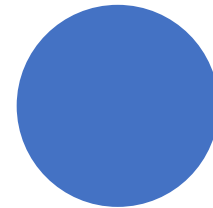


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# Our Identity in Christ Jesus

## Ephesians 1-2





***what makes up our identity  
and what identifies us as  
individual beings***

- Is it bound by your *culture*
- *Ethnicity*
- Your *skills and abilities*
- Your *physical attributes*
- Your *gender*
- Or is it impacted simply by your *occupation and hobbies* and the *values and beliefs* you abide by and live your life by

# Biblical Characters in Scripture

Abraham

Noah

Moses

David

Esther

Ruth

Jezebel


Paul

Peter



# Ephesians Theme – the Christian’s Riches In Christ

- **The Aim**
  - \* **The Source of our blessings**
  - \* **The Scope of our blessings**
  - \* **The Sphere of our blessings**
- **Blessings from God the Father**
- **Blessings from God the Son**
- **Blessings from God the Holy Spirit**



*Goodbye worry, fear,  
doubt, and guilt.*

*Hello grace.*

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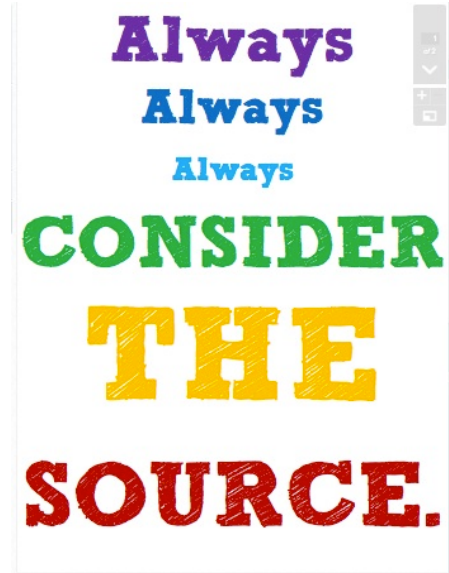
**The Apostle Paul calls us  
SAINTS = He uses two words to  
define Saint**

***faithful and grace***

***Ephesians 1:1-2***

# The Three “S” of our riches in Christ

- Source of our blessings
- Scope of our blessings
- Sphere of our blessing



**Mychal's Prayer**  
Lord, take me where you want me to go;  
Let me meet who you want me to meet;  
Tell me what you want me to say;  
and  
Keep me out of your way.

# Source of our blessings

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**God  
the  
Father  
is the  
source**

**We were born again into God's family**

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**We share in the riches of God's grace (Ephesians 1:7)**

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**We share in the riches of God's glory (Ephesians 1:18, 3:16)**

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**We share in the riches of God's mercy (Ephesians 2:4)**

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**We share in the unsearchable riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8)**

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# Scope of our Blessings

- We have all spiritual blessings
- God promised Israel material blessings as a reward for obedience  
Deuteronomy 28:1-3
- TODAY, God promises to supply all our needs “according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)
- Everything we need for a successful, satisfying Christian life God will provide.

*God does not promise to shield us from either poverty or pain. In this world you will have tribulation, but be of cheer for I have overcome the world.*

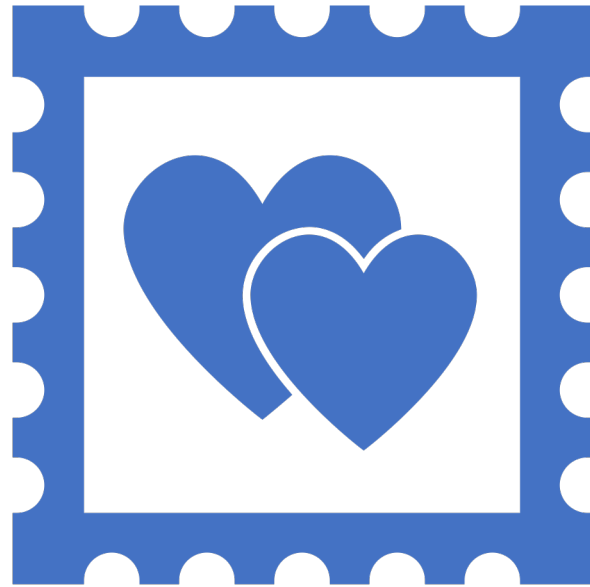


# The Sphere of our Blessings

**God**  
Made the Promise;  
**Christ**  
Fulfilled the Promise;  
**the Spirit**  
Became the Promised Blessing;  
**We**  
Enjoy the Blessing!

