



“Grace and Peace”

A Throw-away Line or a Promise of God



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Ephesians 1:1-2

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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



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Ephesians 1:3-14 Outline

In grace God:

- Blessed us – with every spiritual blessing
- Chose us – to be holy and blameless
- Predestined us – for adoption as sons

- “Graced us” – in the Beloved (Jesus!)

- Redeemed us – with His blood
- Forgave us – our trespasses
- Made know to us – Christ!
- Obtained (for us) – an inheritance

- Sealed us – in the Holy Spirit!

Ephesians 1:3-14

Verse 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.

Verse 4

even as He *chose us* in Him before the foundation of the world, *that we should be holy and blameless* before Him.

Verse 5

In love He *predestined us for adoptions as sons* through Jesus Christ according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace

Ephesians 1:3-14

Verse 6

which he has blessed us (*graced us*) *in the Beloved*

Verses 7-8

In Him we have the *redemption through His blood*, the *forgiveness of our trespasses* according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us with all wisdom and insight

Verses 9-10

Making known to us the mystery of His will, according to *the purpose He set forth in Christ* as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite us in all things in Heaven and things in earth.

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Verses 11-12

In Him we have **obtained an inheritance**, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will so that we who were the first to hope in Christ

Verse 13-14

In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation and believed in Him, **were sealed with** the promise of **the Holy Spirit**, who is the guarantee of our inheritance, until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Five Points of Grace



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1. Grace is part of God's character

Eph 1: verses 3-5

- Blessed us – with every spiritual blessing
- Chose us – to be holy and blameless
- Predestined us – for adoption as sons

Isaiah 30:18 – The Lord longs to be gracious to you. He rises to show you compassion

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2. Grace is a verb

Eph 1: Verse 6

- “Graced us” – in the Beloved (Jesus!)

“Hannan” in Hebrew.

Matched with other verbs in Psalms it also means:

- to help,
- to heal,
- to raise up,
- to give refuge,
- to give strength.

Summarized it might mean “to provide protection”

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3. Grace is “unmerited favor”

- Redeemed us – with His blood
- Forgave us – our trespasses
- Made know to us – Christ!
- Obtained (for us) – an inheritance



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4. Grace is experienced

- Sealed us – in the Holy Spirit!

John 16 – The Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth. (truth that is proven of experience)

Phil 4: - I have learned to be content in whatever my circumstance. I know how to be brought low and I know how to abound.

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5. God's grace meets us at our greatest need





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