

THEREFORE



a study on Ephesians

Ephesus

Was Home to:
Multicultural
Multiethnic Gentiles
50 Temples to gods
- Temple of Artemis
(1 of the 7 Wonders of Ancient World)
Largest Library

Ephesus was:
Hostile & Unfriendly to
Christian Message

**Survival Handbook*



EPHESIANS

Chapter 1-3 : "THEREFORE"

Position of the Believer (Beliefs) (Proofs)

Spiritual Blessings From God:

*Adoption Acceptance Redemption, Forgiveness,
Wisdom, Citizenship, Inheritance, Life, Grace, The
Holy Spirit*

- Sealed Through His Son Jesus Christ

Chapter 4-6 : "HERE FOR"

Purpose of the Believer (Behaviors) (Participates)

Unity in the Church

Holiness in Life

Responsibility at Home and Work

Readiness for Spiritual Conflict

Ephesians 1:3-11

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

⁵ He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,

⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-11

⁷ In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ

¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Verses 1-6 - Chosen With Free-Will

Isaiah 55:8-9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

1 Peter 1:2 *"You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by His Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be purified by His blood."*

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

John 6:44 *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him."* **Draws = Given Hunger**

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Being Saved is Awesome...

and God is Awesome for Saving us!

All of GOD - has been working throughout

ALL of TIME - to save ALL of US

God the Father – Draws us

God the Son – Saves us

God the Holy Spirit – Seals us

v.4 “even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...”

v.10 “as a plan for the fullness of time...”

Past, Present, Future

Penalty of your sin (Forgiven)

Power of your sin (Holy and Blameless)

People who sin (Everyone is called)

ADOPTION

Galatians 4:3-7

³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Identity = Children of God – Through Grace

Relationship = Heirs with Inheritance – Through God

Compassion = Care with Action – Sent His Son

Redemption = Total Restoration – Through Salvation

"No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him." Rev 22:3

LIVE LIKEWISE:

ASSURANCE:

Put your fears aside. Jesus takes care of His own!

HOPE:

Even if things are going badly, know that God is shaping us for His purpose!

Journaling: Write out the text of Ephesians 1:1–11, a few verses at a time, writing out any questions, stand-outs, and reactions.

Prayer: Talk to God! Thank God that He has included you in His great plan - don't stop at once, Jeremiah 29:13 says, *"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."*

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