

**Series:**  
**Revealing the Glory of the Church**

**Our Salvation**

**Eph. 1:1-14**



In Paul's day, Ephesus did not yet have its famous library, its elaborate gymnasia and baths, or temples built in honor of deified emperors. However, it was already called "the greatest city of Asia" and featured a large theater and magnificent temple to Artemis. When Paul visited Ephesus, its population was approximately 250,000 people.

# Ephesus in Paul's Day

Ephesus was a thriving port in the first century, situated on the only major east-west road system in the area. Nearly a century had passed since it had last been invaded. The city was proud and prosperous, and a strong Jewish community thrived there.



1-2, Paul, an **apostle** of Christ Jesus by the **will of God**, To the saints who are at Ephesus and who are **faithful in Christ Jesus**:  
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jn. 1:12, But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

Mt. 28:19, Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

3-6, 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, <sup>4</sup> just as He **chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless** before Him.

In love <sup>5</sup> He **predestined** us to **adoption** as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

1. Election
2. Judgment
3. Predestination
4. Adoption



Rom. 8:15, For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

Gal. 4:7, Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

7-10, In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the riches of His **grace** <sup>8</sup> which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> He made known to us the mystery of His will,

according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him <sup>10</sup> with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

# 5. Redemption

Heb. 9:15, And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, **for the redemption of the transgressions** under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

# 6. Forgiveness

Heb. 9:22, Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.



# 7. Grace

11-12, In Him also we have obtained an **inheritance**, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the **counsel of His will**, <sup>12</sup> to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

8. Inheritance

9. Decrees of God

13-14, In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a **pledge** of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

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