

We Were Made for More

An Introduction to Ephesians

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- Position in Christ
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Who we are

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What is the "More"?

1. He gave us all spiritual blessings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, Ephesians 1:3

2. He chose us for salvation.

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him . . . Ephesians 1:4a

Three kinds of "election":

- Deuteronomy 7:8 National
- Exodus 32:26 Purpose
- Salvation John 15:16a

3. He made me part of His Family.

he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will . . . So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Ephesians 1:5, 2:19

4. He gave us redemption and forgiveness.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, Ephesians 1:7

5. He shows us His Plan.

which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ Ephesians 1:8-9

How do I receive these "riches"?

1. Hearing the Word of Truth.

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation . . . Ephesians 1:13a

2. Believing in Jesus.

... and **believed** in him ...

Ephesians 1:13b

3. Receiving the Holy Spirit.

... and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13c-14

PRAYER - Ephesians 1:15-23

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