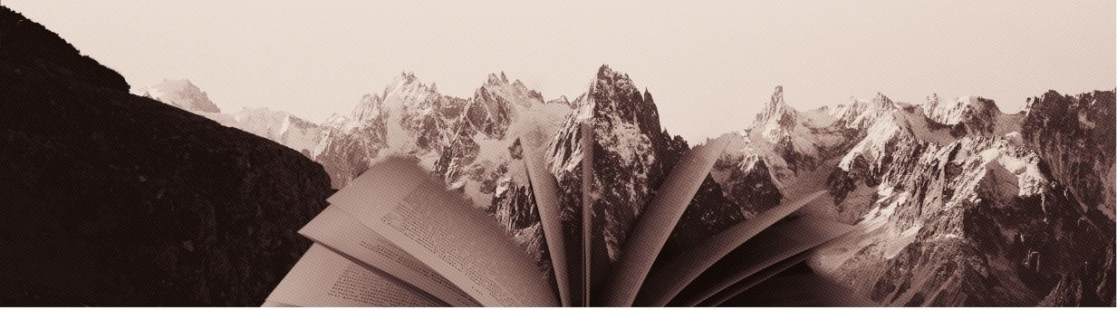


# THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

## *Daily Devotions*

Get the most out of the  
book of Ephesians by  
spending regular time  
reading and pondering  
the word of God



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## Day 1

Welcome to day 1 of our journey through the book of Ephesians. During this time, we'll read a passage repeatedly to keep the context and the train of thought alive and embedded in minds and hearts, while focusing on a different passage each time.

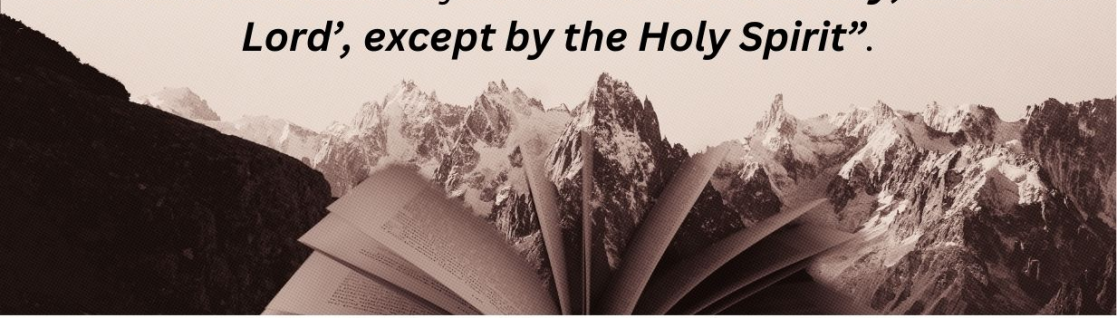
Today's reading is **Ephesians 1:1-14**.

This passage is to the SAINTS. That is, those who are putting their faith in Jesus. As we remain, we are the faithful IN Christ Jesus. That makes us the audience for this letter, as much as the original readers were.

Today, re-read the passage, and circle all the "He"s and underline all the "you"s. Go ahead and do that now.

It is very clear from this exercise whose work our salvation is. We need simply respond.

**1 Corinthians 12:3** says that ***"no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord', except by the Holy Spirit"***.



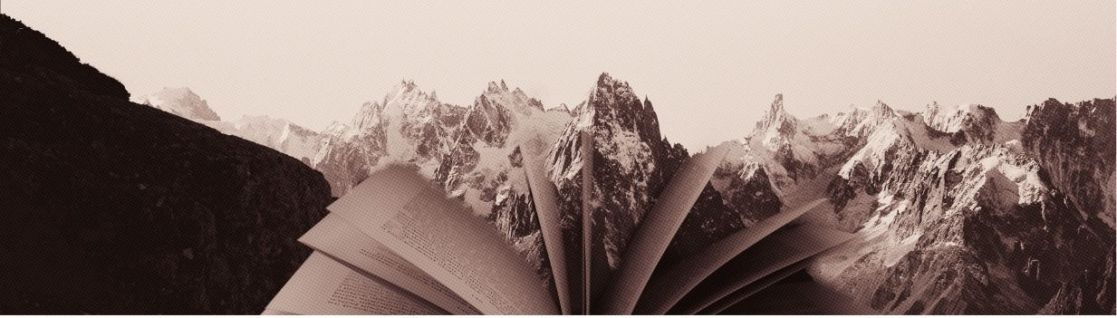
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*Day 2*

Read: **Ephesians 1:1-14**

HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST...BY PREDESTINING US TO ADOPTION AS HIS LEGAL HEIRS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE PLEASURE OF HIS WILL.

