Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Ephesians 1:1-14

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

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:1-14

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

Ephesians 1:1-14

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:1-14

And you also were 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, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

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According to Ephesians, we are…

…**made alive together** with Christ (2:5)

…**raised together** with Christ (2:6)

…**seated together** with Christ (2:6)

…**citizens together** with the saints (2:19)

…**joined together** as parts of God's building (2:21)

…**heirs together** with Israel (3:6)

…**members together** with each other (3:6)

…**sharers together** with each other in the promise (3:6)

…**held together** with each other in Christ's body (4:16)

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Blessings from God the Father (v4-6)
-He has chosen, adopted, accepted us

Blessings from God the Son (v7-12)
-He has redeemed, forgiven, revealed God's will to us

Blessings from God the Holy Spirit (v13-14)
-He has sealed us and given us assurance

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