

## To The Saints at East Wenatchee First Baptist Church

Ephesians 1:1-3

...In the book of Ephesians, Paul tells us who we are, by God's sovereign will.

...The wonder of the Bible is not that believers are a perfect people, but we are a purchased people.

*Five truths that define a Christian.*

**1. You are a saint. (v. 1)**

...set apart for God's exclusive use - in Christ, to live saintly.

**2. You are faithful. (v. 1)**

...because you have exercised saving faith, you have heard and exercised faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8,9)

...Christians are to live faithful lives, regardless of the world in which we live.

**3. You are in Christ or in Him. (v. 1)**

...what is true of Christ, is true of me.

...you are able to draw upon all of His resources or who He is for your daily life.

## Sunday Sermon Outline

### 4. You are a recipient of God's grace and peace. (v.2)

- a. Believers are drawn together in a bond of unity - the Gentiles and the Jews - a great truth about the church.
- b. Gentiles and Jews are the children of the same Father, member of a common family.
- c. Jesus Christ, He equates Jesus Christ with God the Father.
- d. God in His great love for us, continues to give us grace, strength, and peace in our circumstances of life.

### 5. You are very blessed. (v. 3)

- a. God the Father has blessed us, richly blessed us in Jesus Christ.
- b. All Spiritual Blessings ...blessed with everything you need for a successful, satisfying life. (Colossians 2:10; 2 Peter 1:3; and Philippians 4:19) ...blessed with everything you need.
- c. In Christ, in the heavenly places, in the heavenlies rather than the earthly realm. That is where our citizenship is...this is where the power and blessings for our life come from.

The book of Colossians is a companion to the book of Ephesians, in Colossians Paul emphasizes the preeminence of Christ as the head of the church...the Holy Spirit is only mentioned one time in the entire book.

In the book of Ephesians, Paul emphasizes you and I - the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is mentioned over and over, because it is the Holy Spirit that channels God's resources to us