

Title: Trusting God's Sovereignty When Life Hurts (Title Slide)

CtW passage: Colossians 1:16-17

Text: Ephesians 1:1-19

Benediction: Psalm 43:11

Big idea: Capitalizing on God's glorious grace and peace (Slide #2)

I. Our Invitation from God (vss. 1-2)

A. Delivered by the Apostle Paul

Vs 1a - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will:

B. To faithful saints

Vs 1b - To the faithful saints in Christ Jesus^[a] at Ephesus.

C. God's grace and peace to us

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

II. Our Position in Christ (vss. 3 – 13)

A. Blessed with every spiritual blessing:

³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.

1) Chosen to be holy and blameless

⁴ For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.

2) Adopted into God's family

⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.

3) Acquired a great salvation

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding.

4) Granted privileged information

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the right time¹—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.

5) Given an inheritance

¹¹In him we have also received an inheritance,¹¹ because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will, ¹²so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.

6) Sealed with the Holy Spirit

¹³In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed. ¹⁴The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory.

III. Our Invocation to our King (vss. 14-19)

A. The Aspects:

- 1) Continual
- 2) Thankful
- 3) Remembrance

¹⁵This is why, since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

B. The Enlightenment:

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

- 1) Know the hope of His calling

¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling,

- 2) Know the wealth of His glorious inheritance

Vs 18b - what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

- 3) Know the immeasurable greatness of His power towards us
 - a) Resurrection power

¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength.