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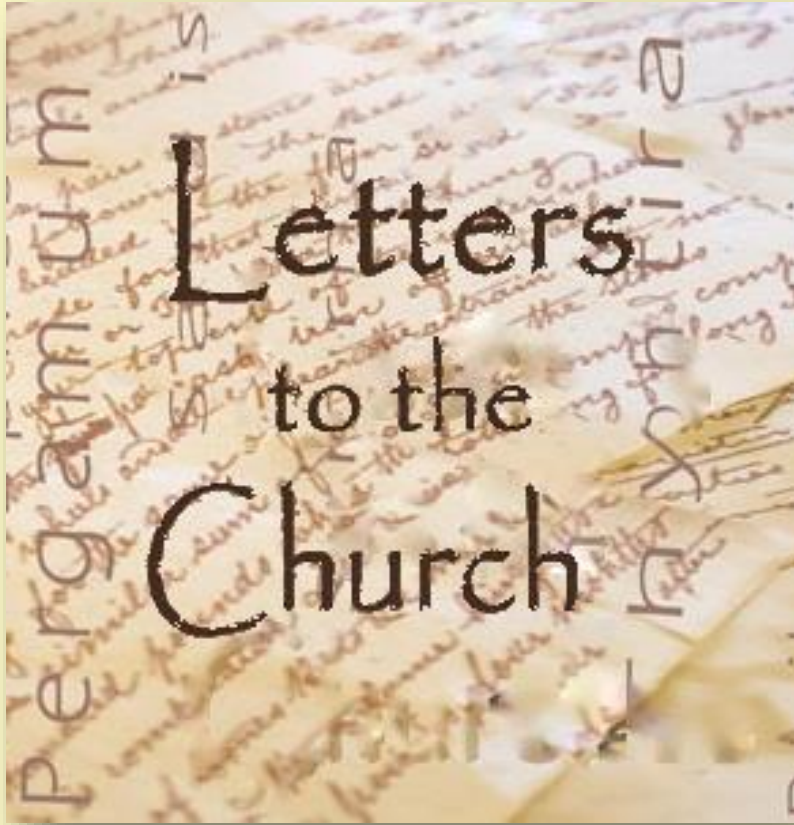
Sunday
April 14th 2019

A rustic wooden desk with a quill pen, a scroll, a candle, and a book. The title "Letters to the Church" is written in a white, cursive font across the center of the image.

Letters to the Church

Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

The Letters to the Church



- The Book Of Romans
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- The Book Of Hebrews
- The Book Of Galatians
- Letters to the Churches

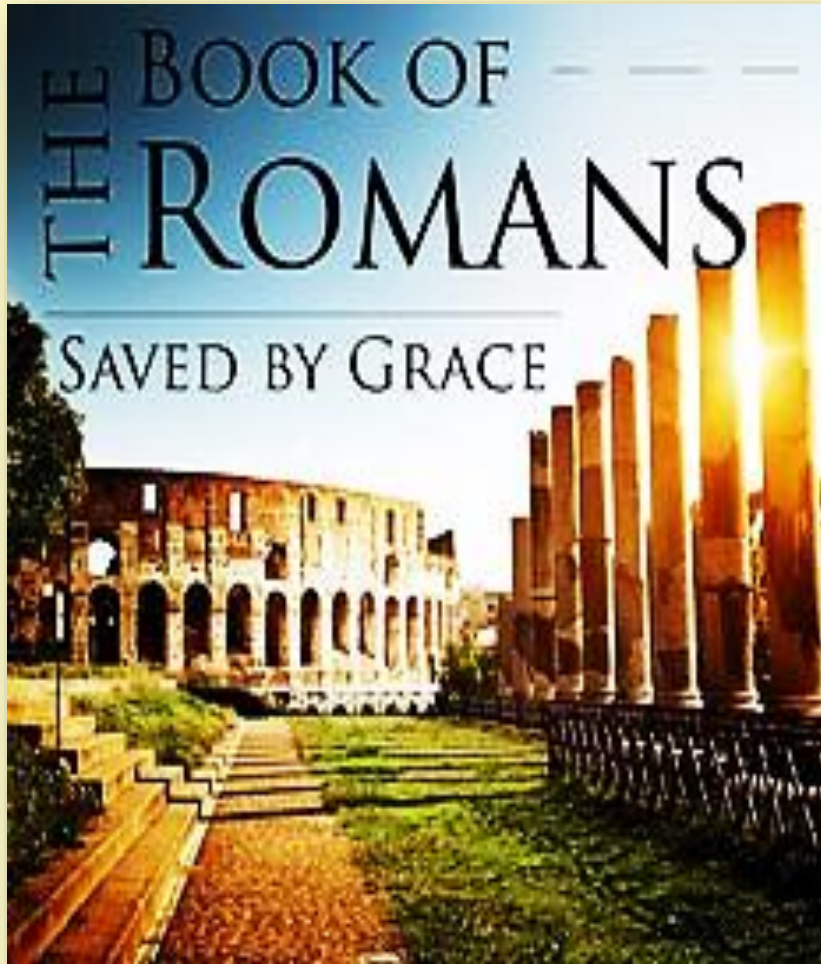
Romans Theme : Salvation By Grace, Through faith in Christ!



