



Scripture

- **Ephesians 1:3-7**

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

- **Genesis 9:26**

He also said, “Blessed be the LORD, The God of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant.

- **Exodus 3:6**

He said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

- **John 5:17, 19; 10:18; 13:1; 20:17, 1:14**

¹⁷ But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

10:18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

20:17 Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”

1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Identity & Destiny

Ephesians 1-3

Part 5



Other Scriptures

- John 6:63
- Isaiah 66:2
- John 13:3-5
- Matthew 26:28
- Gen. 27:4
- Mt.23:9

Main Points

- A word is a “verbal expression of a thought.”
 - The thought process is spiritual. The thoughts we think are spiritual.
 - We need to be careful of our thoughts—seize the Word of God (spirit and life).
- To understand your destiny, you need to understand 2 things:
 - Who we are-
 - Where we are going-
- Knowing our needs are met, frees us to serve the needs of others.
- We have been brought into a new covenant; therefore we have access to God, the Father through Yeshua, not the God of the patriarchs.
 - God will forever be known to the church as the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Only in Him, do we have access to God.
 - God wants us to deeply and intimately know and own God as our Father.

Discussion Questions

1. Words and thoughts are spiritual. How do you protect your thought life? What could you do differently to shore up your spirit from the enemy as he attacks through words and thoughts?
2. Who are you in Jesus Christ and where are you headed in His eternal plan?
3. Do you own God as your Father? How can the power of a less than loving/present father on earth be replaced with God, your Father? What forces could be broken within your life here if you were to be able to do this? Could this be a matter for your prayers?