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*The Believer's Blessings*

*Ephesians 1*



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Warren Wiersbe – *“In every sense, Ephesians is Paul’s greatest word on the church, teaching us what the church is in the mind of God, and what it ought to be in practice before the eyes of men.” “...there is no part of the Bible that soars any higher in church doctrine or practical Christian living.”*



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**Revelation 2:4-5,7 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. <sup>5</sup> Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV) <sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,



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<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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<sup>3</sup> Praise 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.

*This realm already exists all around us, and through the church we are participants in this grander drama.*

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***Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)*** And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

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<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

*He chose to receive all those who are “in Christ.” God chose a class of people—the people who accept Christ as Lord and Savior. Many will not accept Christ, but those who do accept him are given the privilege to become sons of God.* College Press NIV Commentary



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**John 1:12 (NIV)** <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

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B. The Father has predestined us to be adopted. v.5

*Ephesians 1:5 (NIV) he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--*

*God staked out the boundaries for the group he would adopt. By his sovereign decree, all those "in Christ" will be in the group. Whether a person is in God's group, then, depends on what that person has done with Jesus.*

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*2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

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### II. Blessings from the Son vs.7-12

#### A. Jesus has paid our penalty. v.7-8a

*Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)* In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us



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**vs. 8b-11**

*Ephesians 1:8-11 (NIV)* with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

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<sup>11</sup> In 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,



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#### A. The Holy Spirit has sealed us for the Journey. v. 13

*Ephesians 1:13 (NIV)* And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

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We love God by repenting and leave are sins behind.

***1 John 3:9-10 (NIV)*** <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.



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We love others by attending to their spiritual and physical needs.

**1 John 3:9-10 (NIV)** <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

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#### B. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee for the Journey v.14

*Ephesians 1:14 (NIV)* who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.



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- God has arranged our marriage to His Son.
- The Son has placed an engagement ring on our finger to signify that we are spoken for.
- The ring is our guarantee that He will come back to take us home, once all things are ready.