



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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MOR-Bible, which is by God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, may God's unmerited divine favor be to you and an absolute end of all strife or trouble. Blessings always from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

We are grateful and thankful to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father for your walk of love in the renewed mind in manifestation. We pray that you be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. We pray that you may prove, put to the test, what is that good, (spiritually the best and acceptable), well pleasing, and perfect complete will, (intense desire of God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light). In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

The [July 2024](#) teaching focused on usages for the name **Lord Jesus Christ**, which is used to mark Jesus Christ's authority and power, in the book of Acts. And the [August 2024](#) teaching continued to examine the usages of **Lord Jesus Christ** in the book of Romans.

In this month's teaching, we will search and track for the combination of **Lord Jesus Christ** in the book of Ephesians. The book of Ephesians is the greatest revelation ever given to the church of the body. The phrase **Lord Jesus Christ** marks his authority and power. We will:

- Examine the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ**. For emphasis, we will bold this phrase.
- Define the preposition "from" and "unto."
- Define the word "our" which is a possessive adjective.

Let's begin by looking at some scriptures which will provide a foundation for this month's teaching. Turn to the book of Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath [past tense] blessed us with all [every] spiritual blessings in [by] heavenly places [things] in Christ:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation [overthrow] of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. – Ephesians 1:3-4

*In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. –
Ephesians 2:22*

The great mystery is documented in Ephesians 3:6:

*That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of
his promise in Christ by the gospel.*

Ephesians 3:20-21 states:

*Now unto him [God] that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we
ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

*Unto him [God] be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world
without end.*

Ephesians (chapters 4-6) are all in the walk of the believer in who God has taken up His residence, where He dwells (see Ephesians 2:22). What a tremendous revelation to the church of the body to which you and I belong. Take your time and read Ephesians as it will blow your mind, people!

Let's start our examination of the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ** in Ephesians 1:2:

*Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Note: The sources for all Greek-English words are Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament (Bullinger), Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible, The Word Study Concordance by George V. Wigram and Ralph D. Winter, and Webster's Desk Dictionary of the English Language.

Grace and *peace* are tied together in this verse. The word *grace* means God's unmerited divine favor. The word *peace* means an absolute end of all strife or trouble. Peace is a state of rest or ease, and that is significant. This verse tells us where we get this grace and peace by the use of the preposition *from*. This preposition means towards, of literal and mental direction in reference to a view to the end, marking the ultimate purpose. By understanding the meaning of this preposition, we know we get *grace* and *peace from* God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. Colossians 1:16-17 explains:

For by him [God] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him [God], and for him [God]:

And he [God] is before all things, and by him [God] all things consist [held together].

Understanding the preposition *from* in the verse Ephesians 1:2, informs us about the complex relationship between grace and peace and God and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. In other words, *grace* and *peace* are the ultimate purpose or end of our relationship with God and the **Lord Jesus Christ**. There is no strife or trouble between God, our Father, and His children, the born-again believer.

Additionally, the phrase *From God our Father* in Ephesians 1:2 tells us that God is our Father. The word *our* is a possessive adjective and is defined as of or relating to us or ourselves or ourselves especially as possessors or possessor, agents or agent, or objects or object of an action.

When I confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in my heart, the inner most part of my being, that God raised him from the dead (see Romans 10:9), I was born-again of incorruptible seed or the gift of the holy spirit (see 1 Peter 1:23). Once I took this action, God became my Father (see 1 John 3:2)!

In Ephesians 1:2, we also receive *grace* and *peace from the Lord Jesus Christ*. The word *Lord* means master (see [December 2020](#) teaching), *Jesus* means the humble one that was obedient until death (see [January 2024](#) teaching and Philippians 2:8), and *Christ* means the anointed one who is raised from the dead. . .

and set him at [God's] own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

And hath [past tense] put all things under his [Christ] feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Which is his body, the fulness of him that fills all in all.

--- Ephesians 1: 20-23

It is through the **Lord Jesus Christ** that you and I can be children of God! Without the **Lord Jesus Christ**, you and I would never have known God as our Father! Ephesians tells us what God our Father has already done for us in Christ. We are to be imitators of God our Father as dear beloved children (see Ephesians 5:1).

Let's continue with our examination of the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ**. Turn to Ephesians 1:3:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*

Blessed by *the God and Father of who?* *our* [possessive adjective meaning of us] **Lord Jesus Christ**, *who hath* [past tense] *blessed us with all* [every] *spiritual blessings in heavenly places in who?* *Christ*. (see teachings [February to June 2024](#) for an understanding of the word *Christ*.)

The word *blessed* in this verse is the Greek word in the aorist tense. The aorist tense means *blessed* is an unqualified past tense of a verb without reference to duration or completion of the action; it means a one-time deal, one time with no end. When we were born-again by taking the actions described in Romans 10:9, God blesses us one time; He does not have to bless us again. The blessing we receive is always there as defined by the aorist tense. This Greek word, *blessed*, always communicates a single, discreet action (i.e., simple aspect).

With this knowledge in hand, we never need to pray for God to bless us. We receive this blessing, and it is for always! God blessed us once and for all so that we in turn can bless Him by true worship in spirit and in truth (see John 4:23-24). And true worship is what 1 Corinthians 14 tells us is speaking in tongues (see [April to July 2016](#) teachings). Whenever you and I speak in tongues, God is blessed; the single way we can bless God our Father is by speaking in tongues! Its melts God's heart. It is perfect prayer (see Romans 8:26). We speak the wonderful works of God (see Acts 2:11). It is our infallible proof that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sat him at His own right hand (see Acts 2:32-33). Speaking in tongues magnifies God (see Acts 10:46).

