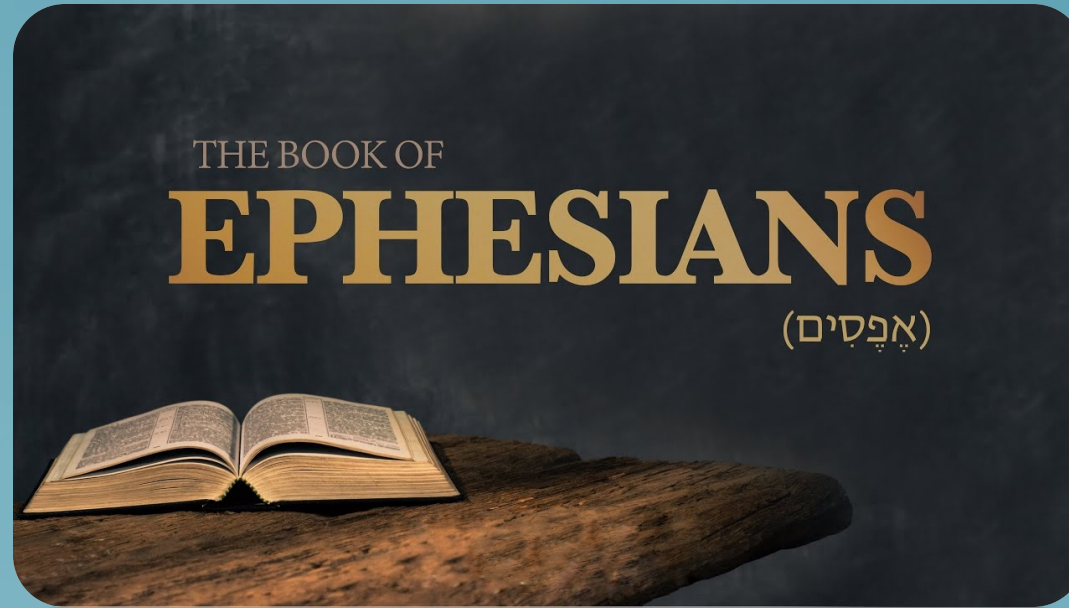




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**Bible Study**  
**Tuesday August 9th 2022**

# The Book of Ephesians



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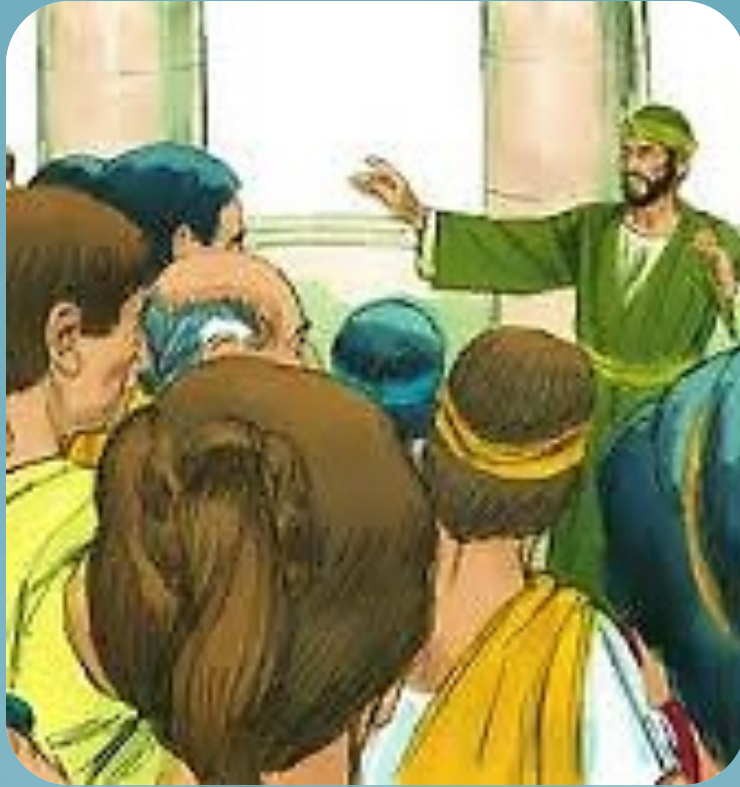


# Ephesus



Ephesus was an ancient city in Turkey's Central Aegean region, near modern-day Selçuk. Its excavated remains reflect centuries of history, from classical Greece to the Roman Empire – when it was the Mediterranean's main commercial center – to the spread of Christianity. Southwest of Selçuk stands the house where the Mary is believed to have lived.

