

EPHESIANS 1:1-4

A General Salutation

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

Saints : set apart, sanctified

Faithful: Sound in the faith, loyal and obedient

Grace: Grecian; “may you be favored”

Peace: Jewish; “may your life be absent any conflict”

God the Father and Lord Jesus Christ:

This spiritual context places weight behind the greeting with an expectation of fulfillment

TODAY

WE WILL LOOK AT VERSES 3 & 4

But we won't finish them

Eph 1:3-6

[redacted] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has [redacted] us with every [redacted] in the [redacted] [redacted], just as He [redacted] [redacted] before the [redacted] of the world, that we should [redacted] and without [redacted] before Him in [redacted]

Blessings

to God

for Blessing us with spiritual Blessings

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the *God* and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

The giver.....God, Father of Jesus

Quantity.....Every, none lacking

Type.....Spiritual versus physical

Location of the blessings.....Heavenly

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There are two major words in the NT for

BLESSING

Makarizo – Large, lengthy, long. It means big things for you or **contentment and happy**.

Eulogeo – Speak well. **Celebrate with praise, acknowledge goodness, desire for glory, using words to exalt a person or thing.**

GOD THE FATHER HATH BLESSED US

THERE ARE FOUR IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

1. WHO IS DOING THE BLESSING? The answer is always **GOD**

2. WHO IS BLESSED? The answer is always **US**

3. HOW ARE WE BLESSED? The answer is always **BY CHRIST**

4. WHERE ARE WE BLESSED? The answer is always **IN CHRIST**

**LOOK AT HOW MANY TIMES THESE THINGS
ARE STATED IN JUST THE FIRST 13 VERSES**