



THE WESTSIDE CHURCH

Fall 2025 Series

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians



# The Ephesian Church

- Founded by Paul ~52 AD
- Priscilla and Aquilla —> Apollos
- (54 AD) Paul ~3 years
- Timothy and Apostle John
- House Churches >200 people
- Competing World Views





# The Letter

Paul

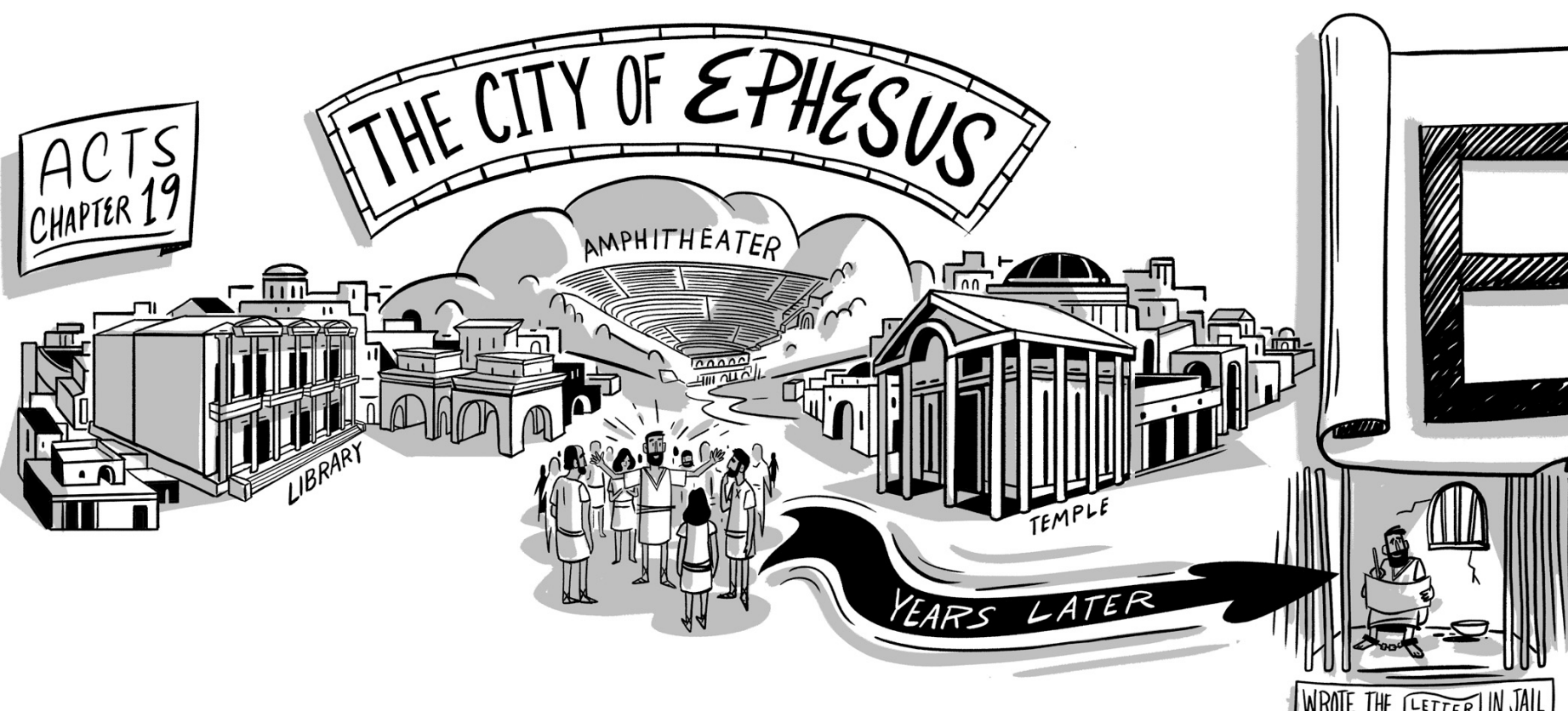
Imprisoned Rome

~60 AD

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# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS



PAUL SUMMARIZES  
THE GOSPEL STORY  
& HOW IT SHOULD RESHAPE EVERY PART OF  
OUR STORY.

