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³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Ephesians 1:3

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:4-5

Adoption – We aren't naturally God's legitimate children.
Why adoption? Because we need a better family.
Adoption changes where you are at home.

Where do I come from?

What is wrong with this world?

What can be done about it?

What are the values I should live by?

What happens when we die?

He chose you in Christ to be.... Holy and without fault???

If you want to know God, you need to become like Him.

⁵ This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. Ephesians 1:5-6

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8

Redeemed = Bought back. Paid a Ransom.

We were born into captivity.

Two Abductors: Your sin nature and the Liar

You are powerless to free yourself.

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Ephesians 1:9-10

God purchased your freedom with blood to unite Heaven and Earth under the authority of Jesus. When you choose Jesus, you are renouncing every other authority.

¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. Ephesians 1:11

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ^{13a} And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. Ephesians 1:12-13a

All you had to do was hear it. To hear implies obeyed it. Adopting the mindset of unity between Heaven and Earth now.

^{13b} And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. Ephesians 1:13b

¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. Ephesians 1:14

Guarantee – Down Payment God is paying your mortgage. Someday all that Heaven has to offer will be yours on Earth.

Run toward your fears.

The purpose of the Church is to make disciples who make disciples.