



Scripture

- **Acts 23:6**

But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul *began* crying out in the Council, “Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!”

- **Ephesians 1:3-5, 7, 13**

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,

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

- **2 Timothy 1:9**

...who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity

- **Ephesians 1:15-18**

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

- **2 Thess. 2:13**

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

- **Deuteronomy 7:6**

For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Identity & Destiny

Ephesians 1-3

Part 6



Other Scriptures

- Gen. 27:30; 48:9
- Exodus 23:23
- Isa. 66:2
- Matt. 7:11; 23:9
- John 4:22; 6:63; 20:17;
- Acts 26:14
- Eph. 2:8, 13-15; 4:1
- Phil. 3:5-11

Main Points

- Comes from the N.T or Brit Chadashah
- Jewish people refer to the Old Testament as the Tanach.
- Paul did not give up his Jewishness in following Christ.
 - He wrote the New Testament book Ephesians, a Hebrew book fulfilling Judaism.
 - Baruch Atah Adonai Elohim
- It is the Father who is the fountain of all blessing.
 - He is blessed.
 - Out of His love and grace, He loves, and blesses us.
 - He predestined us to adoption as sons. (Eph. 1:5)
- In Jewish homes on Shabbat, the father uses the Siddur, a Jewish prayer book.
- Much of Ephesians is about being “in Him”.
 - Chosen by Him before the foundation of the world.
 - Adopted to Him
 - Sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit.
- If the Father loves Jesus, then He loves you because you are in Him!
- God marked you to be His—it was NOT accidental.

Discussion Questions

1. How has your understanding of your privileged position in the Father grown with this study in Ephesians?

2. Paul’s prayer for the church he started in Ephesus helps us see God’s desire for our understanding of His love. What dimensions of God’s love are prayed for and will your passion for Father reflect the understanding of His love? How will that look?

3. How would you write this prayer in your own words?