

**Paul-** Apostle of J+ by will of God  
**Saints**=faithful in Christ J+

**God:**

- Our Father
- Blessed
- Father of our Lord J+ Christ
- blesses w/every spiritual blessing
- chose us
- predestined us
- freely bestowed grace on us
- lavished grace on us
- revealed the secret of his will
- ?set forth good pleasure in Christ
- claimed us as his possession
- predestined us according His purpose
- accomplishes all things according to the counsel of His will

**God's:**

- Will (x4)
- Sight
- Grace (x2)
- Pleasure (x2)
- Purpose
- Glory (x2)

(He is actively participating in this passage!)

**In Christ"**

- faithful
- blessed
- chosen
- adopted (through)
- grace bestowed on us
- redemption
- set forth good pleasure
- to head up all things
- we have been claimed as God's own possession
- our hope (on)

## Salutation

**1:1** From **PAUL**, an **APOSTLE** of **Christ Jesus** by the **will of God**, to the **saints** [in **Ephesus**], **the faithful** {in **Christ Jesus**}. **1:2** **Grace** and peace to you from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Spiritual Blessings in Christ

**1:3** **Blessed** is the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who has **blessed us** with every spiritual **blessing** in the heavenly realms {in **Christ**}.

## And those blessings are:

**1:4** For **he** chose **us** {in **Christ**} before the foundation of the world that **we** may be holy and unblemished in **his** sight in love.

**1:5** **He** did this by predestining **us** to adoption as **his** sons {through **Jesus Christ**}, according to the **pleasure** of **his will** –

**1:6** to the praise of the glory of **his grace** that **he** has freely bestowed on **us** {in **his dearly loved Son**}.

**1:7** {In **him**} **we** have redemption through **his** blood, the forgiveness of **our** trespasses, according to the riches of **his grace** **1:8** that **he** lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

**1:9** **He** did this when **he** revealed to **us** the secret of **his will**, according to **his** good **pleasure** that **he** set forth {in **Christ**}, **1:10** toward the administration of the fullness of the times, to head up all things {in **Christ**} – the things in heaven and the things on earth.

What is the difference between an apostle and a disciple? (Which are you? If disciple, what does that mean? Mt 28 – go into all the world

Who or what is a saint?

Where is Ephesus? What are they known for?

Why Christ Jesus, Jesus Christ, Christ, Lord Jesus Christ Emphasis? On Christ, On Christ who is Jesus, on Jesus who is Christ, on our Lord who is Jesus who is Christ, also Jesus as dearly loved Son of God.

Blessing in the heavenly realms? Do we have it now or is it in the future? What does He chose me before foundation of world imply?

[Praise (G1868) commendation Glory (G1391) (doxa) splendor, brightness, honor resulting from a good opinion.]

Redemption – forgiveness... one is purchase other gift.

Adoption-predestination

Grace/peace...define

How does v. 13 prove Trinity. Holy Spirit promised...John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

So much Grace!! Riches, lavished!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>we believed</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Repeated:<br/>     To the praise of his glory<br/>     blessed, blessing<br/>     pleasure (His)<br/>     grace<br/>     God's will</p> | <p><b>1:11</b> {In <b>Christ</b>} <b>we</b> too have been claimed as <b>God's</b> own possession, since <b>we</b> were predestined according to the one purpose of <b>him</b> who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of <b>his will</b></p> <p><b>1:12</b> so that <b>we</b>, who were the first to set <b>our</b> hope {on <b>Christ</b>}, would be <u>to the praise of <b>his</b> glory.</u></p> <p><b>Your participation...and reward</b></p> <p><b>1:13</b> And when <b>you</b> heard the word of truth (the gospel of <b>your</b> salvation) –</p> <p>when <b>you</b> believed {in <b>Christ</b>} –</p> <p><b>you</b> were marked with the seal of the promised <b>Holy Spirit</b>, <b>1:14</b> <b>who</b> is the down payment of <b>our</b> inheritance, until the redemption of <b>God's</b> own possession, to <u>the praise of <b>his</b> glory.</u></p> | <p>What is by the will of God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul is an apostle,</li> <li>He is pleased to predestine us to adoption,</li> <li>the secret of his will revealed</li> <li>it counsels predestination according to His purpose</li> </ul> <p>WE ARE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>chosen (v.4)</li> <li>predestined/ adopted (v. 5)</li> <li>redeemed (v. 7)</li> <li>forgiven (v. 7)</li> <li>claimed (v. 11)</li> <li>marked/sealed (v.13)</li> </ol> <p>I think this list is from another Bible study...Beth Moore, I believe.</p> |
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## Prayer for Wisdom and Revelation

**1:15** For this reason, because **I** have heard of **your** faith in the **Lord Jesus** and **your** love for all the saints, **1:16 I** do not cease to give thanks for **you** when **I** remember **you** in my prayers. **1:17 I** pray that the **God** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, the **Father** of glory, may give **you** spiritual wisdom and revelation in **your** growing knowledge of **him**, **1:18** – since the eyes of **your** heart have been enlightened – so that **you** may know what is the hope of **his** calling, what is the wealth of **his** glorious inheritance in the saints, **1:19** and what is the incomparable greatness of **his** power toward **us** who believe, as displayed in the exercise of **his** immense strength. **1:20** This power **he** exercised in **Christ** when **he** raised **him** from the dead and seated **him** at **his** right hand in the heavenly realms **1:21** far above every rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. **1:22** And **God** *put all things under Christ's feet*, and **he** gave **him** to the church as head over all things. **1:23** Now the church is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.