## 1-3 THE GOSPEL STORY

## "THEREFORE"

## 4-6 OUR STORY

**1:3-14 OPENING POEM**

PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT HE'S DONE **IN CHRIST**

**ACTS CHAPTER 2**

**1:15-23 PRAYER**

EXPERIENCE THE POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD

WE JEW **FORGIVENESS** YOU GENTILE **GRACE**

SEE GENESIS 12:1-3

COVENANT FAMILY

**1:10 UNITY OF EVERYTHING UNDER THE MESSIAH**

**2:1-10 GOD'S GRACE...**

**2:11-22 ...A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY**

NEW HUMANS

NEW PURPOSE & TASKS

ACCESS TO

COVENANT FAMILY

"A NEW, UNIFIED HUMANITY THAT LIVES IN **PEACE**" (2:15)

NO PURPOSE DECEPTION SELFISHNESS

PEACE

**3 PAUL'S UNIQUE ROLE AS MESSENGER TO NON-JEWS**

MAY YOU BE STRENGTHENED BY GOD'S SPIRIT & GRASP THE LOVE OF CHRIST

**4:1-16**

one

UNITY DOES NOT = UNIFORMITY

**one SPIRIT, MANY GIFTS**

- APOSTLE • PROPHET • TEACHER
- PASTOR • EVANGELIST

TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH:

1 NEW TEMPLE

2 JESUS THE HEAD OF A NEW HUMANITY

**4:17-6:9**

OLD NEW

TAKE OFF	PUT ON
LIES	TRUTH
ANGER	PEACE
THEFT	GENEROSITY
GOSSIP	ENCOURAGE
REVENGE	FORGIVENESS
PROMISCUITY	SELF-CONTROL
DRUNK	GOD'S SPIRIT

**SIGNS of the SPIRIT**

- 1 SINGING TOGETHER
- 2 SINGING ALONE
- 3 BEING THANKFUL
- 4 ELEVATING OTHERS

and so...

**CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD**

CHURCH = JESUS

RESPECT LOVE

ALLOW RESPONSIBILITY LAY DOWN LIFE

CHILDREN PARENTS

SLAVES MASTERS

**SALVATION**

RIGHTEOUSNESS FAITH

WORD OF GOD

**6:10-24 THE ARMOR OF GOD**

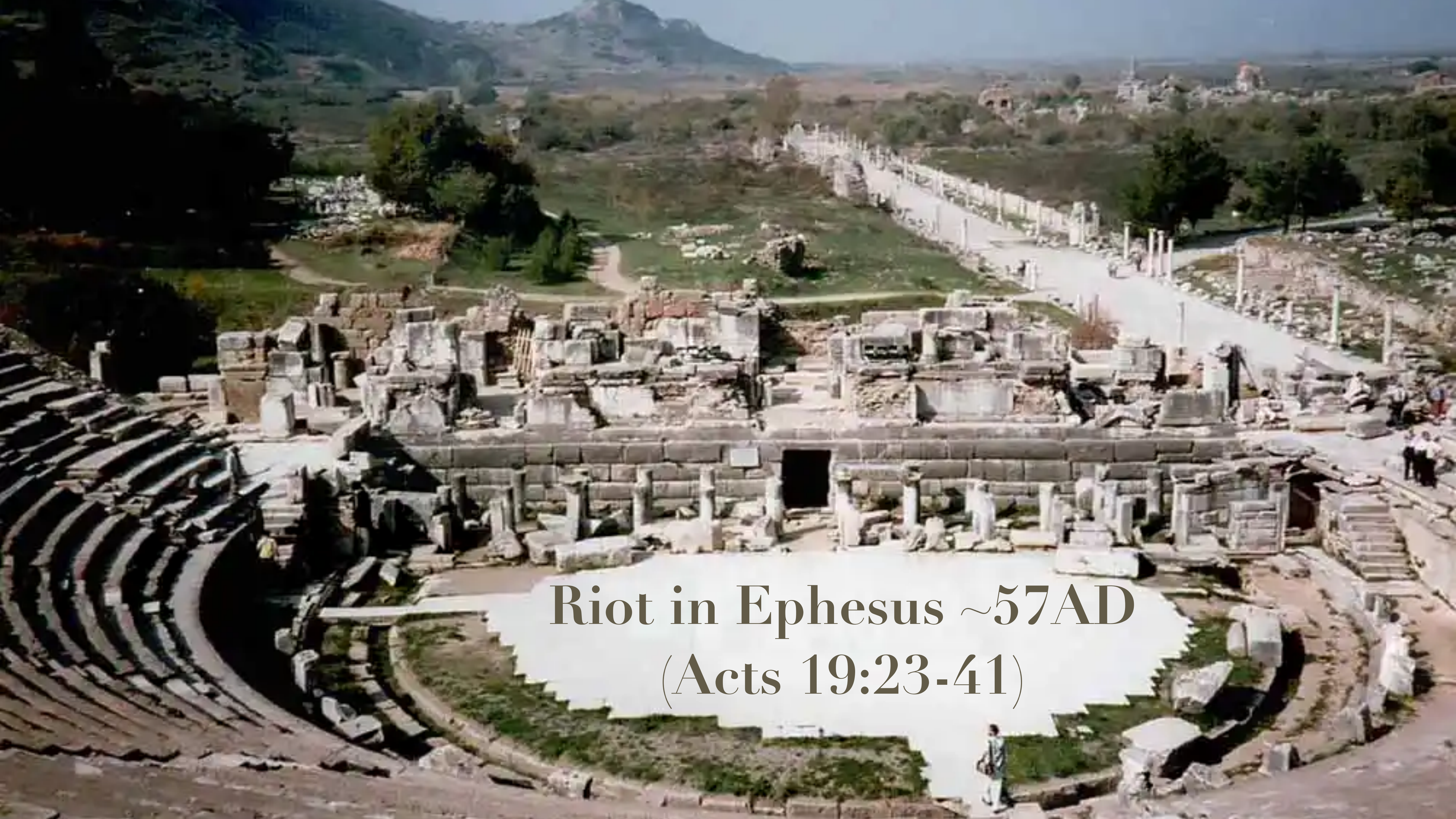
**SPIRITUAL EVIL**

TRUTH

SEE ISAIAH 11:5 49:2 59:17

GOSPEL



An aerial photograph of the ancient ruins of Ephesus. In the foreground, the semi-circular stone seating of the Ephesus Amphitheater is visible. Behind it, the ruins of the Temple of the Virgin Mary (Athena Temple) are prominent, showing its massive stone walls and columns. A long, straight stone wall, likely the city wall, extends from the temple area towards the background. The surrounding landscape is green with trees and some modern buildings in the distance under a clear sky.

# Riot in Ephesus ~57AD (Acts 19:23-41)



There was serious trouble [in Ephesus] because of the Way. A silversmith named Demetrius had a business that made silver models of the temple of the goddess Artemis. Those who worked for him earned a lot of money. Demetrius brought together everyone who was in the same business and said:



Friends, you know we make a good living at this. But you have surely seen and heard how this man Paul is upsetting a lot of people, not only in Ephesus, but almost everywhere in Asia. He claims that the gods we humans make are not really gods at all. Everyone will start saying terrible things about our business. They will stop respecting the temple of the goddess Artemis, who is worshiped in Asia and all over the world. Our great goddess will be forgotten!



When the workers heard this, they got angry and started shouting, "Great is Artemis, the goddess of the Ephesians!" Soon the whole city was in a riot, and some men grabbed Gaius and Aristarchus, who had come from Macedonia with Paul. Then everyone in the crowd rushed to the place where the town meetings were held. Paul wanted to go out and speak to the people, but the disciples would not let him. A few of the local officials were friendly to Paul, and they sent someone to warn him not to go.



Some of the people in the meeting were shouting one thing, and others were shouting something else.

Everyone was completely confused, and most of them didn't even know why they were there. Several of the Jewish leaders pushed a man named Alexander to the front of the crowd. He motioned with his hand and tried to explain what was going on. But when the crowd saw that he was Jewish, they all shouted for two hours, "Great is Artemis, the goddess of the Ephesians!"



Finally, a town official made the crowd be quiet. Then he said: People of Ephesus, who in the world doesn't know that our city is the center for worshiping the great goddess Artemis? Who doesn't know that her image which fell from heaven is right here? No one can deny this, and so you should calm down and not do anything foolish. You have brought men in here who have not robbed temples or spoken against our goddess.



If Demetrius and his workers have a case against these men, we have courts and judges. Let them take their complaints there. But if you want to do more than that, the matter will have to be brought before the city council. We could easily be accused of starting a riot today. There is no excuse for it! We cannot even give a reason for this uproar. After saying this, he told the people to leave.



1. What might have been the city's attitude toward the Christians, following the demonstration?
2. How might this have affected the faith and devotion of some of the disciples?

