

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

EPHESIANS 1:1b

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “Every Christian is a saint, because every Christian has been set apart and made holy through the perfect righteousness of Christ that has been placed to his account.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Ephesians, p.2.

TO YOU, A SAINT. You, like every ordinary Ephesian Christian, are a saint. You are set apart by God and holy. You are not going to *become* a saint; you *are* a saint. As a saint, you know Jesus’ presence, and the infinite knowledge of the revelations of God are available to you. (Ephesians 1:1, fn 1:1[1st], Luke 24:45, fn 24:45, Romans 1:4-7, fn 1:6, fn 1:6-7, Romans 3:21-26, fn 3:24, I Corinthians 2:10-16, fn 2:10, fn 2:15-16, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12) *How is God’s Word your mail?*

TO YOU, THE FAITHFUL. The faithful are the believers. You became one of the faithful when you, by faith, gave your life to Jesus. (Ephesians 1:1, Ephesians 1:13-14, Ephesians 2:8-9, fn 2:8-9, II Corinthians 5:14-21, fn 5:17, fn 5:18-19, fn 5:21, II Timothy 3:16-17, fn 3:17) *How does God’s Word, His mail to you, help you to understand your relationship to Him?*

TO YOU, WHO HAVE CHRIST IN YOU. “Paul uses the language of “in Christ” or “in Him” or “in the Lord Jesus” roughly 40 times in Ephesians.” Gospel Transformation Bible, footnote Ephesians 1:3-10. “All that the Lord Jesus Christ has done becomes true of us....when Christ was crucified, we were crucified with Him; when He died, we died with Him; when He was buried, we were buried with Him; when He rose again, we rose with Him.” D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, God’s Ultimate Purpose, p. 32. Jesus is seated in the heavenly places and you are seated with Him in the heavenly places! (Ephesians 1:1, Ephesians 1:3-8, fn 1:4, Acts 11:15-17, fn 11:15-17, Romans 6:1-11, fn 6:6-7, fn 6:11, Colossians 1:25-29, fn 1:26-27) *How could knowing that you are in Christ be the most precious and endearing knowledge in your relationship with the Lord?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?

