

Blessed  
Ephesians 1:1-15





# THE NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

**Ephesians 1:1-15**

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

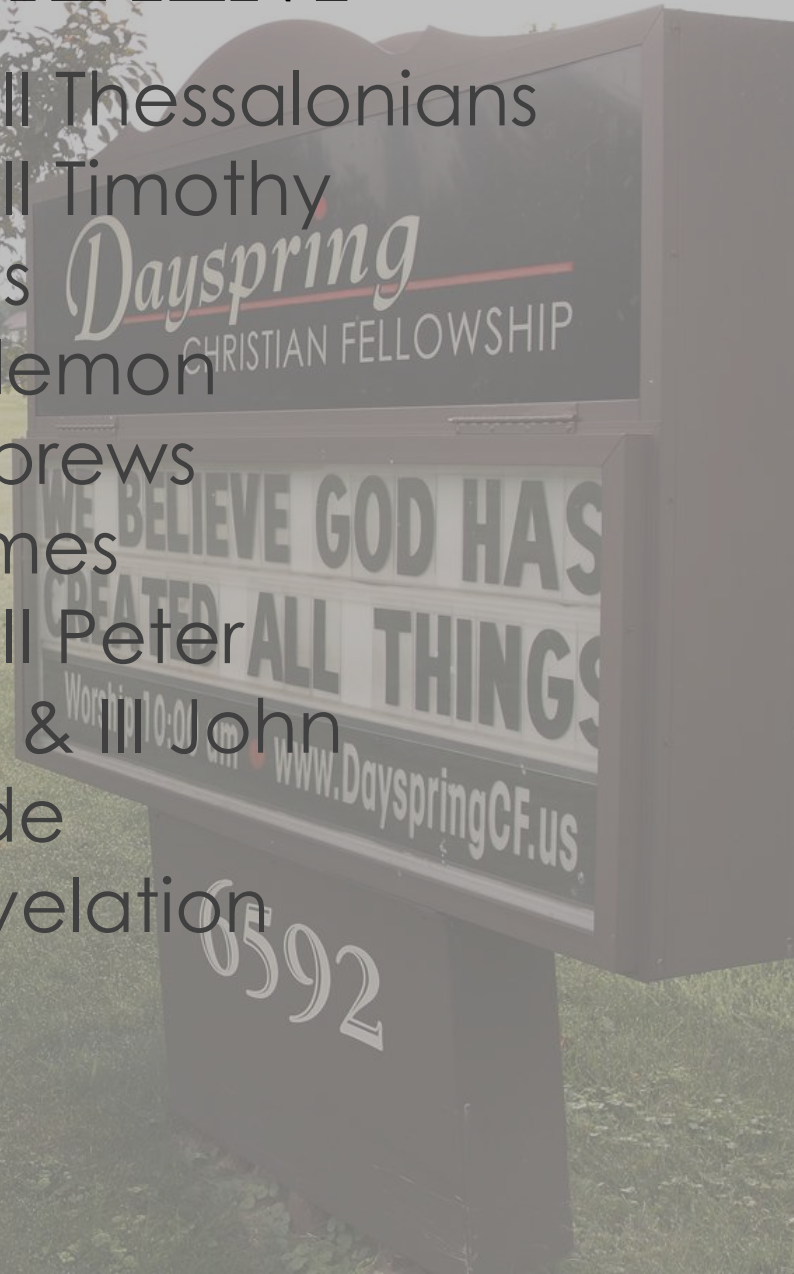
James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

