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Being IN



As humans we all long to be a part of something – big or small we like to belong. We call it “being in” or the “in crowd”. Granted some of these longings can be quite detrimental to the individual or society, especially when the status of being “in” spills over into exclusivity and abuse. Think Nazis and neo-Nazis here.

For the believer what does “being in” mean, look like, and feel like? For you and I who are in the church this has nothing to do with us personally except on the level of God’s choosing and the intrinsic value placed on humans created in the image of God. It’s all about **Christ**.

In our upcoming series I’ve entitled “In Christ” we will begin to discover just who we are as a church and individuals who make up that church from a verse by verse discovery process through the book of Ephesians. We will look at the riches “in Christ” that we possess because God wants us to have them. We will discover Kingdom principles, investigate spiritual warfare, look at your blessed hope in Christ and just how special we are that God has chosen us to be “in Him”.

I would like to share just a few examples of the richness of this book that Paul penned to the saints in Ephesus.

Eph 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love – NASB

Eph 2:4-5

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), NASB

Eph 2:13

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. NASB

In just these three verses we see the richness of God grace unfold for us.

We’ve been blessed with EVERY spiritual blessing.

We’ve been chosen.

We’ve been made alive in Christ.

We’ve been brought near by Christ’s blood and we are “in”.

On and on the richness of this book unfolds before the reader’s eyes. Let me encourage you as we start this new “In Christ” series to begin reading the Book of Ephesians throughout this journey. You are sure to be blessed beyond measure and discover your being “in”.

Blessings!!!

PD

*I wish to thank everyone for their prayers. It's been a long journey but I'm pain free now. Continue to pray that I will be able to walk again—I'm in PT for 8 weeks. I want to thank you for the food, cards, telephone calls, and visits. To the Prayers and Squares ladies, thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt. It drew a lot of attention and I got to witness the meaning of a prayer quilt. Thanks Pastors Dave and Matt for your visits. I miss being able to go to church but thanks for all your support.
In Christian love,
Phyllis Bradfield*

It's a **Wedding Shower**



FOR THE SOON TO BE BRIDE & GROOM

JUNE 2ND

**Bailee
Biby
&
Samuel
Palmer**

1:00pm

First Baptist Church – Family Room

The happy couple is registered at:

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BIRTHDAYS

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| Hattie Ard | Caleb Stanley |
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New In The Library

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4. A Life Beyond Amazing, by Jeremiah
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6. CL-DVD—Friends & Heroes *No Turning Back
7. CL-DVD—VeggieTales, by Big Idea

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Your Librarian,
Peggy McClure



Thank You!

To Pastor David and those who put on the Easter pageant.

I was one of the blessed who was invited to attend the wonderful dinner and the following performance. Carlla Pike asked me to attend with her, what a wonderful time we had. I can't find the words to say how it touched my heart, awesome doesn't even come close. It was a beautiful time and I just wanted to say thanks to all of those who put this together, those who took care of the food and serving, those who set everything up and then cleaned everything and put it all away. And all of the work and rehearsal put into the performance—and for those watching the little ones so the parents could enjoy such a wonderful night out. I'm sure our Lord Jesus was pleased. Thanks again.

In His love—Doris Rouch

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for prayers, blessings, thoughtfulness, and the many hands who prayed in giving the blanket. Your prayers were answered and I finished chemo. Next, surgery then radiation, and finally, cancer free. I'm so grateful for your generosity.

Many blessings—Dana Morris

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful and meaningful prayer quilt. I will keep it close to me as I prepare for surgery. Knowing your prayers are being sent to our Lord to carry me through surgery and the healing to follow are lifting me up. You all are sharing such a beautiful ministry. May God bless each of you.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Donna Rindt

Dear Pastor Dave and Church Family,

Jeff and I want to show our appreciation for the Passion Encounter by saying thank you and God bless you all for a powerful evening. It took a wonderful team of strong believers to successfully create what you did. Our hearts were blessed by each scene, the narration, music, food, and fellowship. The hours spent in preparation to build something so beautiful will remain in our thoughts and minds forever. From the Triumphal Entry to the Resurrected Jesus, our hearts were blessed. We were moved spiritually and received new hope in our lives. Thank you and God bless you.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Jeff and Peggy Musson

To My Wonderful Friends,

Your blessing of the prayer quilt was so very thoughtful—and the prayers are invaluable! We miss and love you all so very much! FBC will always have a special place in our hearts.

Much love and thankfulness—Gladys Weigand

Dial-A-Devotion

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2	Suzanne Moore
3	Larry Longshore
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8	Dorothy Johnson
9	Frankie Meek
10	Helen Czaplinski
11	Dick Reedy
12	Jason Brewer
13	Lucille Stockton
14	Ernestine Kennelley
15	Larry Longshore
16	Gary Bowker
17	Susie Bolf
18	Pam Broce
19	Jan Miller
20	Kathy Harris
21	Joyce Jordan
22	Susie Bolf
23	Suzanne Moore
24	Janet Sparks
25	Judy Reedy
26	Phyllis Bradfield
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28	Frankie Meek
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30	Kathy Foust

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In the Nursery

Jun 2	Grace McJunkin / Trudy Masingale
Jun 9	Morgan Musson
Jun 16	Pam Broce / Marissa Stanley
Jun 23	Julie Swanson / Avery Foust
Jun 30	Morgan Musson / Robin Graves

Kingdom Kids Volunteers

Jun 2	Scott & Nicole Rogers
Jun 9	Janet Cannon / Misty Lawson
Jun 16	
Jun 23	Matt & Callista Ramirez
Jun 30	Robert & Jacque Ramirez



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