Yesterday we talked about His part, and our part. We acknowledge the action is heavily weighted on God's side. Some lines of thought weigh the action all towards God, that we, in fact, have no part in our salvation. Other believe His predestining is determined by His foreknowledge as per **Romans 8:29-30** and **1 Peter 1:2**, that those He knew ahead of creation would choose Him, He planned toward that future choice. The purpose of our salvation is clear in verses 6, 12 and 14. TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY. Circle those phrases. That is our ultimate aim – His glory.



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Day 3

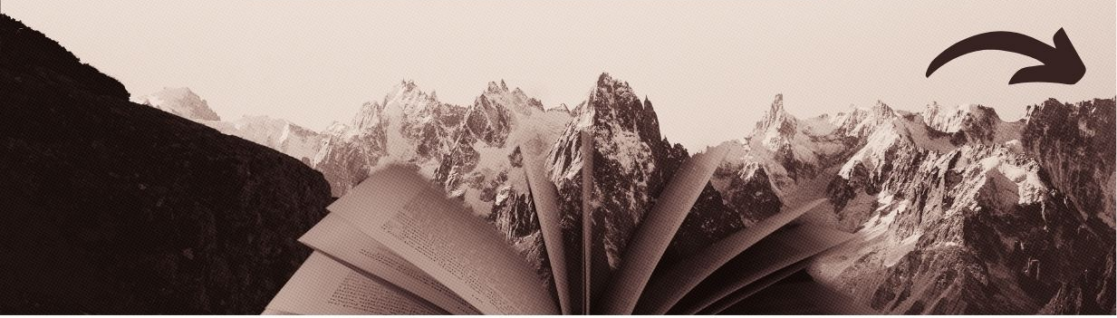
Read: **Ephesians 1:1-14**

Blessed with every spiritual blessing:

**1.Redemption** through His blood. This word redemption means buying back from, winning back, what was previously forfeited. It is the release effected by payment of a ransom. His blood, His life, bought our freedom. Humanity sold itself into slavery by choosing our way instead of God's. Now, we have been released.

**2.The forgiveness of our offenses.** You can be set free and still kept at arm's length, but by God's forgiveness we are brought close. His own possession.

**3.The promised Holy Spirit**, who leads us, helps us, comforts us, convicts us, advocates for us...and is simply the down payment of the inheritance. What must the full inheritance be???...



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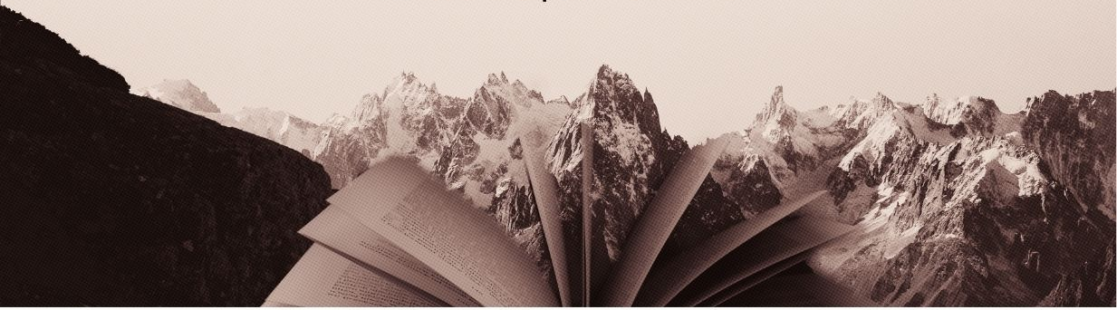
And why? Why would God do such things for us who have rejected Him? ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE. This is who He is.

We are who we are by the will of God. Can we accept that? Does clay get to reject what the potter does with it?

Is it enough to be a legal heir? Surely that trumps all else.