# The Ephesian Church



Acts 18:24 ¶ And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, **came to Ephesus.**

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when **Aquila and Priscilla** had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.



# Pauls Ministry in Ephesus

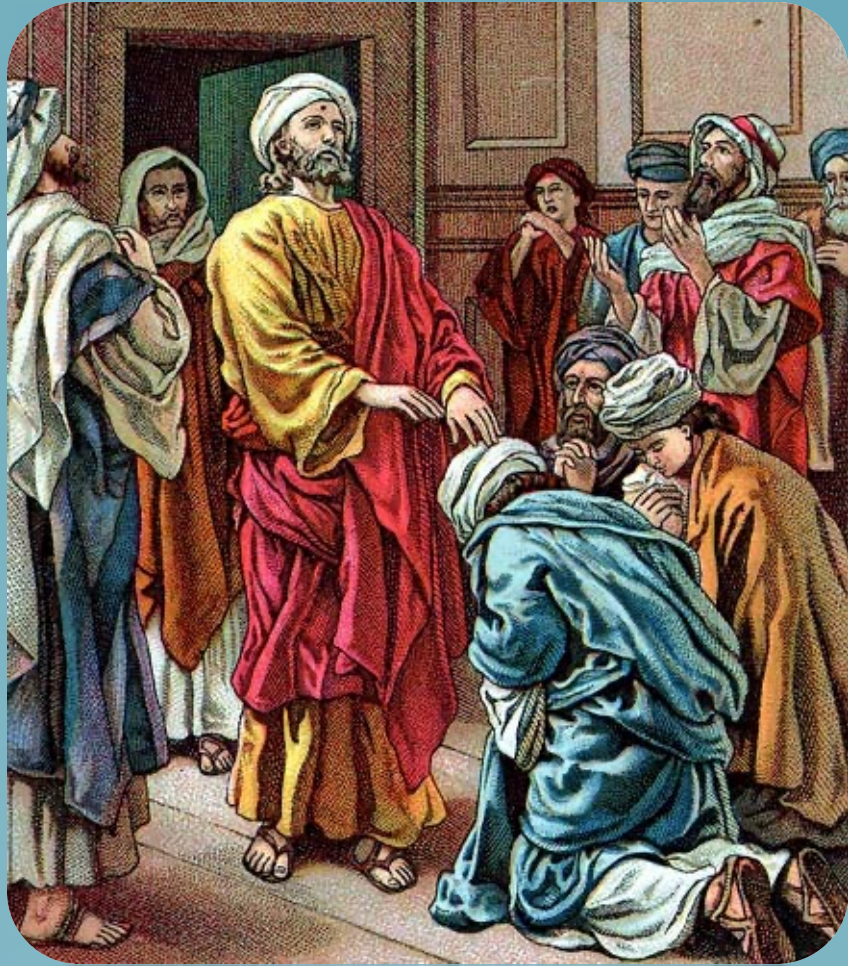


Acts 19:1 ¶And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.



