

Our Glorious Riches in Christ Jesus

A person with long dark hair, wearing a bright yellow robe, stands with their back to the camera and arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. They are positioned in front of a bright, sunlit sky. In the foreground, there is a large splash of water, suggesting the person is standing in or near a body of water. The overall scene is bright and uplifting.

**“We were chosen in Him before the foundation of
the world.”**

**“And predestined to adoption as sons and daughters
by Jesus Christ unto the Father.”**

Ephesians 1:4-5

Omnipresent

Our Father in heaven is Omnipresent

Meaning - present everywhere at the same time

Our Father in heaven is not constrained or limited to time

God is timeless

He is everywhere all at once in all eternity

In the Beginning

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Genesis 1:1

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born, before you birthed the earth and the inhabited world— from forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.”

Psalm 90:2 - CEB

God of the Ages

Our Father in heaven is not constrained or limited to time. He is outside of time. He was around before time began and He will exist when the age of time concludes

Pre Christ age, or the Waiting for Christ Age



Last Times Age, or the Church Age



Christ's Kingdom on Earth Age or the Millennial Reign of Christ Age



Eternal Order

All was Made by God

“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

John 1:3

We were all made by God, those in faith and those out of faith

The entire universe and all that it contains and all the heavens and all that they contain were made by God

And who made God? Well, no one of course, as **HE ALWAYS WAS**

Omniscient & Omnipotent

Our Father in heaven is Omniscient

Meaning - Knowing Everything

He knows **everything** in **all time** about **all things**

Our Father in heaven is Omnipotent

Meaning – All powerful

God is **Sovereign** with **infinite power**, His **possibilities** are **endless**

Ephesus

Ephesus was a wealthy port city

A world renowned religious sect operating there being the Temple of Artemis or Diana

Massive trade selling silver statues of Diana

Paul spent two and a half years in Ephesus preaching and building the church up

Paul did many miracles, even handkerchiefs and aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out of them

Paul's Letter

"...the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus."
Ephesians 1:1

Paul is saying they are in faith, they are full of faith, being that they are saints and are in Christ Jesus

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 1:2

Paul is wanting the church of Ephesus to manifest in Grace and Peace

Paul's Letter

“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, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accord with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

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.”

Ephesians 1:3-10

Paul's Letter

“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. 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.”

Ephesians 1:10-14

Blessed

The Father has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

- Everything Jesus is we are, because as believers we are seated in Christ with Him in Heavenly Places
 - Being born of God, our new birth joined us to Christ
 - Just as He has been glorified in body, we will one day have a glorified body also
- Christ came from heaven to earth, from the Father, to bring us every blessing we need

Chosen

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world
Ephesians 1:4

- Before the foundation of the world, God chose us, we are His elect
- Although we needed to move through the process of salvation, out of Adam and into Christ. God has always seen us as His children from an eternal perspective, as He is from everlasting to everlasting
 - Our salvation is of His doing, not our own
- We can never look in the mirror and think to ourselves of all the reasons of how we got ourselves saved

Holy & Blameless

That we should be holy and without blame before Him in love
Ephesians 1:4

- You are blameless, as in no sin counted against you (Romans 4:8)
 - You are holy, because He is Holy
- He regenerated you, so that you would receive the nature as a child of God, making you His own
 - Our loving Father sees you as spotless and

Adopted

Having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself
Ephesians 1:5

- We were estranged from the Father; we were spiritually dead.
- We are adopted, because of our new creation status, the great exchange
- Jesus came to live inside of us, we are now temples of the Holy Spirit
- We are sons and daughters of the Father by His grace, not by any merit
- We have every spiritual benefit that Jesus the Son has. We are just awaiting our bodily glorification

Predestined & Chosen

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

- You were predestined to a **Purpose**, God’s purpose
- Our redemption and sonship...status as sons and daughters was **predetermined**
 - Predestined means: **Determined Beforehand**
 - He has always **known** you as His **chosen**, as His **elect**
 - Election refers to people, we are a chosen people

God's Good Pleasure

According to the good pleasure of His will (Eph 1:5)which He purposed in Himself (Eph 9)

- God first loved us, and His good pleasure is that we would be **set apart** and **holy** and **without blame** before Him in love
 - Our redemption has allowed us, to now delight in God and be lovers of God

"He knows the plans He has for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

- His plans, His purpose, the hope He has given us, the future He has given us..... is **His Good Pleasure**

Accepted in The Beloved

To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6)

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)

The Beloved is the Father’s “only begotten Son”

“I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.” (John 17:23)

Jesus has always experienced the infinite love of His Father, and that infinite love is now cast upon us

We are now God’s beloved also, we are His precious people, we are in the Kingdom of God, the eternal realm with Him

Redemption & Forgiveness

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence (Ephesians 1:7-8)

- Jesus came to redeem us, He purchased us, we were bought at a price, and that price was His blood. Our sin was imputed to Him and His death and resurrection of which we also were partakers of in repentance, imputed His righteousness to us
- The death and resurrection of Jesus abolished the law – the old covenant. He ushered in a new covenant, the covenant of grace
- Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath that was upon us. So that we would be vindicated, therefore justified by grace

Redemption & Forgiveness

- With justification being attributed by faith alone, in Christ alone
- Only the blood of Jesus could satisfy God's impending judgement upon us
 - We were the enemies of God....now lovers of God!
- Jesus became sin who knew no sin, and the deserved wrath that was directed toward us was substituted
- The wrath of God fell upon Jesus – This being penal substitution

Redemption & Forgiveness

- We owed a debt that was impossible to pay, and Jesus paid our debt in full
- We were estranged from God, but now we are fully reconciled
 - Our relationship with God the Father was fully restored,
- We are now fully acceptable to Him and recipients of His grace and favour

The Mystery of His Will

Having made known to us the mystery of His will (Ephesians 1:9)

➤ The mystery of His will was the revelation of the cross

“But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. Matthew 13:16-17

➤ Even angels long to look into these things (1 Peter 1:12)

➤ Jesus came and revealed the mystery, and Paul received even greater revelation on these mysteries. Pauls Gospel!

➤ The mystery, no longer a mystery, no longer a cache of unfulfilled prophecies

All Things in Christ Jesus

That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth—in Him (Ephesians 1:10)

- The old covenant was man trying to live up to God
- God came to earth to make a new covenant in Christ Jesus, essentially living down to us
 - God came to us. And all we have to do is believe!

“.....that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

All Things in Christ Jesus

- When man sinned, we were separated from God (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- We were scattered and tossed around this earth, afar from Him
- But in the fullness of time, or just the right time, His timing, He sent His Son Jesus to gather us up, to make us one in Him
(John 3:16)
- Reconciling what is in Heaven and what is on earth as one, in one family, in one place, right by the side of our Father in heaven
(2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

We are of His Inheritance

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance
(Ephesians 1:11)

➤ Our inheritance is ready and waiting for us

➤ Jesus went home to the Father to prepare a place for us

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:2-4)

➤ This is a component of our inheritance, because we are co-heirs, everything that Jesus has, we have

According to His Purpose

Being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians 1:11)

- We were predestined to a particular and unique purpose
- God knit together the eternal sons and daughters of His inheritance with His infinite work
 - This work birthed into existence before the foundation of the world
- God didn't create us and then wonder what He was going to do with us
- Father God has always had you in mind from before the beginning. He loved you and knew you always

The Holy Spirit of Promise

Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (Ephesians 1:13-14)

- When we first believed we were sealed with the Holy Spirit
 - We are identified by this seal
- When Jesus comes back, those with the seal will be caught up in the heavens with Him
 - This seal is a down payment of a purchased possession
- We have a guarantee attached to us, we have a mark on us saying we belong to the Father

God Has Always Known You

- It is the Father who draws people unto Himself. He's the miracle worker
 - Preaching, teaching, evangelising, it's ALL His works being outworked through us, through our new creation spirits, through our hearts and souls, and the members of our bodies. It's all Jesus. It's ALL of Him
- God told Jeremiah that He knew Jeremiah even **BEFORE** he was conceived (Jeremiah 1:5)
 - The Psalmist in Psalm 139 brilliantly describes how from the beginning of each life God was there and knows everything about each person that He has "fearfully and wonderfully made."

- God is Ever-Present, All-Knowing, and All-Powerful
 - He is God of the Ages
 - God created everything

You are blessed with every spiritual blessing, and these include:-

- You were predestined to a purpose; you are His elect
- Part of that purpose included adoption as sons and daughters
 - You were chosen before the foundation of the world

- You are holy and blameless and the beloved of the Father
 - God has always known you intimately
- Jesus drank the cup of wrath on our behalf, so that we would be vindicated, therefore justified
 - The mystery of the gospel has been made known to us
 - We are heirs of His inheritance
- We are sealed by the Holy Spirit a down payment of a purchased possession

It's your Day

To take your predestined position to be a son or daughter of His inheritance

To be redeemed and regenerated

To be made new in spirit, made new in heart

To be adopted and accepted in the Beloved as sons and daughters

To be His inheritance. To be in God's family

To have your sins paid for, have your debt to God paid in full

To have your status as a sinner, exchanged for His glorious riches

An unmerited transaction, placing you eternally into the Father's household

Salvation Prayer

“God has always known you, from everlasting to everlasting, and even when you weren’t aware of it!”

Heavenly Father, thank you for always loving me. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross, to pay the debt for my sins. Thankyou that His precious blood washes me clean. You raised Him from the dead. He’s alive today. Thank You all my sins are forgiven. I’m righteous by the blood. I’m under God’s favour. And I thank You Father that surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life from this day forth. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



Salvation is the best gift you will ever receive... a predestined gift!