The letter was most probably written while Paul was in Corinth, and probably while he was staying in the house of Gaius and transcribed by Tertius his amanuensis. There are a number of reasons Corinth is most plausible. Paul was about to travel to Jerusalem on writing the letter, which matches Acts [Acts 20:3] where it is reported that Paul stayed for three months in Greece. This implies Corinth as it was the location of Paul's greatest missionary success in Greece.

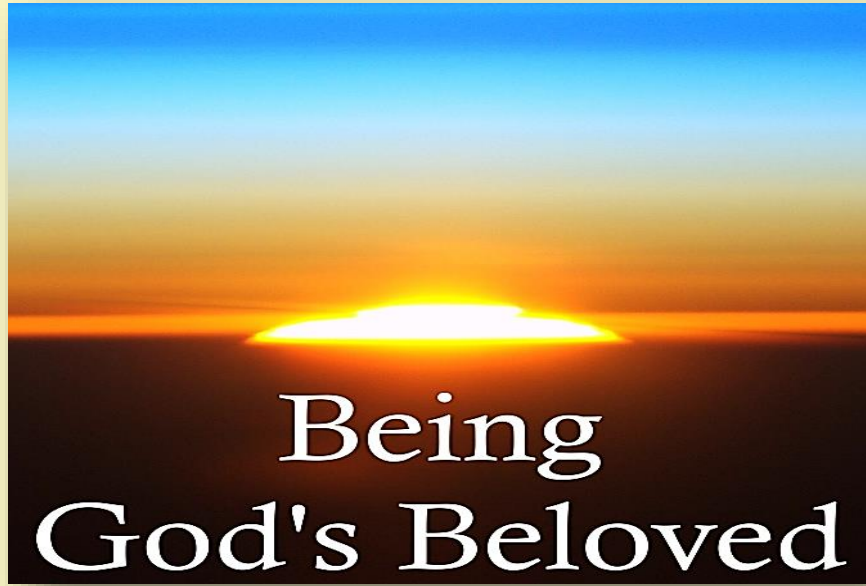
Additionally ***Phoebe was a deacon of the church*** in Cenchreae, a port to the east of Corinth, and would have been able to convey the letter to Rome after passing through Corinth and taking a ship from Corinth's west port. Erastus, mentioned in Romans 16:23, also lived in Corinth being the city's commissioner for public works and city treasurer at various times, again indicating that the letter was written in Corinth

The Book



- 1-8 doctrinal focus
- 1-3 focus on sin
- 4-5 deal with salvation
- 6-8 Sanctification
- 9-11 Israel past present and future.
- 12- 16 Faith hope and love
Practical Christianity

Beloved of God!



2 Thessalonians 2:13 ¶But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, *brethren beloved of the Lord*, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

- Romans 1:7 To all that be in Rome, *beloved of God, called to be saints*: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8 ¶First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, *that your faith is spoken of* throughout the whole world.

The Just Shall Live By Faith!



Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

- Romans 1:15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.
- 16 ¶For I am not ashamed of *the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation* to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
- 17 *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:* as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The Grace Equation

Romans 5:13 For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
(NO LAW, SIN NOT IMPUTED !)

