

Your identity

Ephesians 1 & 2

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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace and peace to _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed _____
in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For he chose _____ in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless
in his sight. In love 5 he predestined _____ for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with his pleasure and will 6 to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given _____ in the One he loves.

7 In him _____ has redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on _____ .

With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to _____ the mystery of his will
according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times
reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him _____ was also chosen, having been pre-destined according to the plan of him
who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 And _____ also
was included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

When you _____ believed, you _____ were marked in him with a seal,
the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing _____ 's inheritance
until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.



Ephesians 1 continued...

15 For this reason, ever since we heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people,

16 we have not stopped giving thanks for you _____, remembering you in our prayers.

17 We keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you, _____,

the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you _____ may know him better.

18 We pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you _____ may know the hope to which he has called you _____, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

19 and his incomparably great power for us _____ who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead

and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power

and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



Made alive in Christ

Ephesians 2

1 As for you _____, you _____ were dead in your transgressions and sins,

2 in which you _____ used to live when you _____ followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

3 All of us _____ also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we _____ were by nature deserving of wrath.

4 But because of his great love for _____, God, who is rich in mercy,

5 made _____ alive with Christ even when _____ was dead in transgressions – it is by grace _____ has been saved.

6 And God raised _____ up with Christ and seated _____ with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to _____ in Christ Jesus.

8 For it is by grace you _____ have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourself, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For _____ is God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for _____ to do.