# FOUNDATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

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EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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The contents of verses 3-14 make one long sentence, possibly the longest sentence of connected discourse in existence. Here we have some of the most important doctrinal words and profoundest and richest truths regarding what God has done for the saints.

Kenneth Wuest, Wuest's Word Studies

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Our thanks are due to God for all temporal blessings; they are more than we deserve. But our thanks ought to go to God in thunders of hallelujahs for spiritual blessings. A new heart is better than a new coat. To be an heir of God is better than being the heir of the greatest nobleman.

Charles Spurgeon, Sermon on Ephesians 1

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And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

Luke 1:28

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Many think it is unwise of God to lavish such redemption and forgiveness on guilty sinners. But it is in all wisdom and prudence that He has given this to us.

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Sin is tearing everything apart, but in Christ, God will gather everything together in the culmination of the ages.

We are a part of this great eternal program.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary

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#### Romans 8

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

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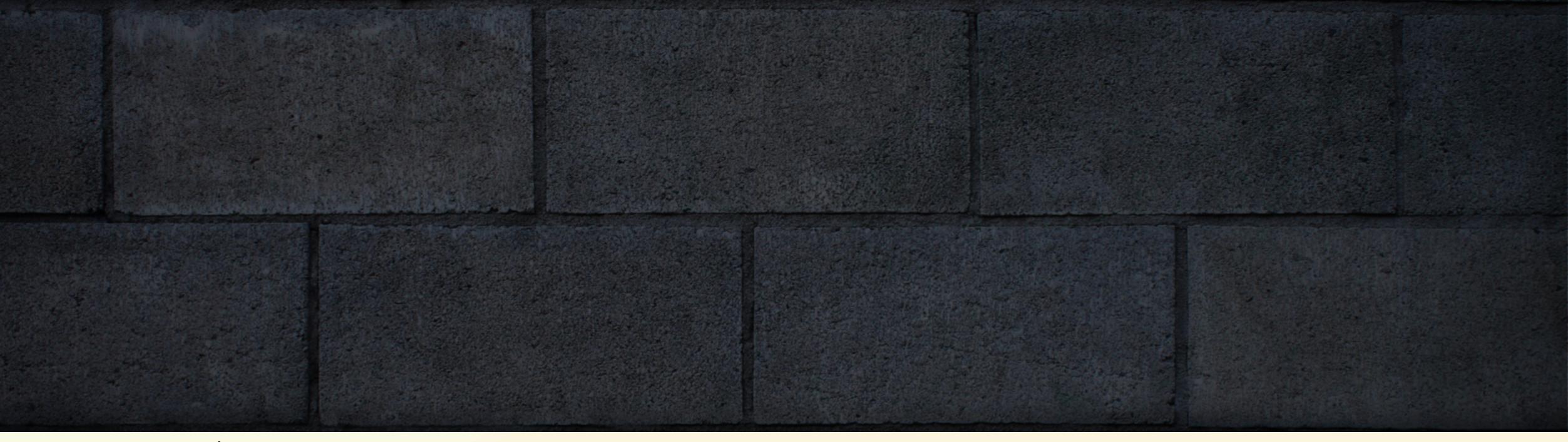
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We are not sitting here, and groaning, and crying, and fretting, and worrying, and questioning our own salvation.

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