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EXCITEMENT IN EPHESUS

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Paul gives us reasons to be excited about our present and our future in the first chapter of the book of Ephesians. What he shares are some of the reasons why we should be enthusiastic and excited about being Christians. What are the causes of excitement:

- #1 We are God's chosen (1:4)
- #2 We are members of God's predestined body (1:5)
- #3 We are redeemed and forgiven (1:7)
- #4 We are the beneficiaries of riches of His grace (1:7-8)
- #5 We have an inheritance in heaven (1:11)

If you are the "Bible-marking type" put a note in the margin at Ephesians 1 that says Excitement. Then underline the words: chose (4); predestined (5); redemption and forgiveness (7); riches of His grace (7); inheritance (11). If you notice carefully, all of these blessings are preceded by the personal pronouns we or us. Our excitement, according to the Apostle Paul, is supposed to be personal and important to our daily life being the "saints... and faithful in Christ Jesus" (1:1).

God bless and have an "exciting" day in Christ! Pat