

# EPHESIANS

Want it All?

Main Scripture: Ephesians 1:3

God ...

blesses us ...

(Jam 1:17; Eph 1:4-6, 11; 2 Pet 1:3)

in Christ.

(1 Cor 6:17, Rom 8:16-17, Eph 1:22-23)

## How to Become “In Christ”

1. Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 14:6, “I [Jesus] am the way the truth and the life,  
no one comes to the Father except through me.”

2. Be willing to turn from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, decide to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven:

*Lord Jesus,*

*I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation. I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

# Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

September 19-20, 2020



## Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.*

### God ...

- Goodness is God's nature. God the Father not only DOES good things, He IS good. Nothing is more appropriate for God's people than to bless Him for His great goodness. Through everything – fear, frustration, pain, bad things, goodness or happiness – we are to be praising God, because He is good through it ALL.

### Blesses us ...

- Blessings are a favour, protection and benefit for which we are thankful. Blessings are good things that are given to us or that happen to us. This isn't something that just happens; these gifts are from God.
- James 1:17 (ESV) *Every good and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

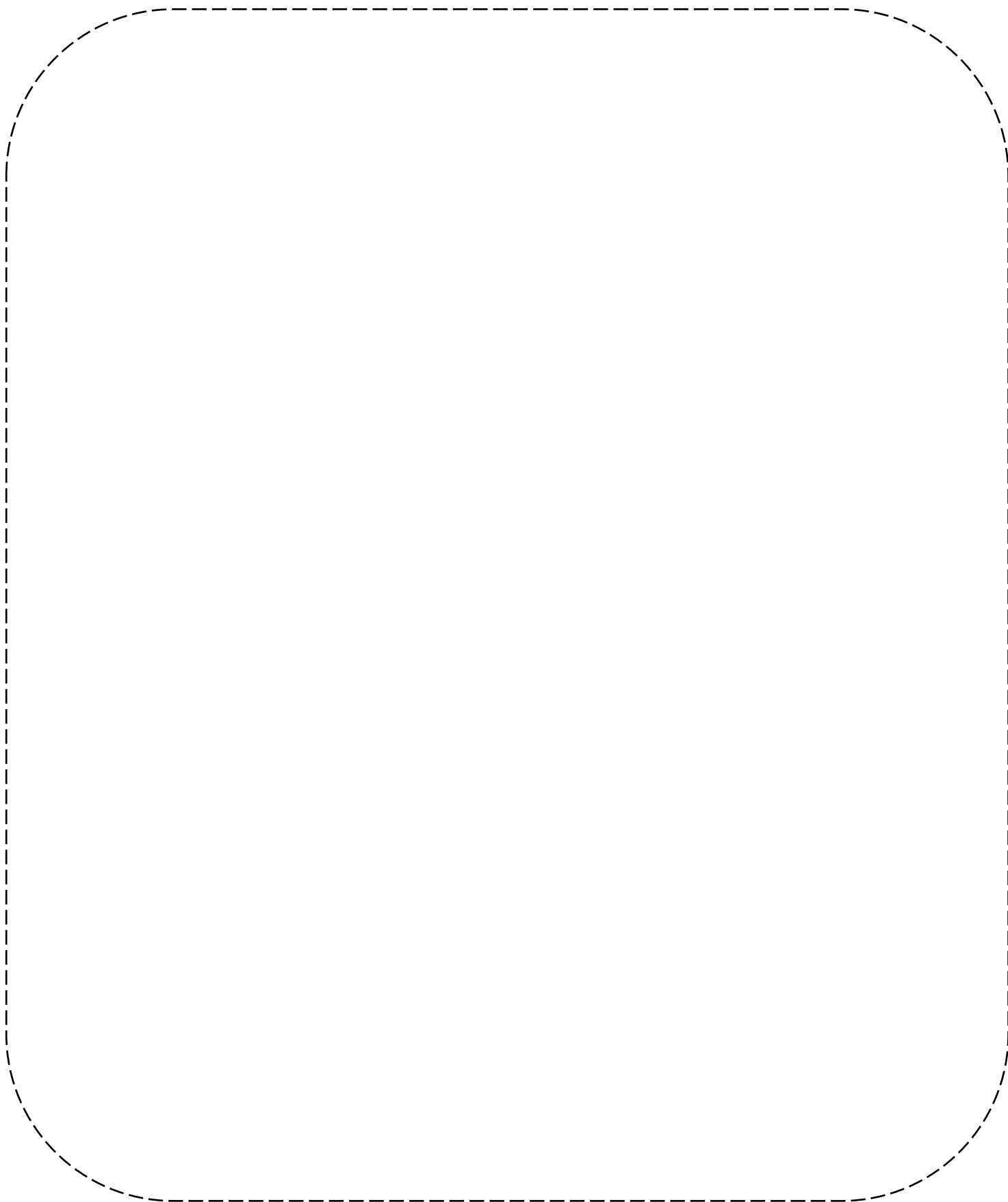
### In Christ ...

- When we understand that Jesus has died on the cross for us and paid the ultimate penalty for us, in that moment, we become "in Christ." When we are "in Christ" we have a new identity in Christ.

## Some questions to discuss as a family:

1. How do you view God and His blessings?
2. What is a blessing from God for which you can be thankful?
3. As we connect in community this year, who is someone with whom you can share the Good News of Jesus?

**DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU LEARNED TODAY**



## Family Activity

Reflect on some blessings that you and your family have received from God!  
Give thanks to God for His blessings!

Is your family connected in a small group? What is one way, as a family, you connect with others?

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The Small Group Sermon Study

Ephesians 1:3

**Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.**

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
  - a. What does this passage tell us about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what actions He takes, etc.?
  - b. Think about the list of blessings Pastor Barry referenced from verses 3-21.
    - i. Which blessing(s) surprised you or were new to you?
    - ii. Which blessing(s) do you struggle with experiencing personally, and why?
3. How do you experience blessing in the context of your small group?

***Silently re-read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.***

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you?
5. Are you “In Christ?” What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you? What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week?

***Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).***