



Ephesians 1:1-14

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One side of the conversation...

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1 Paul, an apostle of **Christ Jesus** by the will of **God**,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in **Christ Jesus**:

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



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