

Ephesians 1:1-14
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A few big ideas to keep in mind:

1. Core theme of Ephesians = reconciliation of ethnic groups into one unified people.
2. One...Becoming One....Unity....this is the heartbeat of the book.
3. This is a book about understanding and living out the gospel of Jesus.

Chapters 1-3 - Theological - know, understand, comprehend

Chapters 4-6 - Practical - response, calls to action, respond to revelation

Verses 1-2

Who wrote this letter?

To whom did he write it?

Why did he write it?

What is his role?

Apostle = Greek word “apostolos” meaning one who _____.

Who did the grace and peace come from?

Grace = Greek word is “charis” - Grace always describes _____.

Peace = Greek word is “eirene” The Hebrew word is _____ and it implies a sense of wholeness, completeness, safety.

This letter unpacks Paul’s _____ which in Greek means “apocalypsis”

Apocalypse = Revelation = Transformation - Acts 9:1-9 story

Galatians 1:15-16

Ephesians 3:3-5

Heaven comes down to earth = the overlap is an apocalypse (heaven realities revealed on earth)

V 3 - 14 - longest verse in the Greek NT

- Lyrical song of _____
- Both a prayer and a _____
- Poetic = short, dense and _____
- Cascade of dense beautiful ideas that move us toward an _____ experience.

Paul's Trinitarian experience of God lies behind everything. God/Father ([1:3-6](#)), Son ([vv. 7-12](#)), and Holy Spirit ([vv. 13-14](#)); note that each of these concludes with "to the praise of his glorious grace"; "for/to the praise of his glory."

4 Questions to Consider when reading Ephesians 1:1-14:

1. What do we learn about God, in actions and character?
2. What do we learn about Christ, in actions and character?
3. What do we learn about Holy Spirit, in actions and character?
4. Who are we in relationship to our 3-in-1 God?

V 3 - why does God bless us?

What does he bless us with?

Where and how do we receive them?

What are the spirit-given blessing mentioned in this passage?

-1:4

-1:5

-1:6

-1:7

-1:9

-1:11-12

-1:13-14

V 4 - 6 God had a plan and because of this plan ... we Praise the Father!

V 7 - 8 Gifts of Jesus

V 9 - God now revealed his mysterious _____

V 10-11 KEY verses: Here is the plan! To bring all under the authority of Christ

V 12 - What was God's purpose?

V 13 - Then for the _____

V 14 - What does the Holy Spirit guarantee?

Thought Questions for Ephesians 1:15-23