

Faith Church - EFCA

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God blessed me in the present.

...with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight. Ephesians 1:6–8 (ESV)

I am Blessed!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

God blessed me in eternity past.

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,... Ephesians 1:4–6 (ESV)

God will bless me in eternity future.

making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:9–14 (ESV)

Questions and Answers

Can God work sin for his glory?

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (ESV)

These verses talk about election and predestination. I thought I had free-will?

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Why did God choose some and not others?

he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, Ephesians 1:5 (ESV)

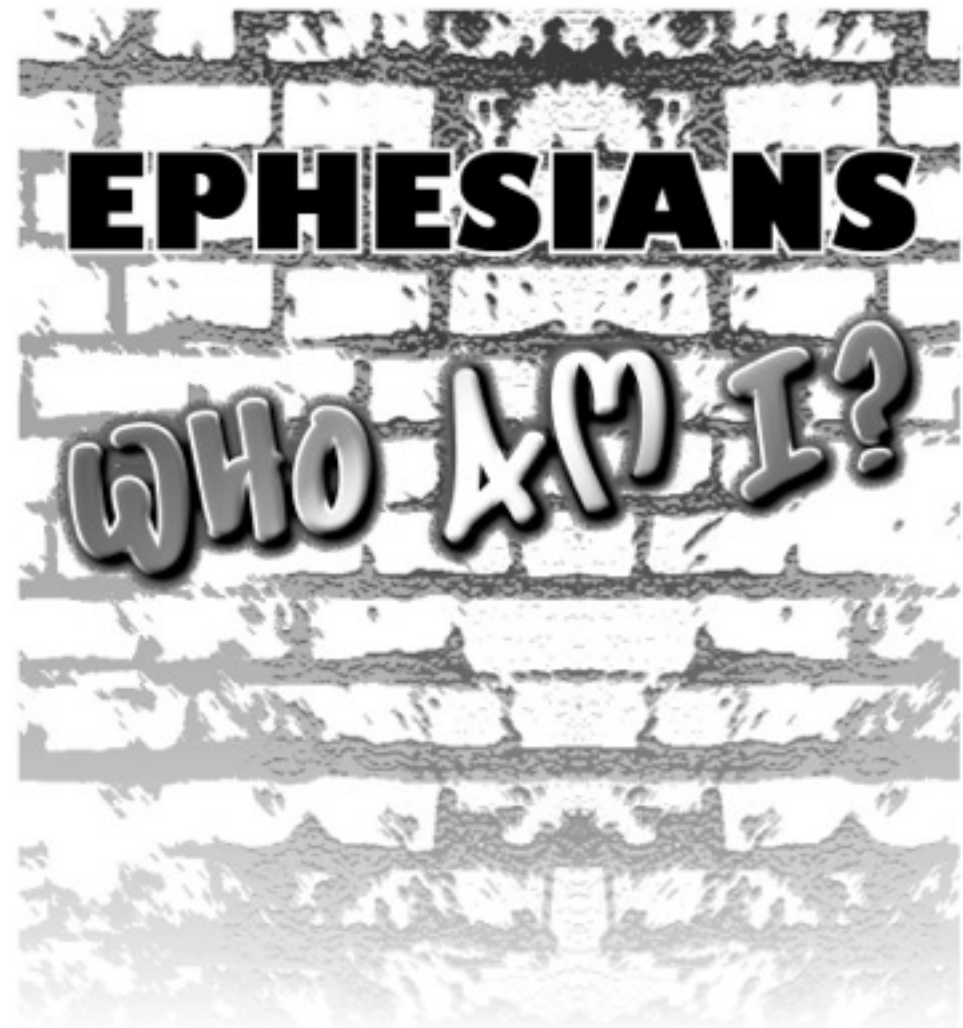
In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)

Can I sin more than Jesus' death can cover?

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, Romans 5:20 (ESV)

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— 1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV)

Worship God for blessing my socks off through Jesus.



I am Blessed!