

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, God chose you to be his. Think about that!

Not many of you were wise in the way the world judges wisdom.

Not many of you had great influence, and not many of you came

from important families. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the

world to shame the wise. He chose the weak things of the world to

shame the strong. ²⁸ And God chose what the world thinks is not

important—what the world hates and thinks is nothing. He chose

these to destroy what the world thinks is important.

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²⁹ God did this so that no one can stand before him and boast about anything. ³⁰ It is God who has made you part of Christ Jesus. And Christ has become for us wisdom from God. He is the reason we are right with God and pure enough to be in his presence. Christ is the one who set us free from sin. ³¹ So, as the Scriptures say, “Whoever boasts should boast only about the Lord.”

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus *you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Ephesians 2:14-18

For he himself is our peace, who has *made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility*,¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to *create in himself one new humanity* out of the two, thus *making peace*,¹⁶ and in one body to *reconcile* both of them to God *through the cross*, by which he *put to death their hostility*.

¹⁷ He came and *preached peace* to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have *access to the Father by one Spirit*.

Ephesians 2:8-10

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



What We Have Now

Ephesians 1:3-6

³ 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.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be *holy and blameless in his sight*.

In love ⁵ he predestined us 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 us in the One he loves.

In Him We...

Ephesians 1:7, 9, 11, 12, 13-14

⁷ In him we *have redemption through his blood*, the *forgiveness of sins*, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

⁹ he made *known to us the mystery of his will* according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ

¹¹ In him we *were also chosen*

¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might *be for the praise of his glory*.

you were *marked in him with a seal*, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴

who is a deposit *guaranteeing our inheritance* until the

redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Paul's Prayer for Disciples

Ephesians 1:18, 19

¹⁸ that the *eyes of your heart may be enlightened* in order that you may *know the hope* to which he has called you

¹⁹ his incomparably *great power for us who believe.*

The Church is Christ's Fullness

Ephesians 1:22-23

²² God put everything under Christ's power and made him head over everything for the church. ²³ The church is Christ's body. It is filled with him. *He makes everything complete in every way.*

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We Are Blessed To Be In Christ

We Are Not Saved In Isolation

We Are Not Saved Only For The Future

How Do We Fulfill Our Calling?