

Easy As 1-2-3



Ephesians 1:15-23¹

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Overall Understanding

Ephesians 1:15-23²

Paul continues to elaborate about the glories of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. In our last lesson, we learned:

- vs. 2 We have grace from God.
- vs. 2 We have peace from God.
- vs. 3 We have every spiritual blessing.
- vs. 4 We are chosen to be holy before Him.
- vs. 4 We are chosen to be without blame before Him.
- vs. 5 We are His children.
- vs. 6 We are accepted, highly favored.
- vs. 7 We have redemption/the forgiveness of sins.
- vs. 8 He made the riches of His grace superabound toward us.
- vs. 9 He made known the knowledge of the mystery of His will.
- vs. 11 We have obtained an inheritance.
- vs. 12 He predestined that we should be to the praise of His glory.
- vs. 13 We were sealed with the Holy Spirit.

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- vs. 14 The Holy Spirit is the pledge of our ultimate redemption.

Let us now discover what more beautiful things Christ has done.

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

“Your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints” perfectly describes the will of God for us. The Ephesians knew the command of Christ and were living it out.

1 John 3:23

And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

This prayer was for the Ephesians, but it is also for us. We may pray this for ourselves and for each other. As you read, pray.

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Father, give to me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Open my mind and my heart to see Jesus for who He is and what He has accomplished.

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Father of glory, enlighten the eyes of my understanding. Let me know about the hope of Your calling, Show me the riches of the glory of your inheritance in your holy ones.

¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Father, help me to see the exceeding greatness of Your power toward me, that same power that raised Jesus from the dead. Let

me be increasingly aware of that power in me. Let me see you seated with You are your right hand in the heavenly places.

²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Jesus, You are far above all power, might, and dominion and every name that is named. That is not only in the time to come but right now,

Help me to remember that I am seated together with you in heaven right now, far above all powers and thrones.

²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Help me, Father to realize that all things are under His feet. He is the head over all to the church. He is. Not a man. He is the Head. We are the body of Christ, the church. You fill us all in all. You are with me here on earth, and I am seated with you in Heaven. I don't need to enter Your presence for your presence has entered me permanently.

Adding to the list Paul started in the first part of Chapter 1, we may now add these things:

- us. 15 Our faith in Jesus and love for each other are evidence that we are born again.
- us. 16 We have the honor of giving thanks to God for the faith and love evidenced in the lives of other believers.
- us. 17 It is appropriate to ask for a spirit of wisdom and revelation of what God accomplished for us in Christ and to pray that God will give it to others.
- us. 18 It is good to ask for our heart and for the hearts of others to have divine illumination to know what is the hope of His calling, and to know what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- us. 19 His power toward us is surpassingly great.
- us. 20 It is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.
- us. 21 He is seated far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named now and forever more.
- us. 2:6 (coming up) AND amazingly, WE ARE SEATED WITH HIM!!!
- us. 22 All things are under our Savior's feet.
- us. 22 God made him the head over the church. Jesus is God's blessing to us.

· vs. 23 And we are His body. We are the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Coming Up in Chapter 2

In Chapter 2, Paul continues to enumerate the marvels of what Jesus has done, and he keeps praying for them amazing prayers that we may pray for ourselves and others.