

Immeasurably More Blessing

The Letter to the Ephesians

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...

Tell us a bit about yourself?

Who are you?

**Our
Action**

**Our
I.D.**

**God's
Action**

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ 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, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

¹³ 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, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Praise God for every spiritual blessing in Christ

I am chosen (v4)

I am blameless and holy in his sight (v4)

I am a child of God (v5)

I am under grace (v6)

I am redeemed (v7)

I am forgiven (v7)

The mysteries of the Kingdom has been reveal to me (v9-10)

I am to the praise of his glory (v11-12)

I have received the Holy Spirit (v13)

I am God's special possession (v14)

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'the hope to which he has called you'

Romans 8:30

Romans 1:6, 1 Corinthians 1:9

Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 2 Timothy 1:9

Galatians 5:1,13

Colossians 3:15

1 Peter 2:21

1 Thessalonians 2:12, 1 Peter 5:10

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³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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Romans 1:6

⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:9

⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Romans 1:7

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people

2 Timothy 1:9

He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

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Galatians 5:1,13

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

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Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

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1 Peter 2:21

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

1 Peter 5:10

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

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‘the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people’

1 Peter 1:3-5

Romans 8:17

Revelation 21:1-5

1 John 3:2

Philippians 3:21

Revelation 7:9

What is our glorious inheritance?

'the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people'

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Romans 8:17

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

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1 John 3:2

But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Philippians 3:20-21

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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Revelation 7:9

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

‘Heaven and Christ are the same thing... O my Lord Jesus Christ, if I could be in heaven without you, it would be a hell; and if I could be in hell, and still have you, it would be a heaven to me, for you are all the heaven I want.’

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The resurrection and ascension were a decisive demonstration of divine power. For if there are two powers which man cannot control, but which hold him in bondage, they are death and evil. Man is mortal; he cannot avoid death. Man is fallen; he cannot overcome evil. But God in Christ has conquered both, and therefore can rescue us from both.

John Stott

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