

# Ephesians 1

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## **Greeting**

- 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:
  - 2** Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
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## **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

- 3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
  - 4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
  - 5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
  - 6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
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- 7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
  - 8** Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
  - 9** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
- 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
- 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
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- 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
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### **Paul's Prayer for the Ephesians**

- 15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
- 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
- 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
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- 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

- 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,
- 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Adoption** — υιοθεσία (Huiiothesia)

Adoption as sons

The Greek **huiiothesia** (υιοθεσία) means adoption as sons—full legal standing as heirs. Believers receive 'the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father' (Romans 8:15), becoming co-heirs with Christ.

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### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

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### **Blood** — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

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### **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

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### **Forgive** — ἀφίημι (Aphiemi)

To send away, forgive, release

The Greek **aphiemi** (ἀφίημι) means to send away or release—canceling a debt or dismissing an offense. Jesus taught us to pray 'forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' (Matthew 6:12).

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### **Glory** — δόξα (Doxa)

Glory, majesty, splendor

The Greek **doxa** (δόξα) means glory, splendor, or magnificence—the radiant manifestation of God's perfection. Christ revealed the Father's glory: 'we beheld his glory' (John 1:14).

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**God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

**Grace** — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

**Heaven** — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

**Holy** — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

**Hope** — ἐλπίς (Elpis)

Hope, expectation

The Greek **elpis** (ἐλπίς) denotes hope—confident expectation of good. This hope is 'an anchor of the soul' (Hebrews 6:19), grounded in Christ's resurrection and the believer's future inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4).

**Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

**Love** — ἀγάπη (Agape)

Divine love

The Greek **agape** (ἀγάπη) denotes self-sacrificial, unconditional love—the highest form of love, characterizing God's nature (1 John 4:8) and the love Christians are called to demonstrate.

**Messiah** — Χριστός (Christos)

Christ, Anointed One

The Greek **Christos** (Χριστός) translates 'Messiah'—the Anointed One. Peter confessed 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

**Salvation** — σωτηρία (Soteria)

Salvation, deliverance

The Greek **soteria** (σωτηρία) denotes salvation, deliverance, or preservation—rescue from sin's penalty and power. It encompasses justification, sanctification, and glorification.

**Spirit** — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Ephesians 1:2** **Grace:** Romans 1:7; Galatians 1:3; Titus 1:4

**Ephesians 1:3** **Blessing:** Genesis 22:18; 1 Chronicles 4:10; Psalms 72:19; 2 Corinthians 1:3; Galatians 3:9; 1 Peter 1:3. **References Jesus:** Ephesians 2:6. **References Christ:** Ephesians 1:20. **References God:** Ephesians 3:10. **Spirit:** Ephesians 6:12

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**Ephesians 1:5** **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 1:11; Hosea 1:10; John 1:12; Romans 8:23; 2 Corinthians 6:18; 1 John 3:1; Revelation 21:7. **References Jesus:** Galatians 3:26. **Good:** Ephesians 1:9; Jeremiah 3:19

**Ephesians 1:6** **Glory:** Ephesians 1:12; 1:14; Philippians 1:11; 4:19; 1 Peter 4:11. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 42:1; Colossians 1:13. **Love:** Matthew 3:17. **Resurrection:** Isaiah 43:21; 1 Peter 2:9

**Ephesians 1:7** **Sin:** Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:12. **Grace:** Ephesians 2:7; Psalms 130:7; Romans 3:24. **Redemption:** Colossians 1:14; Revelation 5:9. **Blood:** Hebrews 9:22. **Parallel theme:** Philippians 4:19

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**Ephesians 1:9** **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 1:11; 3:11; Matthew 13:11; Acts 13:48; Galatians 1:12; 1:16; 1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:9. **Good:** Romans 8:28

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**Parallel theme:** Ephesians 1:22; 3:15; Daniel 2:44; Mark 1:15; Galatians 4:4; Colossians 1:16; 1:20; Hebrews 1:2; 1 Peter 1:20; Revelation 5:9

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**Ephesians 1:19** **Parallel theme:** Ephesians 2:10; 3:20; 6:10; 2 Corinthians 4:7; Philippians 2:13. **Faith:** Romans 1:16; Colossians 2:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:11. **Kingdom:** Ephesians 3:7; Colossians 1:29

**Ephesians 1:20** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 110:1; Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:19; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12. **Resurrection:** Philippians 3:10

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## **Ephesians 1:23**

**Parallel theme:** Ephesians 2:16; 3:19; 4:10; 4:12; John 1:16; Romans 13:5; 1 Corinthians 15:28; Colossians 1:24; 3:11; 3:15

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