

Ephesians 1

Discussion Questions

1. Compare the two versions of Ephesians 1:1-2 below. Discuss the ideas and connotations the second translation adds to the more traditional translation.
 - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Paul, an ambassador of King Yeshua by the will of God, To the betrothed who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in King Yeshua: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Master Yeshua the King.
2. Describe how you grew up thinking about 1) the cross and 2) the blood and/or how you hear Believers generally describing and relating to these ideas that are so central to our faith. What do these ideas mean or stand for or accomplish? Talk about Grant's definitions below.
 - **The Principle of the Cross:** Laying down one's life and desires for the sake of God's will and the good of others.
 - **The Blood:** The life that is surrendered according to the principle of the cross.