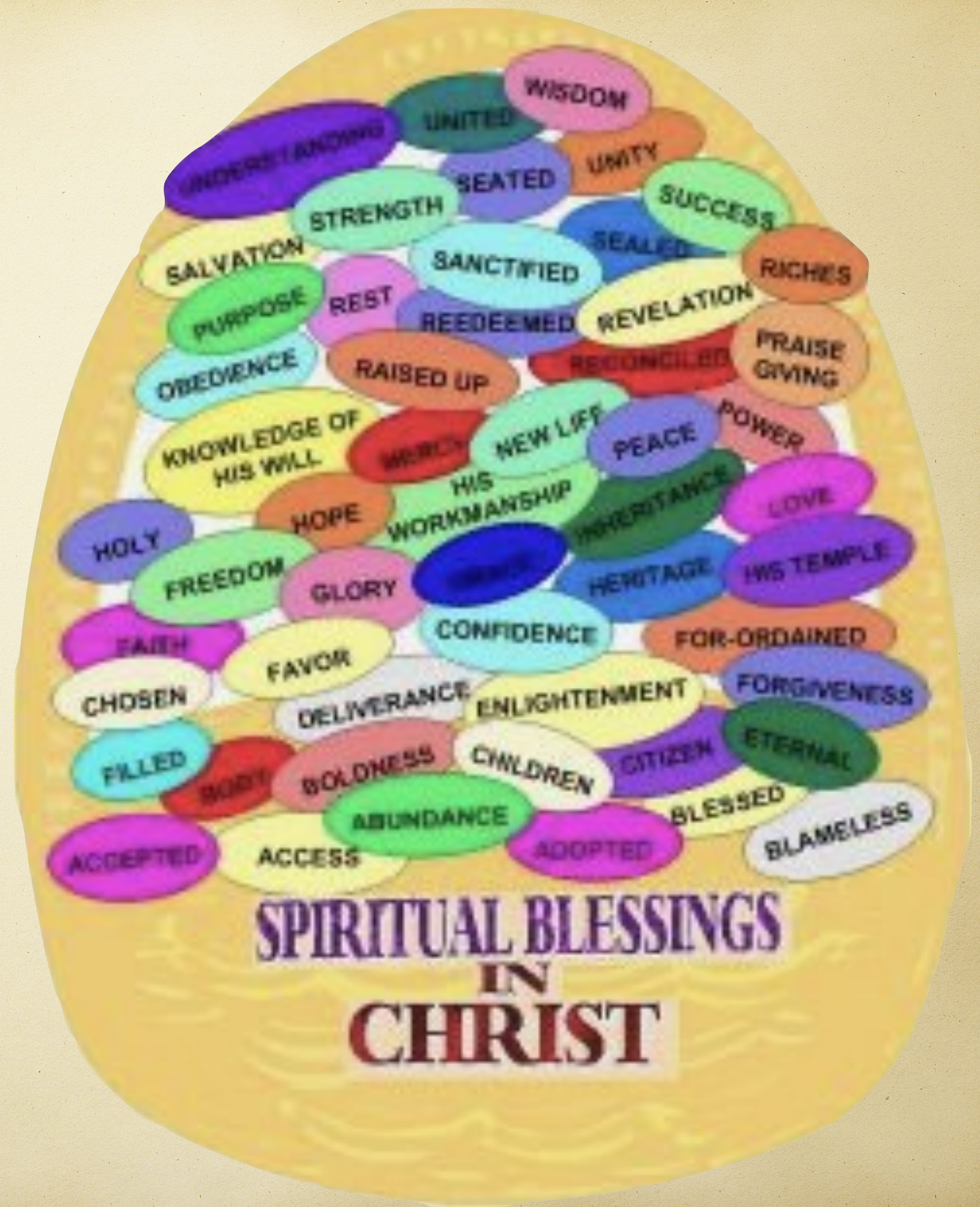


# Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:

Restore the church's CONFIDENCE  
in God; in Jesus; in the Gospel;  
in Paul; in their Discipleship.



# COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS





Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the saints in Ephesus the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
Grace & peace to you from God our Father & the Lord Jesus  
Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual  
blessing in the heavenly realms. For He chose us in Him  
before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless  
in His presence. In love He predestined us for adoption as  
His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the good  
pleasure of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, which  
He has freely given us in the Beloved One.

