

How does knowing you're unconditionally loved and offered grace help you in your relationships?

Thank God today for the complete love and grace He has lavished on you. Pray that as you grow in your understanding of His love and grace that you'll demonstrate it more and more in your relationships.

Friday

Read Romans 8:35-38, 2 Corinthians 5:17 & Ephesians 1:7. Spend time dwelling on the consequences of what you've studied this week.

What does it mean to you that you have a new identity in Christ?

How does it comfort you to know that God will never let you go?

How does knowing that God will not hurt you impact your faith?

Thank God today for the privilege of learning from the Bible. Meditate on and thank Him for the identity you have in Him, the comfort you have in Him and the care you have in Him. Ask Him to grow you in your understanding of His blessings and grace.

Saturday

Thank you so much for your love for TLC. Please be in prayer for the services this weekend – that they will encourage those who hear them and help each of us to grow in our understanding of God and His amazing grace. Pray that our church will be a beacon of hope and love to our community.

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Aleta Zapata – recovering from fall
Bob Shaw – diagnosed with cancer, primary source to be determined
Carole Thomas – testing
Dorrell Smith – RCU
Elva Jacobsen – testing
Irvin Smith – RCU, recovering from pedestrian/auto accident, due to go home 5/18
Recent hospitalizations / surgeries: Clara Turner, Connie Upton, Roberly Bedayan
Hospice Care: Roberly Bedayan, Adrienne Gomes

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. You can also subscribe to our online Prayer Update at www.tlc.org/profiles.



The Key to a Joyful, Confident Life!



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Part 1: Ephesians 1:1-7
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“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 1:1,2

Ephesians Outline

First Three Chapters	Last Three Chapters
• Pumps You Up	• Sends You Out
• Encouragement	• Exhortation
• Who You Are	• What To Do
• Position	• Practice

Believing these truths will change my life:

- _____

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us** in the heavenly realms **with every spiritual blessing** in Christ.” Ephesians 1:3*
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*“For he **chose us** in him before the creation of the world to be **holy and blameless in his sight**.” Ephesians 1:4*

Not based on my _____

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*“In love he predestined us to be **adopted** as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious **grace**, which he has **freely given us** in the One he loves.” Ephesians 1:5,6 (See Rom. 8:15,16)*

This means:

God has given me a _____

God will never _____

God will never _____

*“In him we have **redemption** through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, in accordance with the **riches of God's grace** that he **lavished on us** with all wisdom and understanding.” Ephesians 1:7,8*

The key to a joyful, confident life: Knowing my _____ in Christ!

Ephesians Preview

- MAY 26,27** **"The Real Secret"**
Ephesians 1:7-23
- JUNE 2,3** **"Destined For Greatness"**
Ephesians 2:1-10
- JUNE 9,10** **"Getting A Spiritual Recharge"**
Ephesians 3:14-21
- JUNE 16,17** **"Living A Life Of Peace"**
Ephesians 4:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-22
Join us that weekend for a Father's Day BBQ!
- JUNE 23,24** **"It Came From Within!"**
Ephesians 4:17-24
- JUNE 30/JULY 1** **Special Guests: Colorado Street Choir**
- JULY 7,8** **"Taming The Monster Of Resentment"**
Ephesians 4:31-5:2
We'll have a BBQ and show off some Classic Cars!
- JULY 14,15:** **"Escaping Self-Defeating Patterns"**
Ephesians 5:2-5:20

Summer Special Speakers

- JULY 21,22** **Bill Butterworth**
- JULY 28,29** **M. Craig Barnes**
- AUGUST 4,5** **"Enjoying Marriage Again"**
Ephesians 5:21-33
- AUGUST 11,12** **"Enjoying Family Again"**
Ephesians 6:1-4
- AUGUST 18,19** **"Enjoying Work Again"**
Ephesians 6:5-9
- SEPTEMBER 1,2** **"The Keys To Victory In Your Life"**
Ephesians 6:10-17
- SEPTEMBER 8,9** **"Experiencing The Power Of Prayer"**
Ephesians 6:18-20

Monday

Read Ephesians 1:1-7. What impacted you most about the weekend's message?

In your words describe the blessings you have in Christ.

How does your life reflect your understanding of these blessings? In what area are you struggling to believe these blessings are true for you?

Thank God today for His amazing grace and love. Thank Him for the many blessings He has lavished on you. Talk to Him about your struggles to believe His love and blessings. Ask Him to help you grow in your understanding.

Tuesday

Read Ephesians 1:3. Write down ten ways you've seen God's blessings in the last week.

How is your relationship with God impacted when you don't believe that He has given you every spiritual blessing? How does believing that God has given you every spiritual blessing impact your relationship with Him?

Thank God today for the ten blessings you wrote down. Talk to Him about your struggles to trust His goodness. Pray that more and more you'll relax in His arms of love for you.

Wednesday

Read Ephesians 1:4. How do you think knowing that you were chosen to be in the family of God should affect your life?

What thought or habit are you struggling with most right now? How can you apply the truth that you are holy and blameless in God's sight to that area?

Thank God today for the complete redemption you have through Jesus Christ. Thank Him for choosing you. Pray about the struggles you have accepting God's grace. Pray that God will increase your faith in His love for you and your joy in knowing Him.

Thursday

Read Romans 8:15-16 and Ephesians 1:5-6. What is redemption?

Knowing you are adopted by God, how will you view yourself and God differently?

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Memory Verse

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will."
Ephesians 1:3-6

