

Spiritual Blessings in Christ - Ephesians 1:1-14

Topics:

Adoption, Believers, Blessing, Doctrine, Glory, God, God's Will, Gospel, Holiness, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, Praise, Purpose, Salvation

Open It Questions

1. How often do you compliment others?

2. How do you usually respond when someone compliments you?

3. What blessings have you received recently?

Explore It Questions

4. How was Paul made an apostle? (1:1)

5. To whom was the letter addressed? (1:1)

6. What greetings did Paul extend to the believers at Ephesus?
(1:2)

7. How has God blessed believers? (1:3)

8. When did God's work of election take place? (1:4)

9. What is the purpose of God's election? (1:4)

10. What did God determine beforehand for those who believe in Christ? (1:5)

11. What is the goal of God's election? (1:6)

12. What is redemption? (1:7)

13. What does the work of Christ do for the believer? (1:7)

14. What has God given the believer? (1:8-10)

15. When will everything be brought together? (1:10)

16. How did God’s plan include people of different cultures?
(1:11-12)

17. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those called to receive spiritual blessings in Christ? (1:13-14)

Get It Questions

18. What are spiritual blessings?

19. In everyday language, how would you describe the spiritual blessings given to you?

20. How do you picture the persons of the Trinity at work in your life?

21. How should knowing that you were chosen to be in the family of God affect your involvement in evangelism?

22. What has Christ done on our behalf?

23. How have you benefited from the grace of God?

24. For what work of God on your behalf are you most thankful? Why?

25. Why did God do this amazing work for us?

Apply It Questions

26. How can you say thank you to God this week for what He has done for you?

27. What do you need to do differently to live for the praise of God's glory this week?

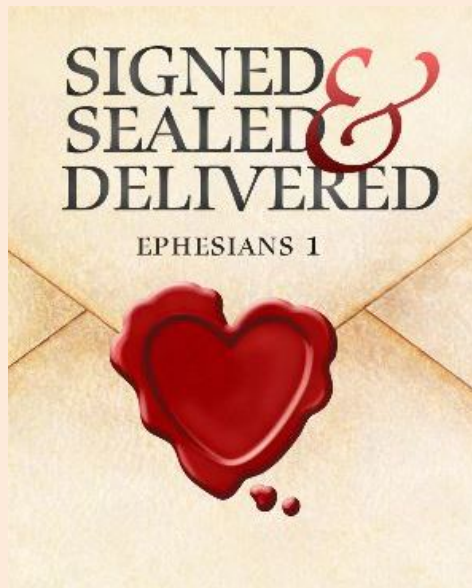
28. In the days ahead, how can you share with other people those blessings God has given you?

Adult Questions for LESSON Maker.

The Book of Ephesians

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14

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Explore It Questions

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How Paul Became an Apostle



4. How was Paul made an apostle? ([1:1](#))

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How Paul Became an Apostle

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:” (1:1 NKJV)

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The Addressees



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Paul's Greetings



6. What greetings did Paul extend to the believers at Ephesus? ([1:2](#))

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Paul's Greetings

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (1:2).

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God's Blessings



7. How has God blessed believers? ([1:3](#))

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God's Blessings

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,”
(1:3)

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God's Work of "Election/ Choosing"



8. When did God's work of election take place? ([1:4](#))

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God's Work of "Election/Choosing"

“...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,” (1:4)

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The Purpose of God's Election/ Choosing



9. What is the purpose of God's election? ([1:4](#))

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God's Determination for Believers

10. What did God determine beforehand for those who believe in Christ? ([1:5](#))

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God's Determination for Believers

“...having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,”
(1:5)

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**The Goal of God's Election/
Choosing**



11. What is the goal of God's election? ([1:6](#))

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The Goal of God's Election/ Choosing

“...to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved” (1:6).

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Redemption



12. What is redemption? ([1:7](#))
13. What does the work of Christ do for the believer? ([1:7](#))

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Redemption

“In Him [Christ Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (1:7).

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What God Gives the Believer



14. What has God given the believer? (1:8-9)

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“...which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,”... (1:8)

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What God Gives the Believer

“...having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,” ...**(1:9)**

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Timing of Restoration



15. When will everything be brought together? (1:10)

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Timing of Restoration

“...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”
(1:10).

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Different Cultures Included



16. How did God's plan
include people of
different cultures?
(1:11-12)

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Different Cultures Included

“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,” (1:11)

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“...that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory” (1:12).



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The Holy Spirit's Role

17. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those called to receive spiritual blessings in Christ?

(1:13-14)



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The Holy Spirit's Role

“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,” (1:13)

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The Holy Spirit's Role

“...who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” (1:14).



NEXT LESSON

“Thanksgiving and Prayer”

Read: Ephesians 1:15-23