Ephesians 1:1-6





**Blessing 1:**  
God's is at work  
in your life!



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus  
by the will of God,  
Ephesians 1:1a



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2





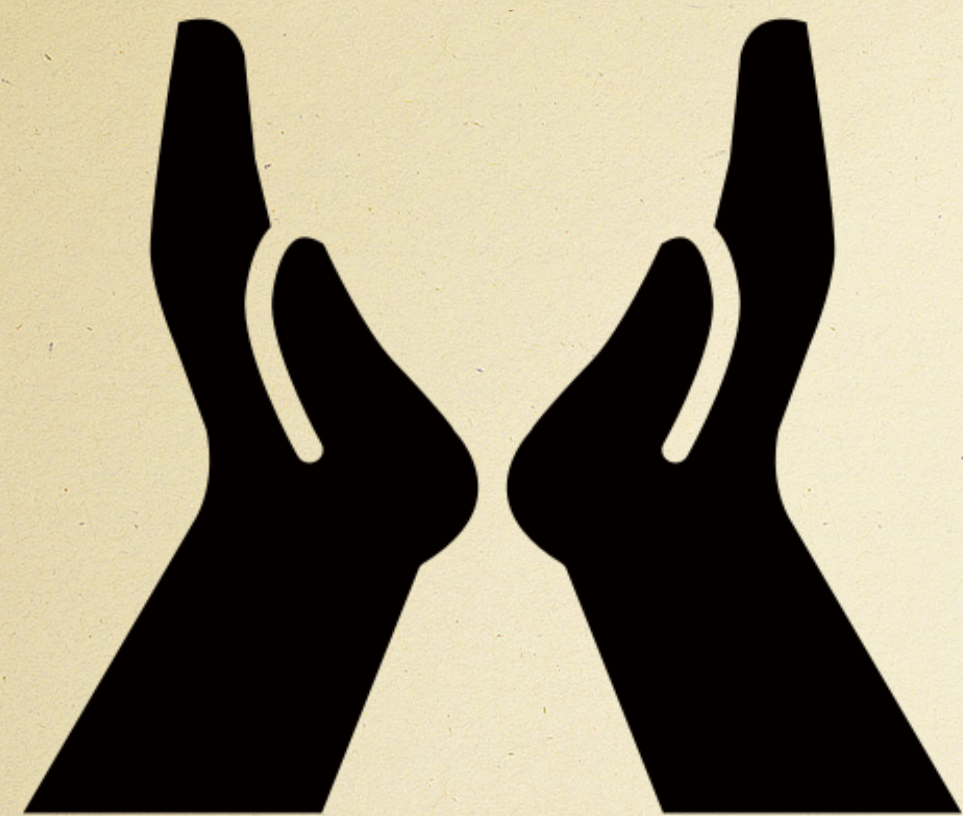
**Blessing 2:**  
God sees you as  
holy and faithful



To the saints in Ephesus  
the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:1b





**Blessing 3:**  
God fills you with  
grace and peace



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

Ephesians 1:2





**Blessing 4:**  
We are blessed  
in Christ



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us in Christ**  
**with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly**  
**realms.**

Ephesians 1:3



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Ephesians 1:3





ABUNDANCE

ACCEPTED

ACCESS

ADOPTED

BLAMELESS

BLESSED

BODY

BOLDNESS

CHOSEN

CITIZEN

CONFIDENCE

DELIVERANCE

ENLIGHTENMENT

ETERNAL

FAITH

FAVOR

FILLED

FORGIVENESS

FREEDOM

GLORY

GRACE

HERITAGE

HOLY

HOPE

INHERITANCE

INTIMACY

KNOWLEDGE

LOVE

MERCY

NEW LIFE

OBEDIENCE

PEACE

POWER

PRAISE

PREDESTINED

PURPOSE

RAISED

RECONCILED

REDEEMED

REST

REVELATION

RICHES

SALVATION

SANCTIFIED

SEALED

SEATED

STRENGTH

SUCCESS

TEMPLE

UNDERSTANDING

UNITED

UNITY

WISDOM

WORKMANSHIP





**Blessing 5:**  
We are chosen and  
predestined



For He chose us in Him before the foundation  
of the world to be holy and blameless in His  
presence. In love He predestined us for  
adoption as His sons through Jesus Christ

Ephesians 1:4-5





## **Blessing 6:**

We are faultless and  
blameless before Him



For He chose us in Him before the foundation  
of the world to be holy and blameless in His  
presence.

