

Ephesians

In Christ

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(1 Corinthians 15:21-22 AMP) For since [it was] by a man that death came [into the world], it is also by a Man that the resurrection of the dead has come. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

Spiritual Blessings In Christ

(Ephesians 1:1) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

✓ In Adam I am defeated; In Christ I am victorious.

(Ephesians 1:3) 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.

✓ In Adam I am cursed; In Christ I am blessed.

(Ephesians 1:4-6) 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 Adam I am orphaned; In Christ I am adopted.

(Ephesians 1:7-8) 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.

✓ In Adam I am dead; In Christ I am alive.

(Ephesians 1:8-10) 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.

✓ In Adam I am confused; In Christ I am confident.

(Ephesians 1:11-13) 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. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

✓ In Adam I am hopeless; In Christ I am hopeful.

(Ephesians 1:13-14) 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.

✓ In Adam I am empty; In Christ I am filled.

Our Response

1. Rejoice - Put God first in every area.

(Romans 12:1 MSG) So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.

2. Resolve - Refuse to go back to your old life.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

3. Repent - Make daily choices that lead to victory.

(Deuteronomy 30:19) This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life.