

In Christ, You Are Blessed

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Ephesians 1:1-4

According to Ethnologue.com, there are currently over 7,000 spoken languages in the world! Can you imagine learning all the ways you could possibly greet people? The task seems just as insurmountable as taking the leap of faith to memorize the book of Ephesians. Yet, Paul as he writes this letter, greets his brothers and sisters in Christ with GRACE and PEACE from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. So before you even think about being overwhelmed at the thought of this journey you are embarking on, storing God's Word into the fiber of your memory, know that you have been given access to God's grace through Jesus Christ, when you accept and confess Him as your Lord and Savior.

I don't know about you, but one of the most frustrating things I have faced is not being able to communicate with someone who doesn't speak the same language as me. The encounter often seems awkward and fruitless. However, when someone speaks the same language, there seems to be this sense of commonality and unity on the basis of that language we share.

The same is true for every believer. Though our journeys may differ in many ways, our commonality and unity is found in Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with EVERY SPIRITUAL blessing in the heavenly places. In Christ, we are adopted, accepted, redeemed, and forgiven. In Christ, we have wisdom, the seal of the Holy Spirit, grace and citizenship in God's kingdom. What a blessing to be chosen before the foundation of the world because He so loved you and I.

And while that sounds beautiful and heartwarming, living out our inheritance in Christ hasn't proven to be the easiest thing. Thank God for his grace, made sufficient in our weakness and His mercies that are new every morning. May God empower and enable us all to be good stewards of every blessings He has bestowed upon us, so that we would be holy and without blame before Him and those in our circle of influence.

QUESTION: Which spiritual blessing listed above do you seem to struggle to receive?

WALK IT OUT: If and when you find yourself being frustrated, anxious or annoyed by life, remember the truths from these verses and pray in that very moment, believing that God can and will fill you with His grace and peace.

PRAYER : Lord, thank you for choosing me and adopting me as your daughter. Help me to be faithful in Christ Jesus. May your manifold grace enable me to steward every spiritual blessings you have given me. Help to me to walk boldly in who you say I am in Christ, so that others may see my good works and glorify You. In Jesus name, Amen.