Ephesians 1:4



So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this [new heaven and new earth], make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

2 Peter 3:14





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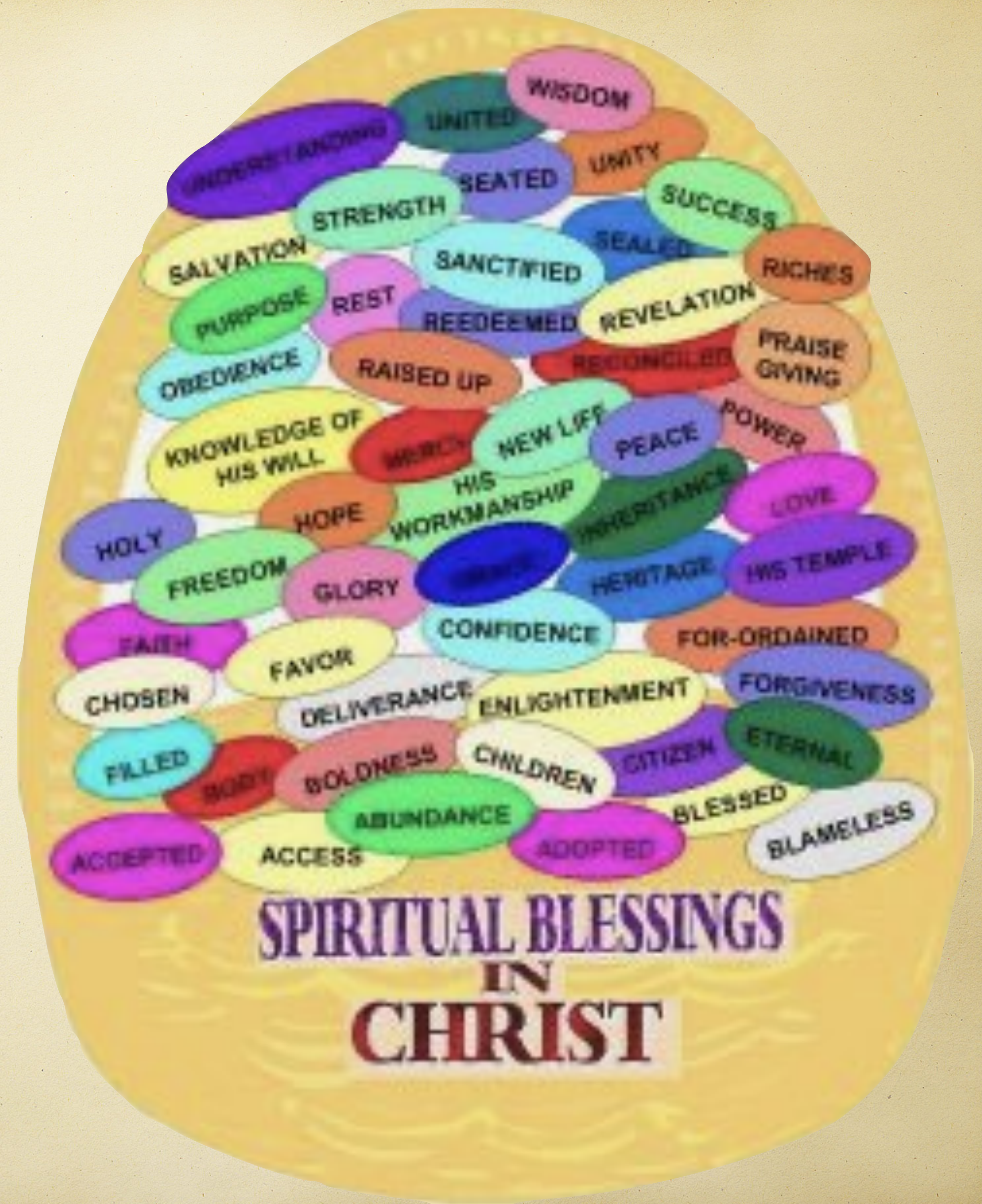
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## Blessing 7:

We are God's adopted  
children



In love He predestined us for adoption as His  
sons and daughters through Jesus Christ,  
according to the good pleasure of His will, to  
the praise of His glorious grace, which He has  
freely given us in the Beloved One.

Ephesians 1:5-6