Jude

Revelation







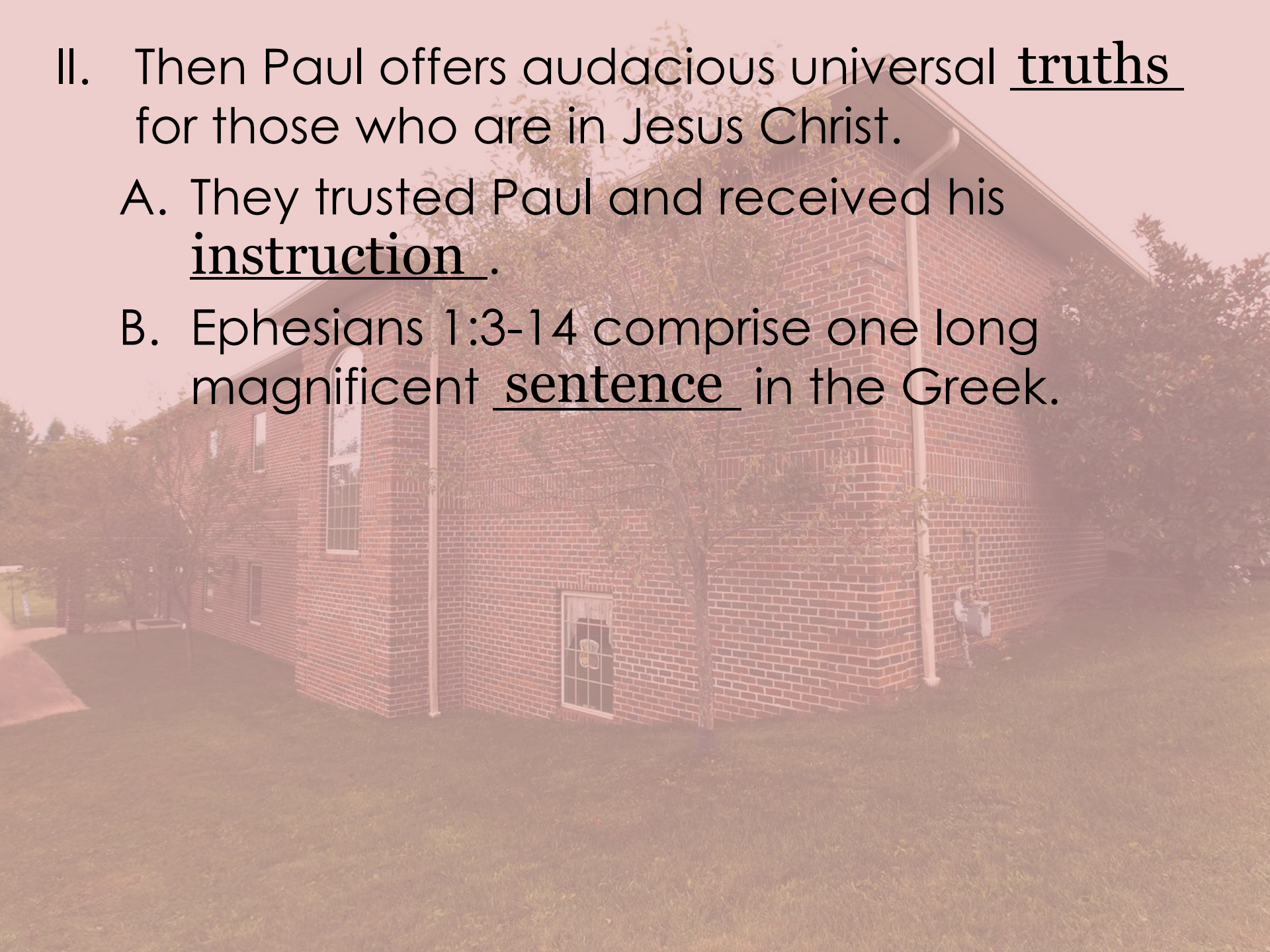
I. Start with the prelude:

A. Paul is writing this letter from Rome .

B. Paul does not address any controversy .

C. The tone of the greeting is grace.



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- II. Then Paul offers audacious universal truths for those who are in Jesus Christ.
- A. They trusted Paul and received his instruction .
- B. Ephesians 1:3-14 comprise one long magnificent sentence in the Greek.

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- Blessed
  - The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
  - he who blessed us with every spiritual blessing
    - in the heavenly places
    - in Christ,
- Even as he elected us in him before the world's foundation
  - to be holy and blemishless before him in love,
- having predestinated us to adoption through Jesus Christ for himself
  - according to the good pleasure of his will
    - For the Glory-Praise of his Grace
    - which he graciously granted us
      - in the Beloved One

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- In whom we have
  - The ransoming through his blood.
  - The remission of the trespasses,
  - according to the riches of his grace
- which he made abound for us in all wisdom and intelligence,
- having made known to us the mystery of his will
  - which he purposed in him for administration
    - during the fulness of the time-seasons,
    - to summarize all things in the Christ,
- those in the heavens and those on the earth;

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- in him in whom also we were given a lot
  - as having been predestinated
- according to his purpose who works all the things
  - according to the counsel of his will,
  - that we may be for his Glory-Praise
- as those who have hoped in advance in the Christ
  - In whom also you,
  - having heard the Word of the Truth,
    - the gospel of your salvation—
    - in whom also having believed
- you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,
  - who is pledge of our inheritance
    - for ransoming the possession
      - For his Glory-Praise.



III. Now to make sense of the theology.

A. This life experience is more about God and how He works in us, and less about us and how we incorporate God.

B. Predestination.

Ephesians 1:5&11 and Romans 8:28-30.

Best understood as pre/destined.

C. God pre-destined us for adoption.

D. Those who are in Christ are sealed!





What do you see when you look at this  
communion table?

Ephesians 1:7. “In Him (Jesus Christ) we have  
redemption through his blood, the forgiveness  
of our trespasses (sins), according to the riches  
of His grace, which He lavished upon us!”



Every good gift 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.  
~James 1:17

*For heaven's sake, open your gifts.*

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# Prayer Person this Week

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