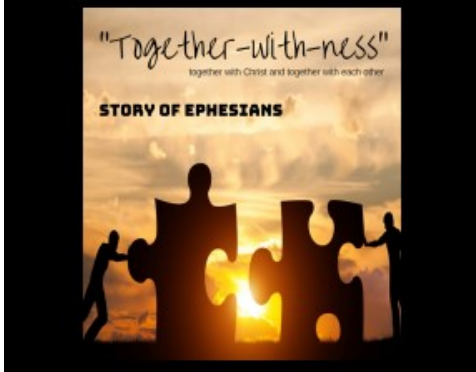


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 We are citizens together with the saints (2:19)  
 We are joined together with other parts of God's building (2:21)  
 We are being built together with other parts of God's building (2:22)  
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 We are members together with each other in the body (3:6)  
 We are sharers together with each other in the promise (3:6)  
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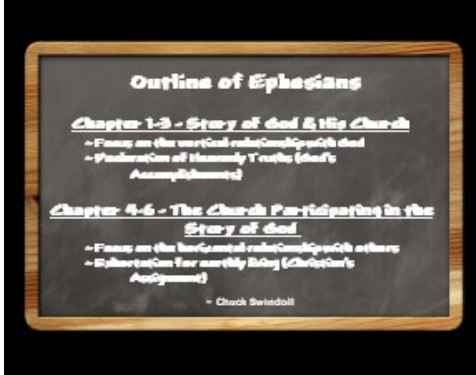
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 ~ Focus on the vertical relationship with God

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Story of God and His Church

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
 To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:1-2

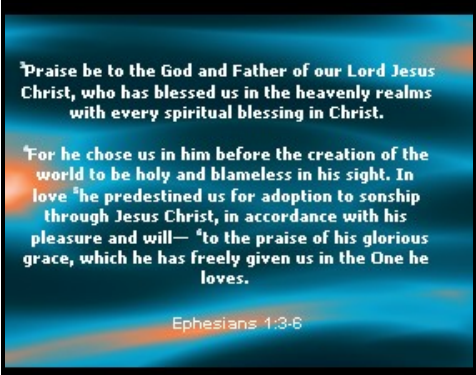
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Greek Lesson

Grace (charis) - χάρις

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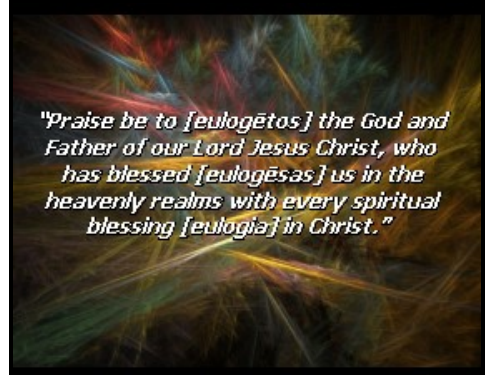


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For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

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## Calvinism & Arminianism

### Arminianism

1. Sinner, can do good & respond to God
2. God elects on basis of foreseen faith
3. Christ died for all
4. Man can resist God
5. Believer may lose salvation

### Calvinism

- Man unable of self to respond to God
- God elects according to His good pleasure
- Christ died for Elect
- Irresistible election
- Elect can never lose salvation

*"I would suggest that verses 4–5, though relevant to theological debates about election, predestination, and free will, do not serve as an invitation to debate but to worship. When we realize that God has chosen us to belong to him because of his love for us, our hearts pour forth blessing."*

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- ~ Forgiveness
- ~ Grace
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