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses,
(FROM ADAM MEN STILL DIED)

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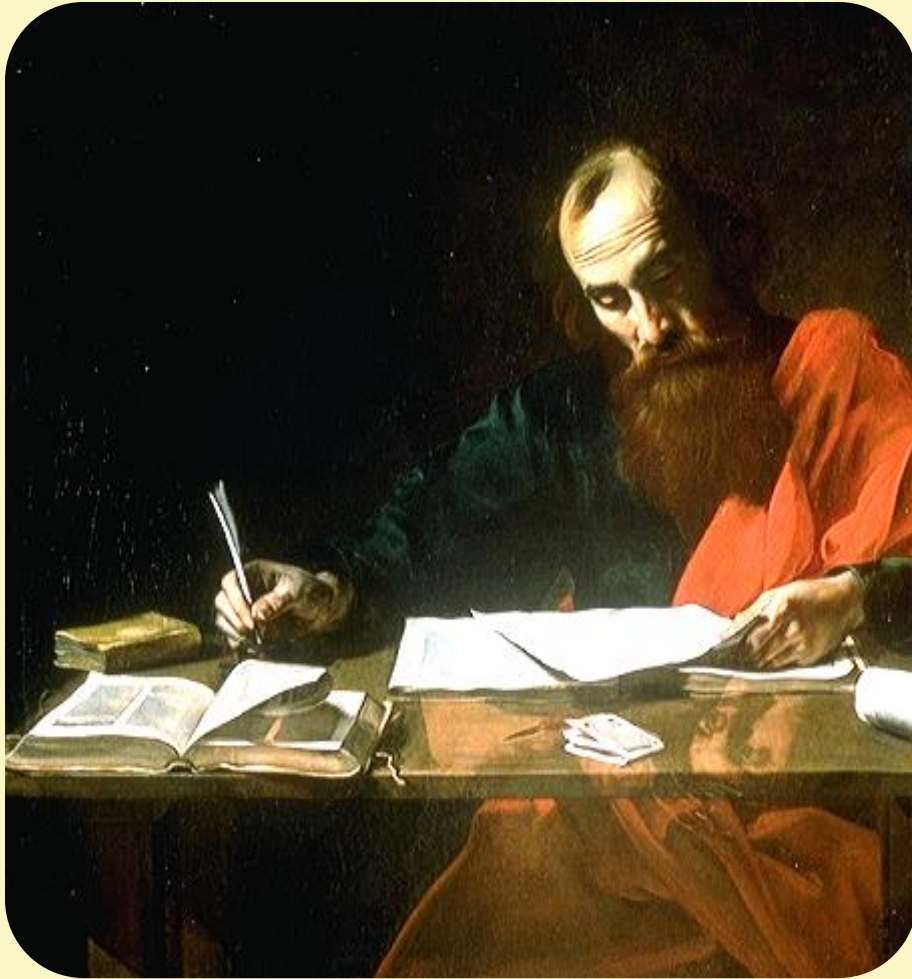
Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.
(Christ ENDS THE LAW for believers)

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Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

