-14 – ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship^[s] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Blessed in Christ

Ephesians 1:3 – ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Chosen in Him

Ephesians 1:4a – ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Adopted through Christ

Ephesians 1:4b-5 – In love ⁵he^[b] predestined us for adoption to sonship^[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will –

Grace Given in the Beloved

Ephesians 1:6 – ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Forgiven In Him

Ephesians 1:7-8a – ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us.

God's Will In Christ

Ephesians 1:8b-10 – With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he^[d] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Hope In Christ

Ephesians 1:11-12 – ¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been

predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Included In Christ

Ephesians 1:13-14 – ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the

message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

What we know about salvation:

- Through Jesus we are saved!

- Acts 4:11-12 – ¹¹Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

- John 14:6 – ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- **Man must believe!**

- **John 3:16-19** – ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

- **Romans 10:12-15** – ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”^[1]

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

- **To God goes the glory and praise!**

- **John 6:44** – ⁴⁴“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

- **2 Timothy 1:9-10** – ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

- **Romans 11:33-36** – ³³Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴“Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?”

³⁶For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.