

How Rich and Blessed We Are!

Ephesians 1:1-3 Ephesians Series Part 1

¹ This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. ² May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Ephesians 1:1-3

Let's Count Our Spiritual Blessings?

1. My Past, No Matter How Awful, is _____!

This letter is from **Paul**, (1)

I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: **Forgetting the past** and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. Philipians 3:13-14

Paul used to be Saul?

2. God _____ Us!

chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. Ephesians 1:1

Who dares accuse **us whom God has chosen** for His own? Will God? No! He is the one who has given us right standing with Himself..... If God is for **us**, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:33,31

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| 1. God chooses for Salvation | John 15:16ff | <i>I chose you</i> |
| 2. God chooses for Sanctification | I Thess. 5:23 | <i>may the God of peace make you holy in every way</i> |
| 3. God chooses for Service | Romans 12:6 | <i>God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well</i> |

3. God Made Me a _____!!

I am writing to God's holy people [SAINTS] in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. (1)

How does one become a "saint?" The word *saint* means "holy, set apart."

WE become saints by _____! (Acts 9:13. 32, 41 NIV) **faithful followers** of Christ

4. God Gives Me _____ and _____!

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you **grace and peace**.

¹⁶ From his abundance we have all received one **gracious blessing after another**. John 1:16

GRACE

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| > Saving Grace | Ephesians 2:8-10 |
| > Sanctifying Grace | Philippians 1:6 |
| > Serving Grace | I Peter 4:10 |
| > Sustaining Grace | 2 Corinthians 12:10 |

PEACE

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| > Saving Peace | Romans 5:1 |
| > Sustaining Peace | Philippians 4:6-7 |

5. We Get to _____!

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Ephesians 1:3

6. We Are _____ with Christ!!

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¹⁷ And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. Romans 8:17

For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for His children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. I Peter 1:4

Answers:

Forgiven, Chose, Saint, Faith, Grace, Peace, Praise Him, United

What's Happening at DLBC in July

- Sun., 8th** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Stewardship Meeting
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Mon., 9th** VBS Volunteers please be here at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center
VBS 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
- Tues., 10th** VBS Volunteers please be here at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center
VBS 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
- Wed., 11th** VBS Volunteers please be here at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center
VBS 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
- Thur., 12th** VBS Volunteers please be here at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center
VBS 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
- Fri., 13th** VBS Volunteers please be here at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center
VBS 6:00 pm —8:30 pm
VBS Take Down Party
- Sun., 15th** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Wed., 18th** Youth Summer Hangouts at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Reverb Student Ministry at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
No Children Activities
- Sun., 22nd** Small Group - Bible Study at 8:30 am, 8:45 am, 9:00 am
Church Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center
Deacons Meeting at 11:30 am
Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget

\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering

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\$ 10,654.80