



Do you ever wish you could make a brand new start? You can. Jesus Christ came into the world not just to make us a better version of ourselves, but to make us brand new people. Join us in this 7 week series from the book of Ephesians and discover what it means to be made brand new.

1. Whether it's a book, a movie, a TV show, or real life, we love transformation stories of people who overcome obstacles to make a brand new start. Can you think of an example? Why do you think we're drawn to these stories?
2. Read Ephesians 1:1-2. Like an email header, in these verses we learn the identity of the sender, the recipients, and the subject matter. But more than that, they point us to God, the only one who can truly give us a brand new start.
3. What do the specific details about the sender (v.1a), reveal about God's ability to make us brand new?
4. Looking at the details of the recipients (v.1b), Paul uses two words, "saints" and "faithful" to describe them. Given what we know about the people who lived in the ancient city of Ephesus, and the specific issues this church struggled with based on what Paul addresses in this letter, why are these shocking words to describe them? How does being "in Christ" make it possible for Paul to call them "saints" and "faithful"?
5. V.2 is typically seen as Paul's greeting for the church at Ephesus, yet it's also an excellent subject line for the entire letter. What is Biblical grace? What is Biblical peace? What is the source of this grace and peace?
6. The only way we can be make a brand new start and continue to live out this story, is by depending on the grace and peace of God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ. How will you depend on God's grace and peace today?