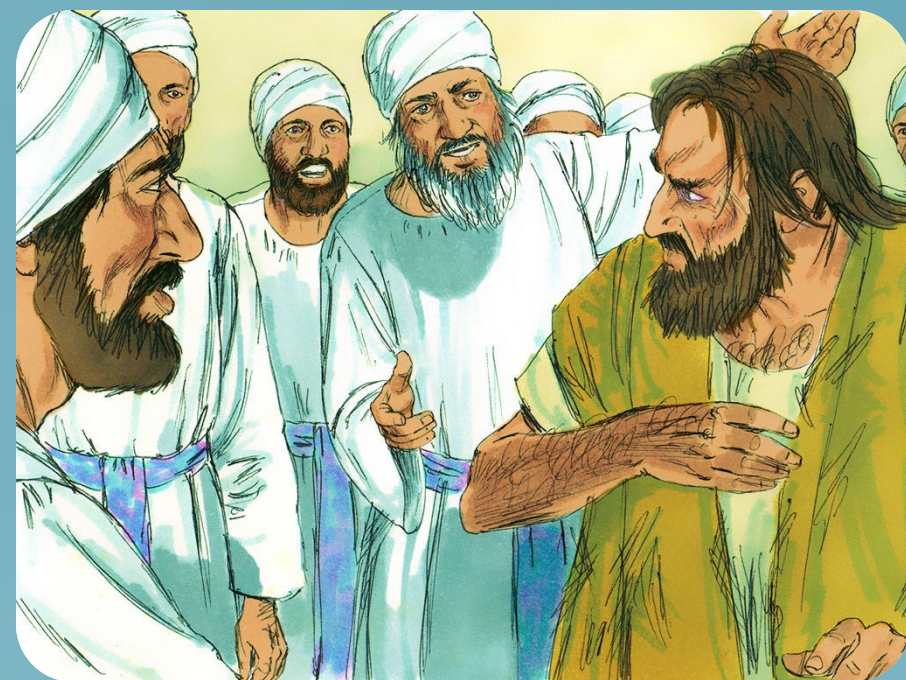
# Pauls Ministry In Ephesus & Asia Minor



Acts 19:8 ¶ And he went into the **synagogue**, and **spake boldly for the space of three months**, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 10 **And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.**

**11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:** 12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.





Acts 19:13 ¶ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

# Pauls Leaves Ephesus



24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25 Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worshippeth.



# Paul Leaves Ephesus



- Acts 20:1 ¶And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.
- 2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,
- 3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

# Paul's Charge to the Elders



Paul's  
Farewell  
To Ephesus

Acts 20:17-38

Acts 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. 17 ¶And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, 19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: 20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,



# Pauls Charge

- 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
- 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.
- 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

# Christ's Epistle to The Ephesians



- Revelation 2:1 ¶ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
- 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:



# Christ's Epistle to The Ephesians



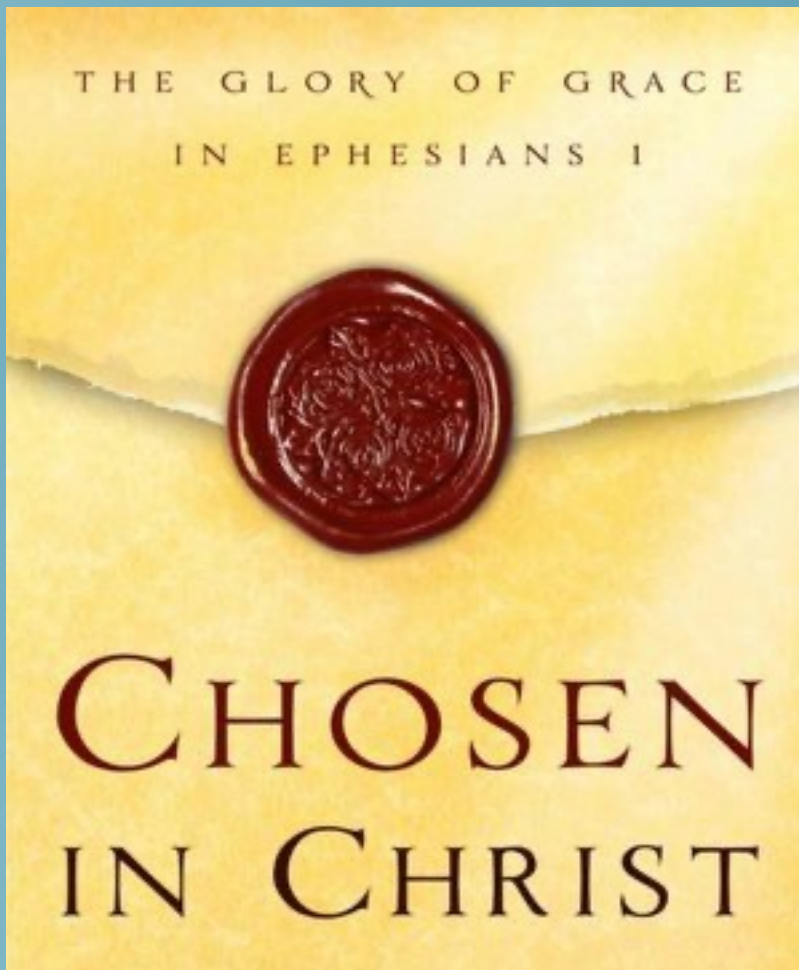
3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.



