

## Ephesians Devotionals Week 1

### Overview:

Watch the Bible Project video titled: “ Overview: Ephesians” on YouTube for a better understanding of the whole book. It’s super helpful! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y71r-T98E2Q>

### Day 1- Read Ephesians 1:1-14.

- Verses 3-14 are all one sentence in Greek (Paul, likes run-on sentences!). This passage is one big offering of praise to God for all He has done.
- What are the blessings that we have through God the Father (vs 3-6)?
- What are all the blessings we have through God the Son (vs 7-12)?
- What are all the blessings we have through God the Spirit (vs 13-14)?
- Close in prayer by thanking God for all of these blessings!

### Day 2- Read Ephesians 1:15-23.

- This passage includes a prayer that Paul had for the Christians in Ephesus. What are some of the things Paul prayed for (Vs 17-19)?
- What do these prayer requests reveal to you about what is most important for Christians?
- Compare these prayer requests with your typical prayers. How are your prayers similar to Paul’s? How are they different?
- Close in prayer asking God:
  - to help you know Him better
  - to enlighten your heart
  - to remind you of the hope that we have
  - to use the same power that raised Christ from the grave in your life

### Day 3- Read Ephesians 2:1-10.

- Paul reminds the Ephesians people who they once were, who they are now, and how they experience that transformation. How did Paul describe the Ephesians when they were living in their sins following the ways of the world (vs 1)?
- As a result of this, what did they deserve from God (vs 3)?

- Describe what God did for us in vs (4-7)?
- How are people saved from their sins (vs 8)? Is it through earning it or something else? Do you play a role in salvation? If so, what role do you play?
- Close in prayer thanking God for the gift of salvation.

#### **Day 4- Read Ephesians 2:11-22.**

- What is a Gentile (look up on google if needed)?
- Biblically speaking there are two classifications of people: Jews (God's chosen people from Israel in the Old Testament) and Gentiles (anyone else in the world that was not a Jew). What was Christ's purpose in dying on the cross (vs 15-16)?
- What does it reveal about the heart of God since He made salvation possible to every tribe, language, and tongue through Jesus?
- Why do you think it is so important that Jews and Gentiles are reconciled into one Body (the Body of Christ)?
- Close by thanking God for making salvation possible for ALL people!

#### **Day 5- Read Ephesians 3:1-21.**

- What is the "mystery" that Paul is referring to (vs 6)?
- Paul closes this chapter (and the first half of the book) with another prayer for the Ephesians (vs 14-21). One of the many things Paul prayed for was for the Ephesians "to grasp how wide and long and high and deep" the love of Christ is. Reflect on everything you learned this week. What do these first 3 chapters tell you about the magnitude of Christ's love for the world?