TOWARD THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FULLNESS OF THE TIMES, TO HEAD UP ALL THINGS IN CHRIST – THE THINGS IN HEAVEN AND THE THINGS ON EARTH.

The time is coming (and has already begun) this already-not-yet, where we are heading towards something. Do not despair as you see the brokenness around you, the evils of war and greed, the power imbalances, the injustice, and the trauma. We Are Heading Toward Something. One day, all things will be headed up in Christ.



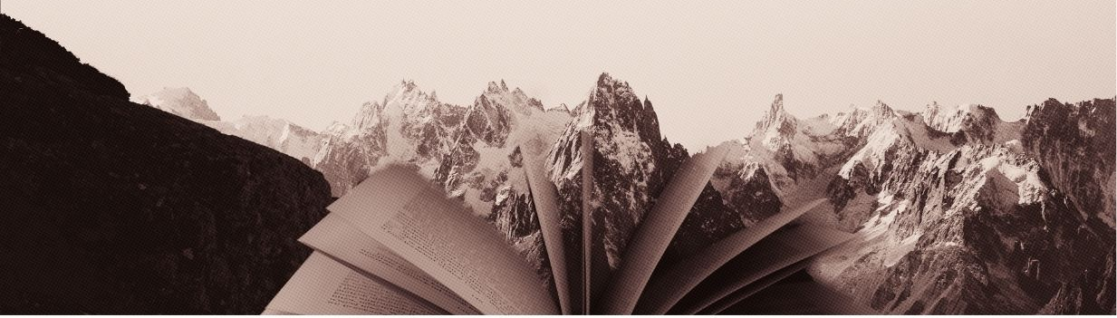
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*Day 4*

Read: **Ephesians 1:1-14** (for the last time)

“The first section offers up praise that the Father has chosen us in eternity past; the second sections offer up praise that the Son has redeemed us in the historical past (i.e., at the cross), the third section offers up praise that the Holy Spirit has sealed us in our personal past, at the point of conversion”. (NET)

Take time now to marvel and thank God that you were chose in eternity past, that you were redeemed in a historical moment, and you were sealed by the Holy Spirit in your past. If you have not yet accepted Jesus and had this point in your life, today, surrender your life to Him, receive His Holy Spirit, and let your new life begin today.



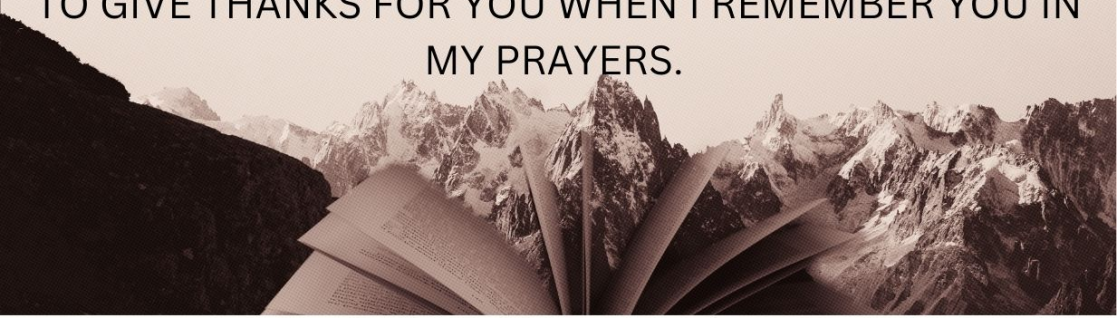
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Day 5

Read: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason: because I have heard of YOUR FAITH in the LORD JESUS and YOUR LOVE FOR ALL THE SAINTS.

Faith in Jesus needs to outwork into love for the saints. How is your love? It's hard to foster love when we are just living our lives, getting on with me and mine. How then, can we foster love? One thing we can all do is to start by praying. Call to mind faces that you saw on Sunday and pray intentional prayers for them. Lift up the single parents. Pray for the grandparents in the faith, thank God for them, and ask for ways you can show honour toward them. Pray prosperity over kingdom businesses. Pray for favour, promotions, for people to know how to guard against busyness. You will be astounded at how your heart begins to expand for the saints as you pray. And you will be cause for, and the fulfilment of v17 I DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU WHEN I REMEMBER YOU IN MY PRAYERS.