And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea. Colossians 4:16

# Ephesians 1

Ephesians 1:1 ¶Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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:



# All....Spiritual blessings!

When in Him,  
the things in Him are ours

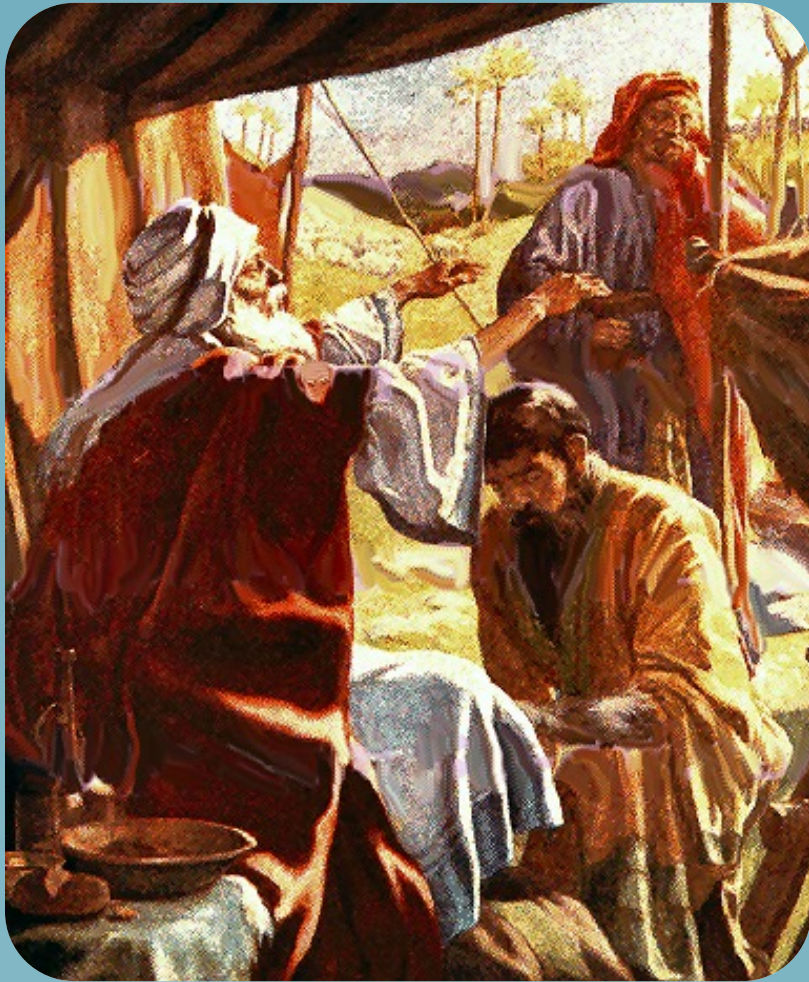
In sin

IN CHRIST

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

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# 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.

