

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES
VOLUME 3: WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST
MESSAGE 5: Who You Are in Christ
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➤ **FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:**

- Romans 8:35-38 [*Weymouth New Testament*] — Who shall separate us from Christ's love? Shall affliction or distress, persecution or hunger, nakedness or danger or the sword?
- Verse 36 — As it stands written in the Scripture, "FOR THY SAKE THEY ARE, ALL DAY LONG, TRYING TO KILL US. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKED UPON AS SHEEP DESTINED FOR SLAUGHTER."
- Verse 37 — Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who has loved us.
- Verse 38 — For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither the lower ranks of evil angels nor the higher, neither things present nor things future, nor the forces of nature,
- Verse 39 — nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God which rests upon us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Colossians 1:10-15

I. Paul's Writings to the Ephesus Church: Ephesians 1:1-23

- a. Verse 2: Grace & Peace Belong to the Body of Christ
 - i. 2 Peter 1:2 — Grace & Peace are Multiplied to us
 - ii. When We KNOW what God's Grace is & how we are able to access God's Grace, we will have peace
 - 1. Romans 5:1-2 — we access God's Grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Faith
 - iii. Grace IS: the influence of God's Word on our manner of living & speaking to access God's Power, Provision & Favor (excessive kindness, unfair partiality, preferential treatment)
 - 1. Psalm 41:11

2. Psalm 102:13 — it is time for the Body of Christ to access the Favor of God
 3. John 14:13-14
- b. Verse 3: BLESSED with ALL Spiritual BLESSINGS
- i. Genesis 1:28 — dominion (Authority – a subject that really needs to be studied more)
 - ii. “God’s BLESSING does more than express a positive statement. It releases the Power to bring that BLESSING to pass.”
 1. Kenneth Copeland from his book: The BLESSING of the Lord (page 51)
 - iii. Galatians 3:13-14 — the BLESSING promised to Abraham
 1. Genesis 14:12-14
 2. BLESSING — the empowerment to prosper
- c. Verse 5: Sons of God
- i. Hebrews 2:10
 - ii. Galatians 4:6-7
 1. Romans 8:16-17
 - iii. Ephesians 2:19
- d. Verse 7: We are the Redeemed
- i. Colossians 1:13-14
 - ii. John 1:12 — the power to become the Sons of God
 - iii. Romans 16:19-20, 25-26
 - iv. Ephesians 2:10-13
- e. Verse 8: We have Access to ALL of God’s Wisdom & Knowledge
- i. 2 Peter 1:2-3
 - ii. John 8:31-32
 1. Matthew 6:33 — seek 1st the Kingdom & God’s way
 - iii. Colossians 1:9-10
 - iv. James 1:5
 1. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge
 2. Proverbs 2:1-2
 - v. Proverbs 4:7-9
- f. Verse 9: The Mystery of God’s Will is Revealed to the Body of Christ
- i. Ephesians 1:9
 - ii. Romans 12:2

- iii. Hebrews 10:36 — after you have done the will of God
 - 1. Matthew 6:33 [*Amplified Classic Version*] — But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.
- g. Verse 11: We have the Right to Obtain Our Inheritance: NOW
 - i. Romans 4:13-16
 - ii. Galatians 3:13-14
 - iii. Ephesians 1:18
 - 1. Galatians 3:26-29

II. We ARE the Church, the Body of Christ

- a. Ephesians 1:22-23
- b. 7 is God's number of Completion
 - i. Ephesians 1:22-23 is the culmination of the 7 aspects of the Born-again believer: The Church, The Body of Christ
- c. The Pentecostal Experience:
 - i. James 5:7 (Ephesians 1:22-23)
 - ii. God is waiting on the Body of Christ to ARISE to its prepared path: the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit which began the Day of Pentecost: in the upper room (Acts 2)
 - 1. Hosea 6:2-3
 - 2. Joel 2:23-29
- d. We are Christians – Christ Like (ANOINTED Ones of God)!