



Understanding Who I Am

Ephesians

Becoming Who We Are

Chosen

Ephesians: Chosen



Series – major theme in 2015

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Becoming who We are

Setting of Ephesians

Ephesus the City

Paul the Author

- Established 2nd Missionary Journey Acts 18
- Site of amazing work of God – Acts 19:11-12
- Close relationships – Acts 20

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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.

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, 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.

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1. Greeting vs.1-2

- Paul an apostle
 - shared life, loves them
- To the Saints
 - clear intention of the letter
- Desire of Paul
 - Grace of God to you
 - Peace of God to you

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2. Blessed / Blessing vs.3

a) thankful hearts important

- in Christ – great blessing
- begins with thankful to God

b) vast treasure

- every spiritual blessing in heavenly places
- big statement, bigger than we can imagine
- not limited to earth, governments, life here

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3. Chosen vs. 4-6

a) Before foundation of World

- you were known & desired

b) Purpose & Position

- holy and blameless before him – implications
- to the praise of his glorious grace – response

c) Motivation – in Love

- the why matters

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4. Adopted vs. 5

- new identity – belonging to God as
- his children
- citizens of Kingdom of Heaven
- protected by our Father
- inheritance
- family – brothers and sisters
- not alone

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So What?

1. Who I am Matters
 - How I view myself directs how I live
 - Need to understand who I am as a new creation
2. Thankful Hearts our Baseline
3. Reflecting on Being Picked
4. Adopted so I now.....