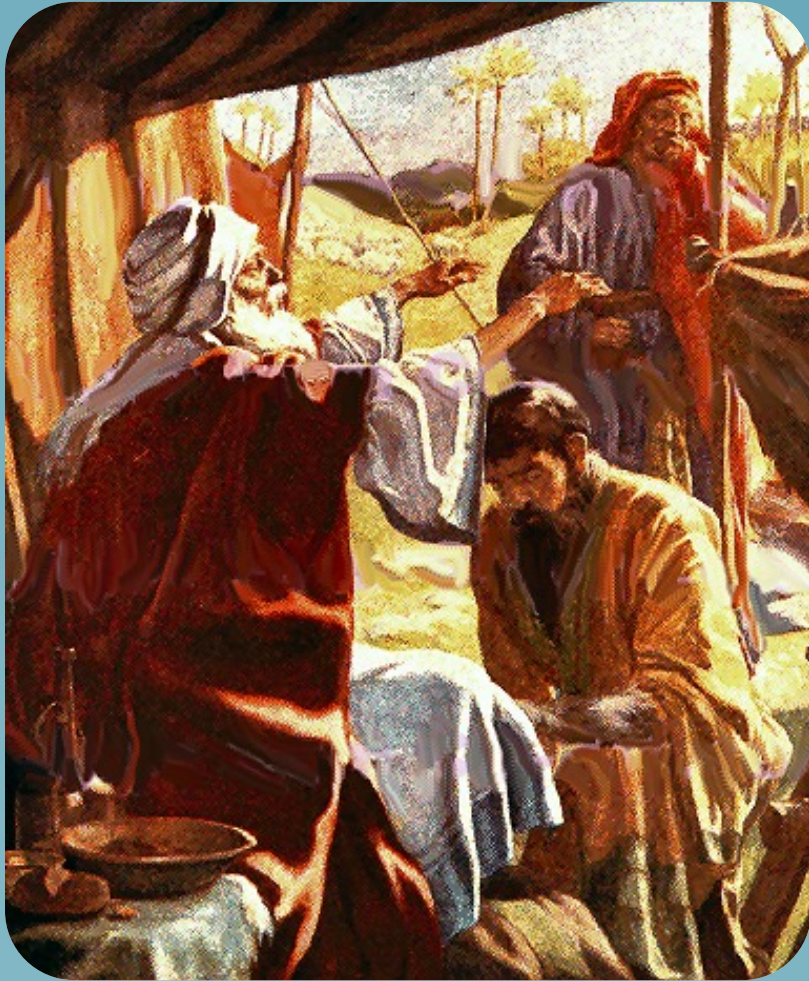


# The Spiritual preceeds the Natural!



- Genesis 30:43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and maidservants, and menservants, and camels, and asses.
- Psalms 37:37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
- 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
- 40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him

# The Spiritual Blessing

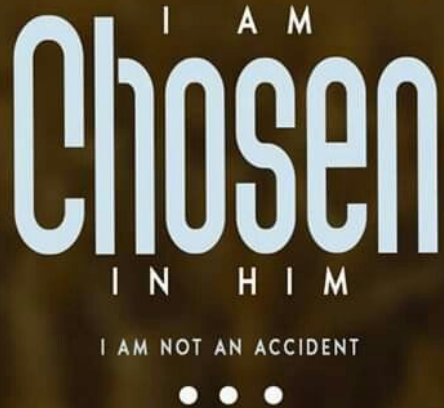


- Is about Gods favor;
- Gods abiding Presence,
- Gods lifelong Guidance
  
- And future Inheritance!

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!..



I AM  
**Chosen**  
IN HIM  
I AM NOT AN ACCIDENT  
• • •

- 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

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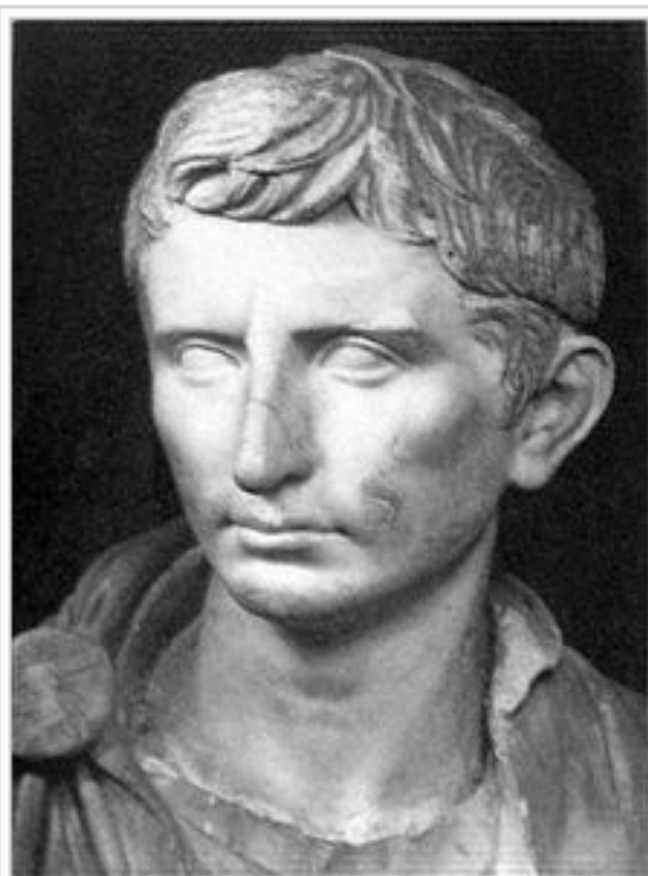


# Adoption in ancient Rome

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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.