In Ephesians 1:3, the word *blessed* is used three (3) times in the form of *blessed*, or *blessings*. The number three throughout the Word of God signifies divine perfection,

wholeness, and completeness. We are *blessed* with God our Father's divine perfection, wholeness, and completeness! We bless God when we speak in tongues.

Let's continue with Ephesians 1:17:

*That the God of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.*

In this verse, the phrase *That the God* reminds us that God is the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light (see [December 2023](#) teaching). The verse continues with *of our **Lord Jesus Christ***. As we learned earlier, the word *our* is a possessive adjective. It describes or defines a noun or a noun phrase, which in this verse is **Lord Jesus Christ** who is our Lord or master!

The phrase *Father of glory* in Ephesians 1:17 defines the word *glory* as something that evokes good opinion, i.e., that something has inherent, intrinsic worth. In other words, *the Father of glory* evokes inherent and intrinsic worth or good opinions of you, His child.

The phrase *spiritual wisdom and revelation in the knowledge* means a clear and exact knowledge; a knowledge that has a powerful influence on the knower; full knowledge. It is the total acknowledgment of everything that is available to you by operating the manifestation of the spirit, the Word of Wisdom, and Word of Knowledge (see 1 Corinthians 12:8).

Turn to Ephesians 3:14:

*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

Ephesians 3:1 and 14 start with the phrase *For this cause* and you may ask, "What cause?" It is because of the dwelling of Christ within (see Colossians 1:27) and the habitation of God (see Ephesians 2:22) for which we *bow my knees*. All the blessings we receive from God are received through the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

The phrase *I bow my knees* represents respect, homage, reverence, like when we pray. The word *unto* is a preposition used as a function word to indicate reference or concern. In this verse, the *unto* or reverence is to the Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

To better understand the incredible meaning in Ephesians 3:14, we need to remember that when God created His spirit within me, I was born-again of His seed (see 1 Peter 1:23). When I am born-again, I am His son and God is my Father (see 1 John 3:1-2).

God is our Father (see 1 John 3:1-2)! When I pray, I give reverence, respect, homage to my Father and the Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. As my father, I know that God will take care of His children. This knowledge gives me the boldness and access with confidence by believing of Christ Jesus our Lord unto our Father (see Ephesians 3:12).

Turn to Ephesians 5:20:

*Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

We are not to give thanks for all the evil in the world. Rather, we give thanks for all the things that are good and perfect. We give thanks always *unto God and the Father*. And in whose name are we to give thanks? **our Lord Jesus Christ**. This verse does not say in the name of Jesus or Christ or baby Jesus. It says we give thanks *in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!* That is what it says, that is what it means!

It is written in James 1:17:

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The last occurrence of the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ** is documented in Ephesians 6:23-24:

*Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith [believing], from God the Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.*

*Grace be with all them that love our **Lord Jesus Christ** in sincerity. Amen.*

We learned earlier that *peace* is an absolute end of all strife or trouble to the brethren or the born-again believers. *Peace* happens in the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.

The preposition *with* signifies an action in connection to *faith*. In Ephesians 6:23, the word *with* is in action with believing *from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ*.

In Ephesians 6:24, the word *grace* is God's unmerited divine favor. *Grace* is to *be with all them, that love* (in the renewed mind in manifestation, see 1 Corinthians 13) **our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity**. *Sincerity* in this verse means incorruptibility or not perishable, lacking the very capacity to physically decay or constitutionally break down. *Sincerity* is incorruption, without physical decay or break down, immortality or eternal life. Now

when we read Ephesians 6:24, we have a deeper understanding. It is absolutely remarkable that the whole epistle of Ephesians closes with *sincerity* or incorruptibility, the lack of physical decay for *them that love our **Lord Jesus Christ***.

In this month's teaching, we searched and tracked in Ephesians for the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ**, which marks his authority and power. We defined the preposition *from* and *unto* as used in this epistle. Prepositions give us a richer understanding of the verse in which they appear as a preposition is a function word that typically combines with a noun phrase to form a phrase which usually expresses a modification or predication. Hence, we learned that the word *from* is focused on a literal and mental direction in reference to a view to the end, marking the ultimate purpose. The preposition *unto* is used as a function word to indicate reference or concern. What is our ultimate purpose and reference? God our Father!

We also defined the word *our* which is a possessive adjective used to describe our **Lord Jesus Christ**. We, by our free will, confessed with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believed in our hearts that God raised him from the dead (see Romans 10:9). We were saved, made whole spiritually.

In looking at the scriptures in Ephesians that contain the phrase **Lord Jesus Christ**, we read that *grace, peace, and love* come from believing that God is our Father and are received from the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We learned that we bow our knees to the Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ** and give thanks always for all things good and perfect. Our blessings come from above from God the Father in the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**. And these blessings are continual, with no end.

Let us pray. Blessed be the God and Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, and our Father who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing by heavenly things in Christ. Father, we pray that we always remember your grace, peace, and love by believing what we have received, through the **Lord Jesus Christ**. We pray that God, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. And that His grace, unmerited divine favor, be with all of us that love our **Lord Jesus Christ** in sincerity. In the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, Amen.

The Word of God is the Will of God.

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ

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