

# Spiritual Blessings In Christ How Rich Are You?

Ephesians 1:1-14



# Introduction

## The Book Of Ephesians

- Written to teach us all about who we are in Christ
- What we have because of our relationship with Him
- How to use what He has given us for the glory of God
  
- Two parts: Doctrine and Practical



# Worthy Of The Calling

The Call To Our Inheritance - Chapters 1 – 3  
(January – April)

The Call To Maturity - Chapter 4  
(May – July)

The Call To Wisdom - Chapter 5  
(August – October)

The Call To Obedience - Chapter 6  
(November – December)

## I. Paul's Credentials

- an apostle by the will of God
- No reference to his training under Gamaliel, his Hebrew background and pedigree or the brilliance of his intellect
- Was awaiting trial when he wrote this epistle in 60-62AD
- Colossians, Philippians, Philemon was written about the same time

## II. Paul's Audience

- To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus
- Ordinary people but different because they belong to God.
- Saint in Greek derived from word 'Holy'
- Holiness is the mark of saints
  
- 'In Christ' means to live in the sphere of Christ where there is conscious communion with him

## III. Paul's Message

### Recognizing God's Best Blessings

- Real blessings are spiritual in nature and they will never be taken away from us
- *“Praise is to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms, with every spiritual blessings in Christ.”*
- “has blessed us” – in aorist indefinite , denoting occurrence without limitations as to duration

## A. Quantity of these Spiritual Blessings

***“ALL”***

- In the Lord, we find every single thing we need
- Nothing holding back, God gave us everything we need when he save us

## B. The Quality Of Spiritual Blessings

1. Foreknowledge – God has chosen us. V.4
  - John 6:17, Romans 8:28-30
  
2. Family – God has adopted us. V.5
  - I John 3:2
  
3. Favour – God has accepted us V6.
  - Ephesians 1:3-14



4. Freedom - God has redeemed us. V.7a

- I Peter 1:18, Luke 4:18, Gal.5:1, Gal. 1:4, Rom.6, Col 1:13-14

5. Forgiveness - God has forgiven us. V.7b

- Leviticus 16, Ps 103:12, I John 1:29

6. Revelation – God revealed His will to us. V.8-10



7. Spiritual blessings into the Future

A. Our Inheritance - God has made us an inheritance

- Eph. 1:5, I Peter 1:1-4

B Our Preservation – God has sealed us. V.13-14

- Romans 8:9

C. Our Guarantor – God gave us an earnest. V.14

- 2 Cor 1:22

## C. Qualifications For Spiritual Blessings

***IN Christ!***

***Ephesians 1:3***

- Only by being in Christ that one can have access to every spiritual blessing.

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