



EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

“In Christ”

- Called; holy; blameless; adopted; redeemed; inheritance; sealed
- Above all: *arche; exousia; dunamis; onoma*
- BUT GOD! Raised, seated Created for good works; for reconciliation & peace
- Access by the HS; built into His *naos*
- For all ages, His wisdom in the church to the *arche & exousia* in the heavenlies

“For this reason” - Paul’s Prayer

1. with power strengthened
2. Christ “dwells” in our hearts
3. Rooted and grounded in love
4. Comprehend with all the saints
5. Know the love of Christ

God is able!!!

- "exceedingly": to surpass; to go beyond any request; to overcome and do anything.
- "abundantly": overflow, more than enough.
- "above": to go over, above, beyond any need.
- all that we ask...all that we can think.
- Power that works in us

Glory!!!

- To HIM – Father
- In the church
- In Christ Jesus
- To all generations
- Forever and ever – eternity!
- Amen?

From the 'prisoner'

- Oh, this is a great authority!!?
- NOTE: not of Rome! But of the Lord
 - Do we realize whose slave we are???
- Exhort: *parakaleo*, implore, close up
 - God has done all this for you...
 - What actions/responses come from love

‘Called’ response

- WALK in a WORTHY manner (#3)
 - Looking to the church (2:10; 3:10)
 - Suitable, becoming way
 - He is our source and power
- What does this look like?

How to walk worthy:

- All humility – 7x; not belittling but right thinking based on His Glory
 - Acts 20:19; Phil 2:3
 - Superiority/Inferiority – YOU!
 - What tempts us away from this?
 - Why is pride so deadly?

How to walk worthy:

- Gentleness – 9x; one of the fruits
 - Do we want gentleness or ...
 - Sympathy, empathy, takes time
 - Why be ‘gentle’?
 - Have people been gentle with you?
God?

How to walk worthy:

- Patience (longsuffering) 14x - a fruit
 - Endurance, forbearance, slow in revenge
 - Quick responses or careful, measured ones
 - Can you remember the causes ... time!
 - What helps this grow in us?
 - HS control...

How to walk worthy:

- Bearing with (verb) 15x
 - To hold up, firm, sustain, endure, bear
 - Jesus put up with so much Mt 17:17
 - He still does...
- In LOVE!!! HIS! 3:18, 19!
 - Rooted and grounded in this, right?