

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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CHAPTER 1:3

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TITLE:

"WE ARE BLESSED IN GOD PT. 2"

THE BELIEVERS PLACE IN CHRIST

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

There is a story about a little boy who wanted molasses on his oatmeal cereal, so asked his mama, "Mama, I'd like some 'Lasses' on my oatmeal" well his mother said , "Honey, you mean you'd like Molasses on your oatmeal? But the guy said, "How can I have More Lasses when I haven't had any lasses at all?"

*When you have Molasses -
you're having all the lasses there is to have,
... and when you have Christ -
you have all that HE IS...*

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

But, Does Christ have all of You?

As a Christian,
You are IN Christ, Positionally?

But

As a Christian,
is all of Jesus IN You, practically?

(It's true, that at the moment of your conversion the Holy Spirit came inside you, to baptize you into the body of Christ - ONCE AND FOR ALL - SEALED FOREVER)

But there is more to the Christian Walk
now that we are;

Saved IN Christ and We are Sealed IN the Spirit

Luke 11:9

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. :9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. :10 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. :11 "If a son asks for bread from any among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? :12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? :13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

The Key to a Powerful Christian Walk is Here in
Ephesians;

1.) Receiving All that God Has for Provided Us vv. 3

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,**

“Father” God - Our “Father” Forever

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Blessed

GRK 2128 eulogetos (yoo-log-ay-tos');

Well-spoken of, well off as in situation and nature, adorable:
meaning inherently worthy of worship and praise, by virtue of Who
He is

5 TIMES IN CHAPTER 1 (IN CHRIST) APPEARS *10 TIMES IN THE BOOK*

God Yes

Because God is God and is Supreme over All

Father Yes

Because Jesus(God in Flesh) submitted Himself to the Authority of The
Father

Hebrews 5:8

Though He was a Son, (Positionally - God incarnate) yet **He learned** (in the human
body and mind) obedience by the things which He suffered.

When we say...

“WE ARE BLESSED IN GOD”

What is it that we mean? - What does it do for me now as a
Christian?

How's Your Christian Energy Level?

Who **HAS BLESSED** us with every spiritual blessing

#1

It is all in the **PAST TENSE**
in the Greek & English & Russian &
Spanish

WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR US TO SUCCEED HAS BEEN PERFORMED

(THE LETTER FROM THE USS NIMITZ AIRCRAFT CARRIER - JOHN BRADY)

Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, **building** yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Spirit, :21 **keeping** yourselves in the love of God, **looking** for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

#2

The Resources are “Every Spiritual Blessing” that is all that heaven can supply to your journey there.

Why, 3 Times In One verse,
does HE announce
“Blessed & Blessing”???

BECAUSE THE EPHESIANS BELIEVED THEY WERE THE MOST BLESSED
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD - AFTER ALL, DIANE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN

The Toronto Ephesian Blessing of the World

Will Rape You Self-Worth, Molest You of
Peace, Rob You of Joy, Bleed You of
Power

(Until a Backslidden Christian is all but dead
and feels there's no way back to Him)

Hebrews 11:25

Moses - choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than.....
to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (Short Season)

MANY PRAY FOR CROP FAILURE AFTER THE SEASON'S OVER

O' No, He Has Blessed You

Charles Spurgeon said;

"He who has given us the heavenlies now will certainly
give to us enough spending power along the way - we will
not starve!"

1 Corinthians 2:9

**But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into
the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."**

(THAT IS TRUE AND IS AWAITING US)

RIGHT NOW

Romans 5:8

But God **demonstrates** (Present Tense)

His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? :32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? :33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. :34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. :35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?..... :37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

This is not the “Second Blessing” that many refer to,

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Understand This,
That Paul is writing to a “church” of believers,
A “gathering” of Christ own.
When-ever, Where-ever

Two or more are gathered together AS believers,
IN Christ Jesus, - a church is spiritually formed!

Jesus Said;

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in

the midst of them."

You can have a gathering in a building called a church, you can have bingo every night of the week, you can have a prayer meeting every night of the week,

But unless Jesus is in the midst of HIS CHURCH - you aren't having church - A SOCIAL, YES A SWELL TIME, YES

But not church...

Revelation 3:14

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, `These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: :15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. :16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. :17 "Because you say, `I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- :18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eyesalve, that you may see. :19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. :20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Church is the coming together of the Believers IN HIS NAME and IN HIS SPIRIT, IN GOD

**If you haven't noticed,
Life is not easy - Life, in Fact is hard!!!**

Christian or not - Life is not fair

**But for the Christian and the Christian alone -
Life can be victorious - IN CHRIST**

**Yielding to Him as Lord, Governor, ruler,
controller, Master is a difficult thing to
do - for some people...**

**What Good is Our Christian
Experience
If we do not, right now have the
Victory**

1. Pressure & Temptation from Co-Workers
2. Pressure & Temptation from Spouses
3. Pressure & Temptation from Teachers
4. Pressure & Temptation from Roommates

**(You Know You're In Trouble When You Feel Like You
Cannot Get out of the Relationship - Jesus has taken a
Backseat !!!)**

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! - :13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to every man. And God is faithful; He will not let

you be tempted what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it.

Hey Guy -
If Bubbles is winking at you at the drinking
fountain - **Look Around for the out**

Hey Girly -
If Billy Buff is putting on the Charm
- **Look Around for the out**

“He will also provide a way out”

I Have Said This So Often, You're Sick of Hearing It...
But if you are "Decreasing in your Christian Walk" - Backsliding, no matter where you
are, how you got there; 1 of 2 things is Happening!

#1 God never sent you there in the first place - you wanted it so
bad you convinced yourself.

#2 Or God did want you there, and you've taken your eyes off
Him and put them on all the temptations that have surrounded
you

**(You're still Positionally in Christ - But Get Practical with Him
Now)
and Run From the Temptation toward Him**

You Can Be In Christ - In Ephesus

You Can Be In Christ - In The Heavenlies

Jesus Christ In You - is the Victory for the
Christian

You Can Be, In Christ _____ In The
Heavenlies

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- If I just had more patience - In Christ
- If I just had more peace - In Christ
- If I just had more love - In Christ

You Just Need to be In
Christ

You Are In Christ

But There's More to Us being Blessed in
God

Colossians 1:26

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.