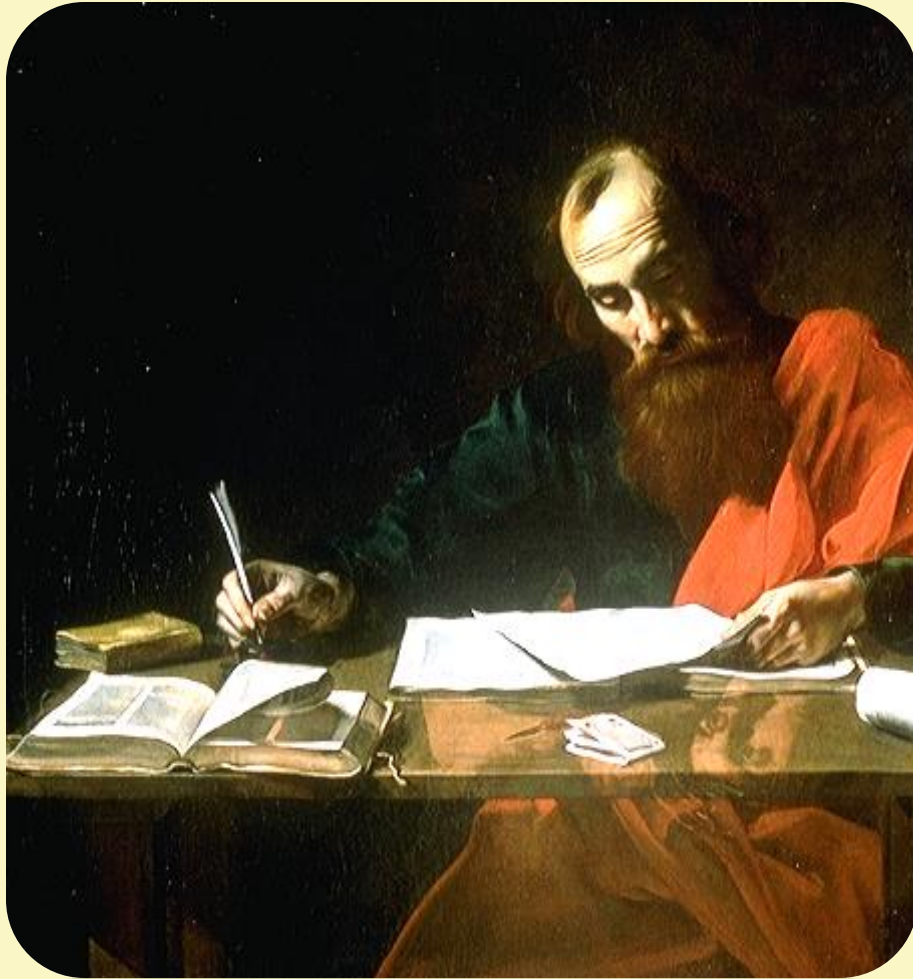
IN CHRIST, SIN IS NOT IMPUTED AND ALL MADE ALIVE = GRACE !

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1:2 Grace be to you,
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All....Spiritual blessings!

When in Him,
the things in Him are ours

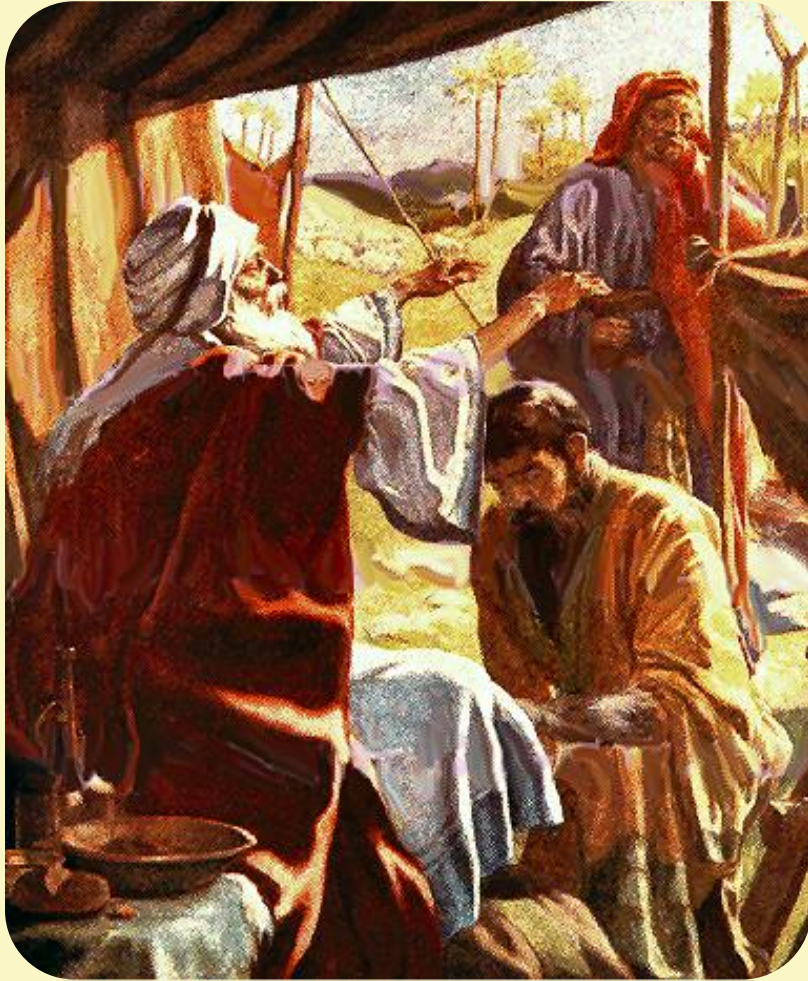
In sin

IN CHRIST

Peace Life
Fruit Victory
Power Redemption
God-type love Grace
Righteousness Boldness
Forgiveness

