

Ephesians 1:1-7

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

- **Definition: "apostle" - "one who is SENT by God".**
- **Definition: "one who is SET APART for God"** - ("Saints"- also translated "Holy ones") God wants us to be **SET APART for His use, and SEPARATED from sin.**
- **Read II Cor 6:16-18** "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the _____ of the living God; as God has said, 'I will _____ in them, and _____ in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be _____. Therefore, come out from among them, and be _____,' says the Lord, 'And do not touch the _____, and I will receive you, and I will be a _____ unto you, and you shall be My _____ and _____,' says the Lord Almighty."

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

- **Read John 14:27** " _____ I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the _____ gives, do I give unto you. Let not your _____ be troubled, neither let it be _____."
- **Read Romans 5:12** "Therefore, being justified by FAITH, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by FAITH into this _____ where in we stand."

3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **ALL spiritual blessings** in heavenly places IN CHRIST;

- **Psalm 103:1-12** "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His BENEFITS....." Then follows a list of just SOME of the benefits, or BLESSINGS we have as Believers. What are **some** of the benefits (things God will do for us) listed in verses 3-12?
- **John 10:10** Jesus says, "... I am come that they might have life, and that _____."
- **Romans 8:32** "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us _____?"

For a **complete list** of the BLESSINGS God gives us so FREELY and ABUNDANTLY in CHRIST; read the entire New Testament!!

4. According as He has **chosen us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be HOLY and **without blame** before Him in love;

- **John 15:16 Jesus said**, "You have _____ chosen Me, but I have **CHOSEN YOU**, and ordained you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain...."
- **John 6:65 & 66** "And He said, "Therefore I said unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except _____. All that the Father **GIVES ME** shall come to Me, and him that comes to Me I will _____."
- **Rev 13:8** "... written in the book of life of the Lamb which was slain from the **foundation of the world.**"
- **I Peter 1:2** "Elect (**CHOSEN**) according to the only wise God our Savior...." Since God chose us apart from any goodness of our own, He is able also to KEEP US FROM FALLING (See John 10:27-30 "My Sheep hear My voice and I give unto them eternal life no one is able to pluck them out of My hand. My Father who GAVE

THEM to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My _____
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5. Having **PREDESTINED** us to the **ADOPTION** of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

- **Romans 8:14-17** "For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you have received the _____ , whereby we cry, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are the _____ of God."
- **Read Romans 8:28-31** What is God's purpose in His **CHOOSING** and predestining us? "For whom He did **foreknow**, him He also did **PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of _____** ."

6. To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He has made us accepted in **the Beloved**,

- **Read Colossians 1:12-14** Verse 13 says God has "translated us into the kingdom of _____ ."
- **Matthew 17:5** "While he yet spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is My BELOVED SON, in whom I am well pleased.' "

7. In whom we have redemption through **His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

- **Colossians 1:14** "In whom we have redemption through His _____ , even the _____ of sins."
- **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He Has _____ with his own _____ ."
- **Leviticus 17:11** "For the life of the flesh is in the _____ ; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the _____ that makes an atonement for the soul."
- **Read Hebrews 9:11-14** Verse 12 says, "..... by His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal _____ for us."
- **I John 1:7** ".... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son _____ us from all _____ ."