**The Book of Ephesians:** **Our Identity Is “In Christ”**

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**Because The Christian Has been Blessed…**

**#1) He Is Thankful For Our Faith.**

*15****For this reason****, ever since I heard about* ***your faith*** *in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16I have not stopped* ***giving thanks*** *for you,****remembering you in my prayers****.* Ephesians 1:15-16

**#2) He’s Praying For Our Wisdom And To Know Jesus More.**

*17I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,*

*may give you the* ***Spirit of wisdom and revelation****, so that you may* ***know him better****.* Ephesians 1:17

**#3) He’s Praying We Know: Hope, Inheritance And God’s “Power”.**

*18I pray that the* ***eyes of your heart*** *may be* ***enlightened****in order that you may know the* ***hope*** *to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious* ***inheritance****in his holy people, 19and his incomparably* ***great power*** *for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20he exerted when he* ***raised Christ*** *from the dead and* ***seated him*** *at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.* Ephesians 1:18-21

*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.* 2 Peter 1:3

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,* ***according to his power that is at work within us****,* Ephesians 3:20

*22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be* ***head over everything*** *for the* ***church, 23which is his body****, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.* Ephesians 1:22

**#4) He Reminds Us What We’re Saved “FROM”.**

*As for you, you were* ***dead in your transgressions*** *and* ***sins****,****2****in which you* ***used to live****when you* ***followed*** *the ways of this* ***world****and of the* ***ruler*** *of the kingdom of the air, the* ***spirit*** *who is now at work in those who are* ***disobedient****.* Ephesians 2:1-2[See Isaiah 53:6]

***3****All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our fleshand following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature* ***deserving of wrath****.* Ephesians 2:3

**#5) He Reminds Us What We’re Saved “FOR”.**

***4****But because of his* ***great love*** *for us, God, who is rich in* ***mercy****,****5****made us* ***alive with Christ*** *even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by* ***grace*** *you have been saved.* Ephesians 2:4

***6****And God* ***raised us up*** *with Christ and* ***seated us*** *with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,****7****in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable* ***riches of his grace****, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.* Ephesians 2:6-7

***8****For it is by* ***grace****you have been* ***saved****, through* ***faith****—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—****9****not by* ***works****, so that no one can boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9

***10****For we are* ***God’s handiwork****, created in Christ Jesus* ***to do good works****,*

*which God* ***prepared in advance*** *for us to do.*  Ephesians 2:10

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