- 3 ¶ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blesed us with all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places in Christ:

The Spiritual is greater than the Natural



Genesis 27:26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, **and blessed him**, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

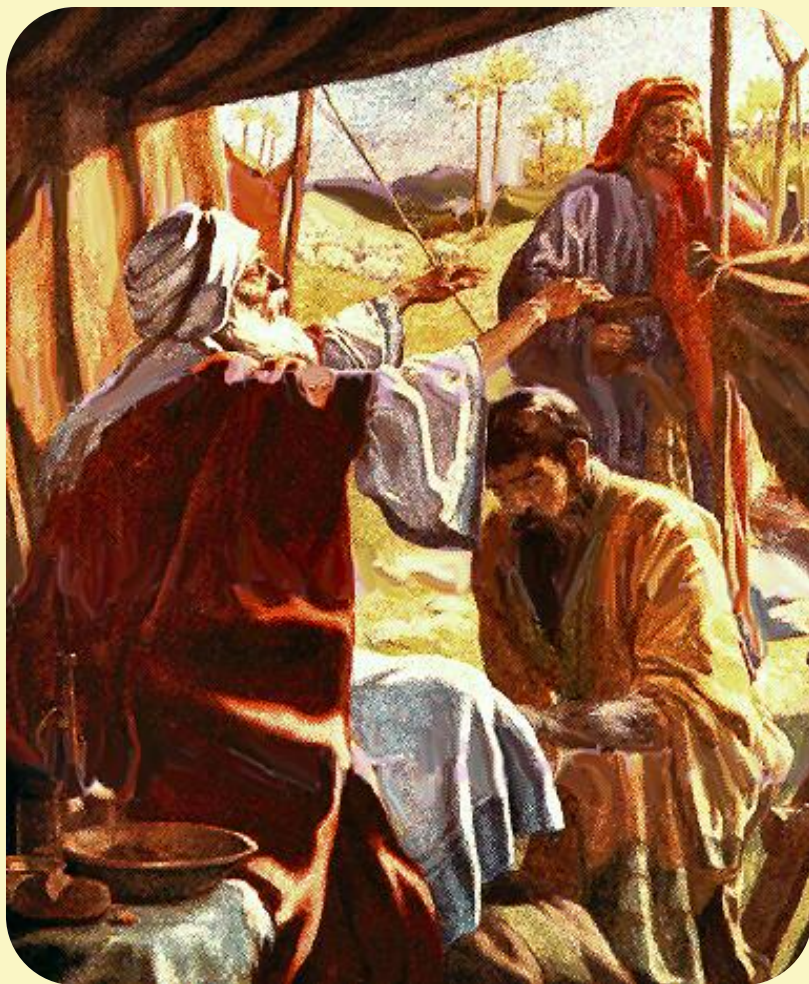
29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

The Spiritual preceeds the Natural!



- Genesis 30:43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.

