

## “Seeing Myself in ‘His Story’”

### Learning the Kingdom Language of Faith

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I believe that the Bible is telling a single story/narrative!

Paul crafts an intricate letter, circulates to area churches, that is designed to show believers’ their place in “His story”. Today, we will slowly, carefully start to unpack the details, hoping to better see our place in “His story”.

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.  
Ephesians 1:1-3

- **We are a part of God’s Story, a snapshot of \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the **will of God**,...” Ephesians 1:1a

“From Paul, one of King Jesus’ apostles **through God’s purpose**,...”  
Ephesians 1:1a NTE (New Testament for Everyone)

“When he (Apollos) arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. <sup>28</sup> For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.”

Acts 18:27b-28

### What is God’s Will?

God will redeem mankind through Messiah & fulfill His promise of people of all nations!

- **We are a part of God’s Story, \_\_\_\_\_, because of Christ!**

“...To God’s holy people in Ephesus, **the faithful in Christ Jesus**.” Eph. 1:1b

“to the holy ones in Ephesus who are also **loyal believers in King Jesus**.”

NTE

- **Understanding our place in God’s Story should trigger \_\_\_\_\_, our Blessing God!**

“**Praise be to the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” Eph. 1:3

“**Let us bless God**, the father of our Lord Jesus, the king! He has blessed us in the king with every spirit-inspired blessing in the heavenly realm.” NTE

### Conclusion:

Do you believe that you are “in Christ”?

Do you believe that HE is Christ/Messiah/King?

Have you confessed your allegiance/loyalty to Christ, King Jesus?

Have you been immersed into Him? Have you chosen to die so that you may now live “in Him”?

Are you continuing to repent/change with respect to those areas of life where you are out of step?

All Scriptures are from the New International Version unless noted.

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