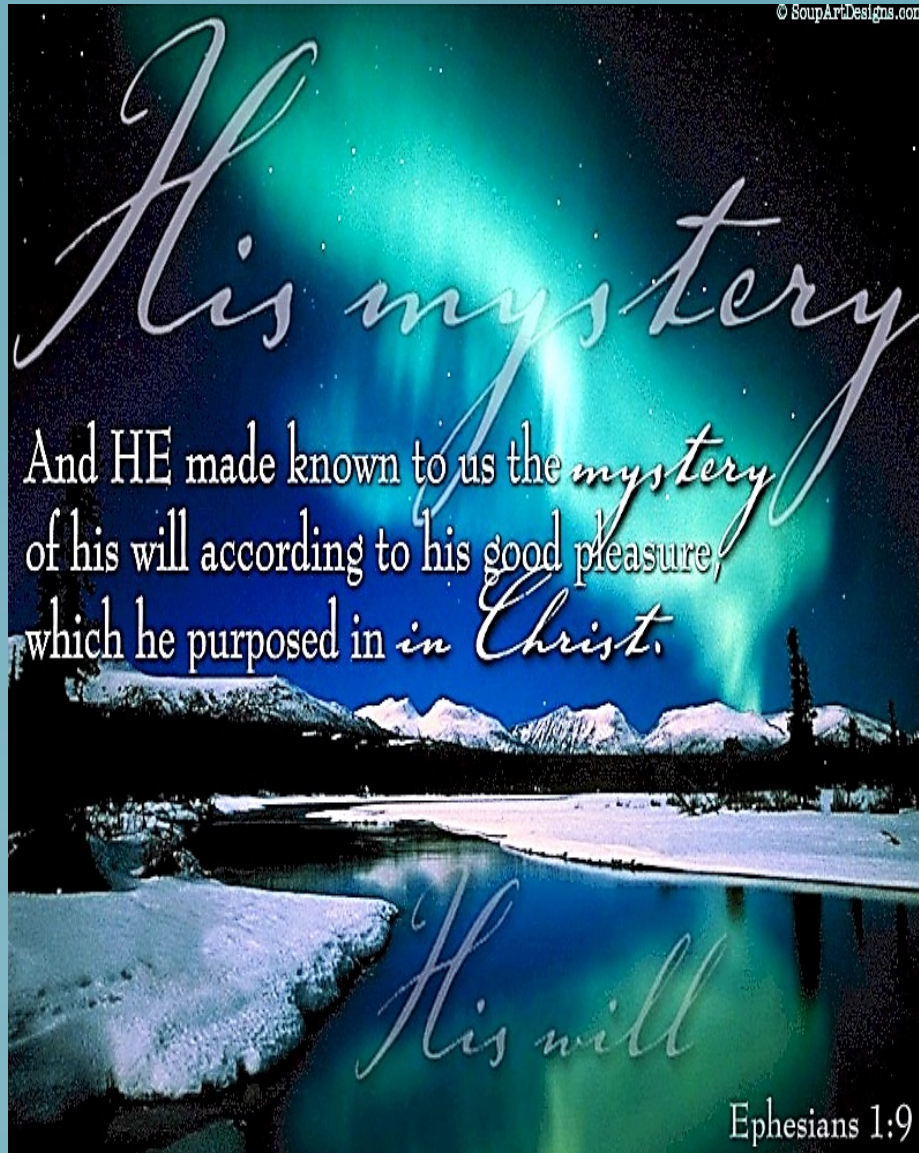


# Redemption through his blood



- 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;

# 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:



# “The Praise of his Glory”

John 1 : 14

And the Word was made flesh,  
and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten  
of the Father full of grace and truth.

Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his **grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

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

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

Romans 9:23 And that he might make **known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy**, which he had afore **prepared unto glory**,