

## Ephesians 1 Summarized

### Sentences

1:1-2, Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:3-6, blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

1:7-10, in Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth -- in Him.

1:11-12, in Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

1:13-14, in Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1:15-21, therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

1:22-23, and He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## Paragraphs

1:1-2, Paul, chosen by God to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, greets the faithful saints in Ephesus with God the Father's and the Lord Jesus Christ's grace and peace.

1:3-14, Paul wants the Ephesians to praise God the Father for every spiritual blessing that He's given Jewish and Gentile Christians due to their permanent union with Christ, i.e., (1) He chose them in Christ before He created the world so that they would one day stand perfect, (2) He decided beforehand to adopt them into His family, (3) He highly favored them in His Beloved Son, (4) He redeemed and forgave all their sins, (5) He revealed to them His mystery plan concerning His Son's eternal reign over the universe (including Satan and his minions), (6) He gave them a share of His Son's future inheritance, (7) His Holy Spirit sealed them inside Christ, and (8) He gave them His Holy Spirit as a down payment of their inheritance.

1:15-23, after Paul heard of the incredible relationship that the Ephesians have with Christ, he couldn't stop thanking God and praying for them. Specifically he asked God to allow His Spirit to further enlighten them about how their relationship with the Father and the Son works. Specifically, Paul wants them to truly understand: (1) what is the hope of God calling them [out of a dead world], (2) the glorious inheritance God has for His saints, (3) how God's infinite power works on their behalf—the same one He used to exalt Jesus over every power in the universe, and (4) the fact that God gave them Jesus—the one who has everything under His feet—as their leader, guide, and sustenance.

## Whole Chapter

Paul wants the Ephesians—who are walking marvelously with Christ—to praise God the Father for every blessing He gave them due to their eternal union with Christ, i.e., for (1) choosing them in Christ before He created the world, (2) deciding previously to adopt them into His family, (3) forgiving all their sins, (4) revealing His mystery plan about His Son reigning over the universe, (5) giving them part of His Son's future inheritance, (6) sealing them inside Jesus, (7) guaranteeing their future inheritance, and (8) giving them His Holy Spirit to show them exactly how their relationship with the Father and Son works, which includes understanding: (a) the hope of God calling them [out of a dead world], (b) the glorious inheritance God has for them, (c) that God's infinite power works on their behalf, and (d) that His Son—who has ALL THINGS under His feet—is their leader, guide, and sustenance.