

Identity

Ephesians 1:1-10 (ESV)

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1. He DEFINES you.

Ephesians 1:1 ¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God. To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- It DRIVES you.
- It FREES you.

2. He BLESSES you.

- In Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 ³ 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,

- By CHOICE.

Ephesians 1:4-6 ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

- **With GRACE.**

Ephesians 1:7a ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood,

Ephesians 1:7b-10 the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ 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 ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.