

**“PURSUING YOUR POTENTIAL IN MINISTRY & MATURITY - PART 1”  
OR, “GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [EPHESIANS SERIES]**

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**INTRO:** We’re beginning a series on the book of Ephesians.

**BACKGROUND & THEME:** A circular letter (Col. 4:16)?

Written and sent from prison (6:20-22).

Chapter 1: Knowing & Experiencing the Blessings of the Godhead – all to the Praise of His Glory!

**I. PAUL’S SALUTATION (1:1-2)**

- A. Paul is writing to committed, faithful believers.
- B. Paul is declaring grace and peace from God and Jesus.

**II. THE GODHEAD’S BLESSINGS (1:3-14)**

– all to the praise of His glory (vv. 6, 12, 14)

**A. How God Has Blessed Us (vv. 3-6)**

- 1. God has **bles**sed us (v. 3) - with all spiritual blessings.
- 2. God has **chos**en us (v. 4) – to be holy and blameless.
- 3. God has **predes**tined us (v. 5) – to adoption.
- 4. God has **accep**ted us (v. 6).

... to the praise of the glory of His grace. (v. 6)

**B. How Jesus has Blessed Us (vv. 7- 13a)**

- 1. Jesus has **rede**emed us (vv. 7-8).
- 2. Jesus has **reve**aled to us (vv. 9-10) - the mystery of His will.
  - a. In God’s time, all things will be united in Christ!
- 3. Jesus has **inher**ited to us (v. 11).

... to the praise of His glory. (v. 12)

**C. How the Holy Spirit has Blessed Us (vv. 13b-14)**

- 1. The Holy Spirit has **se**aled us (v. 13b; 4:30).
  - a. The Spirit is a down-payment of more to come!

... to the praise of His glory. (v. 14)

**CONCLUSION:** Let’s heed the message in the book of Ephesians to pursue our potential in maturity and ministry – to grow up and get to work! Will you?

To do this we must know & experience the blessings of the Godhead – all to the Praise of His Glory!

Do you know what God has done for you? What more do you need?