The Spiritual Blessing



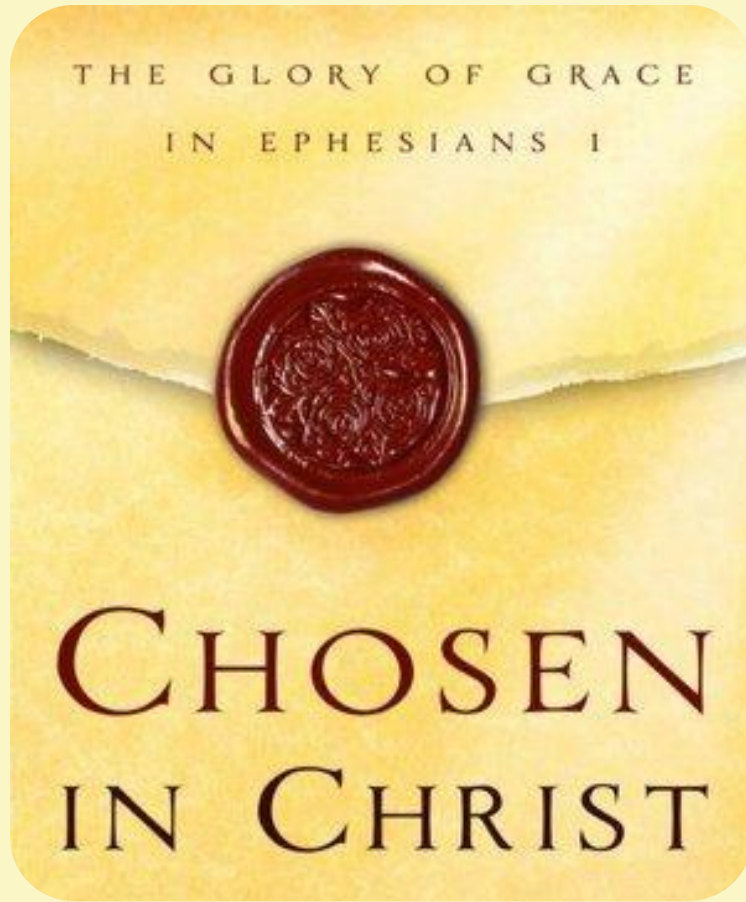
- Is about Gods favor;
- Gods abiding Presence,
- Gods lifelong Guidance

- And future Inheritance!

Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God

who has been my shepherd all my life to this day,

Chosen us IN HIM!..



- Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
- 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

There are two keys to understanding these two verses are the words **us, in him, and in himself**

The Adoption as Sons

IN LOVE
HE PREDESTINED US
FOR ADOPTION
AS SONS THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE
OF HIS WILL
TO THE PRAISE OF HIS
GLORIOUS GRACE

EPHESIANS 1:5

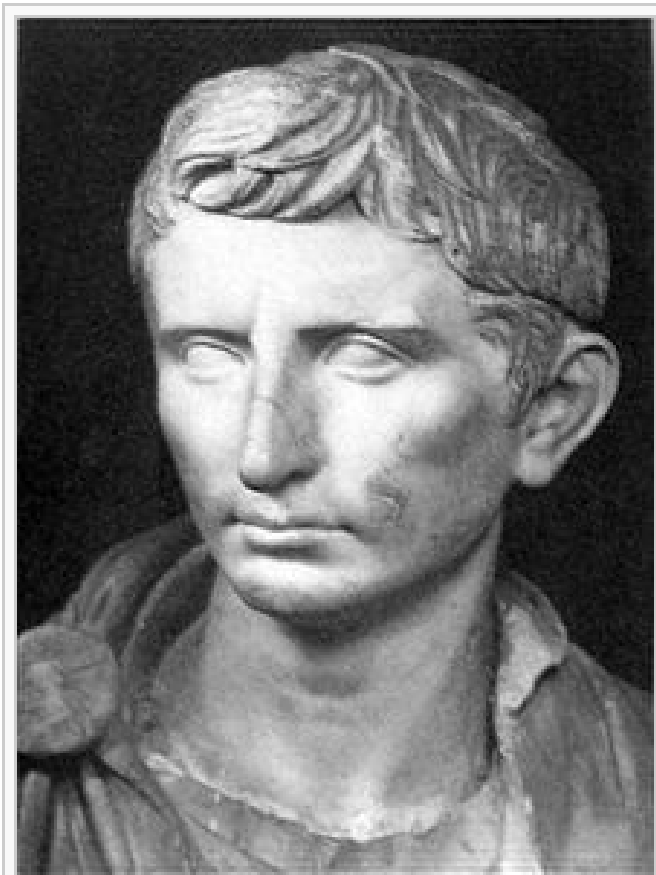
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Adoption in ancient Rome

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In [ancient Rome](#), [adoption](#) of boys was a fairly common procedure, particularly in the upper [senatorial](#) class. The need for a male [heir](#) and the expense of raising [children](#) and the Roman inheritance rules (*Falcidia lex*) strictly demanding [legitimes](#) were strong incentives to have at least one son, but not too many children. Adoption, the obvious solution, also served to cement ties between families, thus fostering and reinforcing alliances. Adoption of girls, however, was much less common.

