

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: Greek “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

LAST WEEK

WE BEGAN VERSES 3 & 4

But we only got to the first word

Eph 1:3-6

He 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

TODAY

WE WILL LOOK AT VERSES 3 & 4

But we won't finish them

Eph 1:3-6

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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**

Blue is God

Red is Christ

Black is us

Eph 1:7-13

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**. **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**.

13 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**.

IN CHRIST

IN CHRIST IS USED 87 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE TERM IS USED 12 TIMES IN EPHESIANS

IN HIM IS USED 72 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

IN HIM IS USED 6 TIMES IN EPHESIANS

WHEN A TERM IS USED 159 TIMES IN THE N.T. IT IS IMPORTANT

THERE IS ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING IT MEANS

In him and in his body would have to mean the same thing.

Eph. 1:23 & Col. 1:18

If you are in **the church you are in **his body****

If you are in **his body you would have to be **in him****