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*Day 6*

Read: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Paul's prayer is really one of deeper and deeper in Him. SINCE THE EYES OF YOUR HEART HAVE BEEN ENLIGHTENED – He's started it in us, and Paul is praying that God will take us from glory to glory. SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND REVELATION – sounds great! Yes please! IN YOUR GROWING KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. Friends, there's more and more. We will never plumb the depths or exhaust our knowledge of Him. We will get to know:

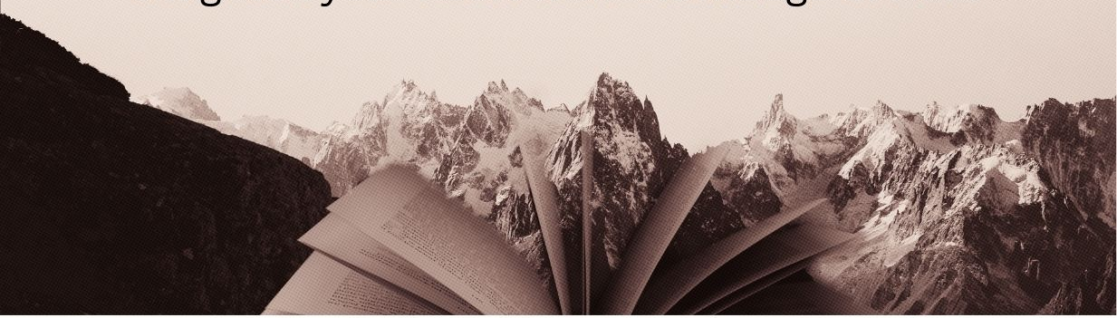
**1. THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING**

**2. THE WEALTH OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS**

**3. THE INCOMPARABLE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER** (as displayed in the exercise of His immense strength).

Paul will continue to unpack these as he writes.

Take a moment now to ask God to continue to enlighten your heart with knowledge of Him.





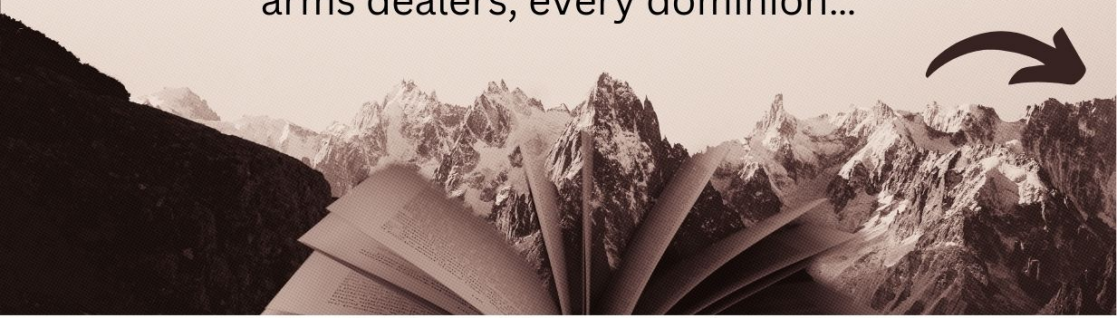
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*Day 7*

Read: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

Paul may go on to talk about the hope of his calling; he has already talked about this glorious inheritance which we have the down payment for; but here he doubles down on THE INCOMPARABLE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER.

THIS POWER HE EXERCISED IN CHRIST WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND SEATED HIM AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS FAR ABOVE EVERY RULE AND AUTHORITY AND POWER AND DOMINION AND EVERY NAME THAT IS NAMED NOT ONLY IN THIS AGE BUT ALSO IN THE ONE TO COME. Think about every ruler in this age, from Jesus until now...the Caesar's, Genghis Khan, Mussolini, Stalin, Hitler; every authority...the government, the police, the education system, the justice system; every power...the drug cartels, the human traffickers the arms dealers; every dominion...



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think of empires rising and falling; every name that is named...cancer, depression, broken, abused, abandoned, rejected; not only in this age, but also in the one to come...anything in this world or out of this world.

AND GOD PUT **ALL THINGS** UNDER CHRIST'S FEET

Look back at that list. They are all under Christ's feet. This is the truth. The facts currently may look different, but the truth is that right now, everything is under Christ's feet. The enemy is not winning, he is fighting a losing battle. Evil is not prevailing; it is on its way to its sure end.