In the [Imperial period](#), the system also acted as a mechanism for ensuring a smooth [succession](#), the [emperor](#) taking his chosen successor as his adopted son.



Possibly the most famous Roman adoptee, [Augustus](#) first Emperor of the Roman Empire 📄

Accepted in the beloved

God made us
accepted in the

Beloved

Ephesians 1:6

- Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us **accepted in the beloved**.
- Matthew 12:18 Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; **my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased**: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

Redemption through his blood

- Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;



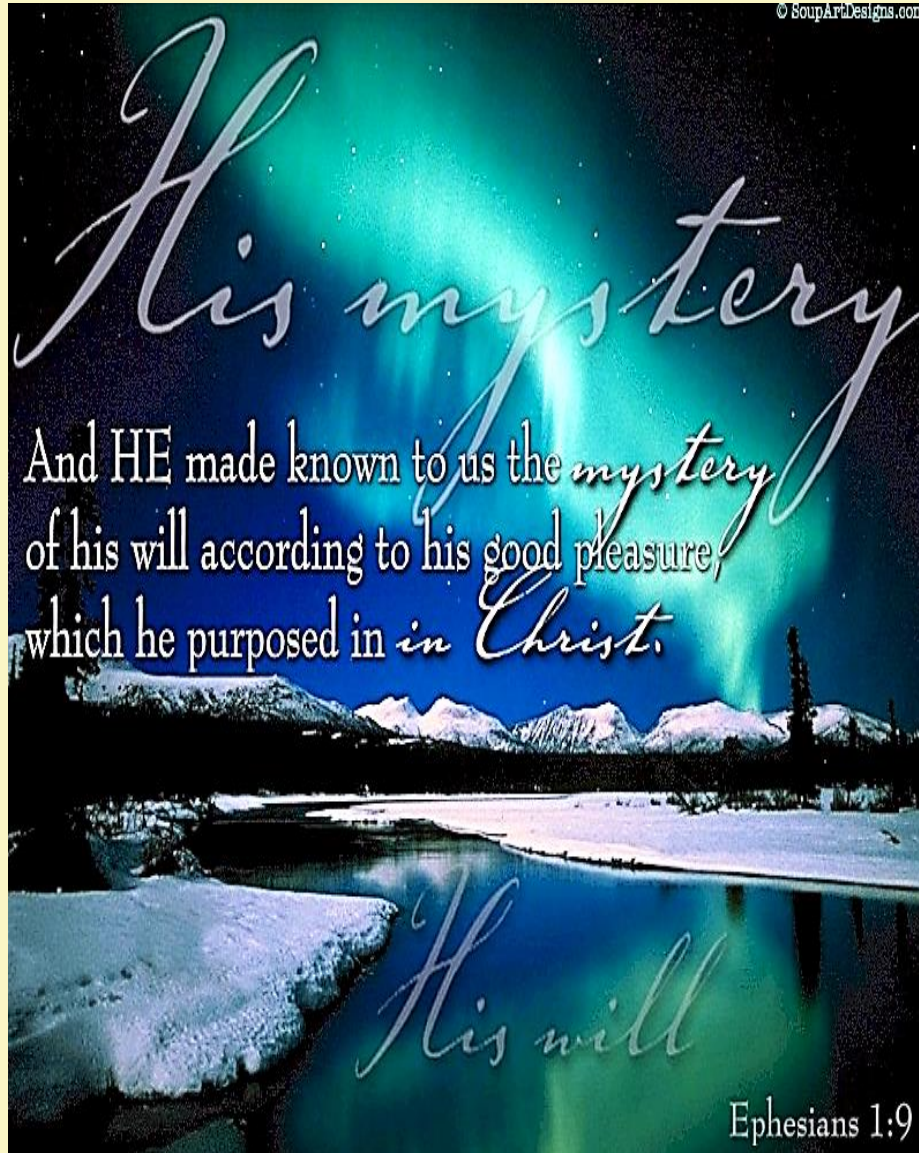
He is so rich in
KINDNESS
and
GRACE
that He purchased our freedom with the
BLOOD *of His* **SON**
and forgave our sins.

EPHESIANS 1:7 NET

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The Mystery of his will



- Ephesians 1:9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will,** according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Sealed with the spirit of Promise!

SIGNED
SEALED &
DELIVERED

EPHESIANS 1



Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.