

I. Salutation (1.1-2)

Key thought: The content of Paul's letter inspired of God is built upon the foundation of "In Christ." Paul's authority to speak truth as an apostle is "in Christ." Paul's blessing to the "saints" is founded "in Christ." The believer's blessing is founded "in Christ." We are tempted to think about the salutation of a letter as insignificant. However, considering "all scripture is God breathed" and the importance of foundation when building a point we should pay close attention to these words.

- The Source of Authority
- The Designation of Believers
- The Blessings of Believers
- The Source of Blessings

Conclusion: Paul's message throughout this epistle is that believers might understand and experience more fully all of the blessings granted by their heavenly Father and His Son and their Savior, Jesus Christ. He has set that stage in his salutation to those reading this letter by establishing the source of all "in Christ."

Next Week: God Purpose for the Church – The Body Formed in Eternity Past
Ephesians 1.3-6