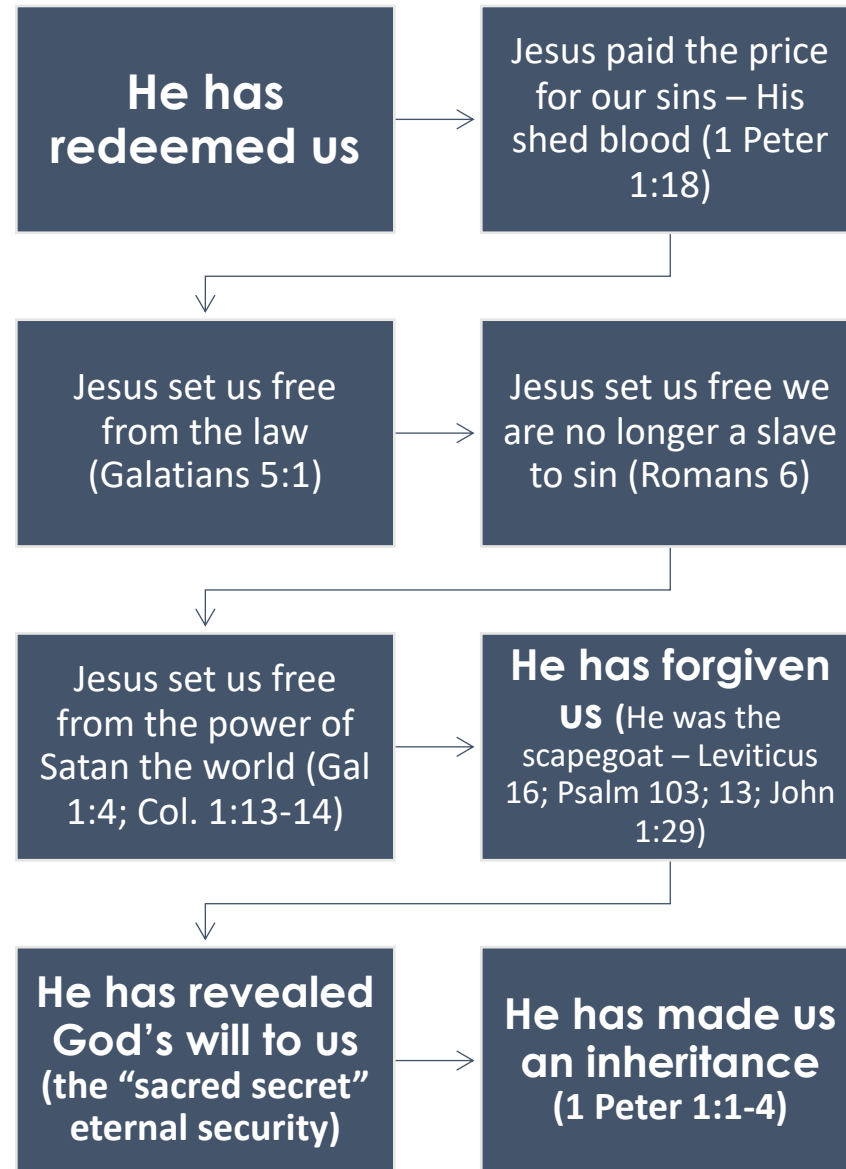
- Our blessings are “in heavenly places in Christ
- Two spheres: *the human and the divine*  
*the visible and the invisible*
- We are seated with Christ in the heavenly sphere no matter our status on earth
- Paul uses financial words to describe the Child of God wealth – *riches, inheritance, fullness* or filled (Ephesians 1:10-11, 14, 18, 23; 3:9; 4:10, 13; 5:5, 5:18)

# Blessings from God the Father

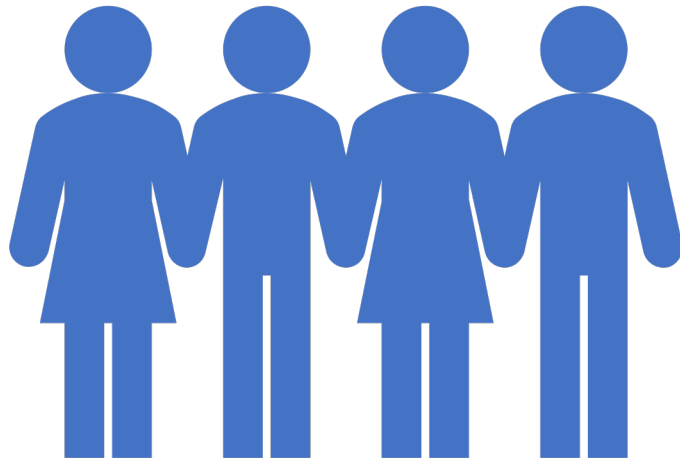


- **He has chosen us**
  - ✓ Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you (John 15:16)
  - ✓ The lost sinner, left to his own ways, does not seek God (Romans 3:10-11); God in His love seeks the sinner (Luke 19:10)
- **He has adopted us**
  - ✓ Predestination – God has predestined our adoption (Ephesians 1:5)
  - ✓ Adoption is the act of God by which He gives His “born ones” an adult standing in the family.
- **He has accepted us**
  - ✓ We cannot make ourselves acceptable to God, but He, by His grace, makes us accepted in Christ.
  - ✓ This is our eternal position that will never change

# Blessings from God the Son



# Blessings from God the Holy Spirit



- **He has sealed us**

- ✓ We hear the gospel of salvation
- ✓ We believe through faith that our salvation was purchased by Christ Jesus
- ✓ We are indwelled with the Holy Spirit (which seals us until the day of redemption)

- **He has given us an earnest**

Earnest means “the down payment to guarantee the final purchase of some commodity or piece of property.” The Holy Spirit is God’s first installment to guarantee His children that He will finish His work and eventually bring them to glory.

Redemption is experienced in three stages

- ✓ We have been redeemed through faith in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:7)
- ✓ We have been redeemed as the Spirit works in our lives to make us more like Christ (Romans 8:1-4)
- ✓ We shall be redeemed when Christ returns and we become like him.

Earnest also means “engagement ring” one day the bridegroom will come for his church

# What is your new identity in Christ

Instead of **SINNER**, you are called **CHRISTIAN**.

Instead of **LOST**, you are called **FOUND**.

Instead of **ENEMY**, you are called **FRIEND**.

Instead of **UNRIGHTEOUS**, you are called **RIGHTEOUS**.

Instead of **SICK**, you are called **HEALED**.

Instead of **POOR**, you are called **RICH**.

(Quote taken from Article "Our Identity in Christ" written by Kenneth Hagan Ministries)



## Ephesians 3:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



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