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GOD'S Word @ Work **Developing Disciples**

Study of Ephesians **Chapter 1**

Overview: The Book of Ephesians is a letter written to the Church at Ephesus. It is broken down into sections:

- 1) Chapters 1-3 are Doctrinal
- 2) Chapters 4-6 are Practical.

Author: Apostle Paul

Lesson

Chapter 1 – Spiritual Blessings in Christ Jesus

- **Salutation**
- **Salvation**
- **Supplication**

Summary: Ephesians 1: Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1 provides an introduction to how we have received the spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Since we have been adopted to sonship, we have been chosen, forgiven and redeemed as children of God. In addition, we have been marked with a seal and given the Holy Spirit as a down payment of our inheritance. Then Paul prays that we will have the revelation of Christ so we can know the hope and power we have been called to as His body, the Church of whom He is the head.



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Ephesians 1:1-2

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

²Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Salutation

Within this first chapter, the salutation in most of Paul's epistles was very instructive. He did a good deal more than just say "Hello."

- **The Greeter** (Ephesians 1:1)

- What do we know about the "Greeter"?

- **The Greeted** (Ephesians 1:1-2)

- Who is the target audience and what do we know about them?

- **The Greeting** (Ephesians 1:2)

- Words matter and the "Greeter" needs to identify and reach his target audience? How was the "Greeter" able to accomplish this?

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

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¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Salvation

Great truths about the Gospel message of salvation are recorded in this section of the epistle of Ephesians.

▪ **Salvation involves Favor** (Ephesians 1:3)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ".

- Who gives salvation; what do we have to do to be granted it, and what should be our response to it?

▪ **Salvation involves Foreordaining** (Ephesians 1:4-6)

⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

- Who is choosing; what choice has been made, and why does this sound contradictory?
- Why is adoption so important?

▪ **Salvation brings Forgiveness** (Ephesians 1:7-8)

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

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▪ **Salvation involved the Future** (Ephesians 1:9-10)

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

▪ **Salvation bestows a Fortune** (Ephesians 1:11-12)

¹¹In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

▪ **Salvation is Forever** (Ephesians 1:13-14)

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¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (KJV)

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

²²And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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Supplication

After giving a doctrinal discourse about salvation, Paul supplicates the Lord for the saints in Ephesus.

- **The Prompting of the Supplication** (Ephesians 1:15)

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

- **The Persistency of the Supplication** (Ephesians 1:16)

¹⁶"Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers"

- **The Petitions of the Supplication** (Ephesians 1:17-19)

¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

- **The Proof in the Supplication** (Ephesians 1:19-23)

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