

Living as God's Glory

A Study From Ephesians

Wk 1 (10/12) – God's wonderful Purposes

- (1:3-14) **Opening Blessing**
- (1:15-23) **Opening Thanksgiving**

The opening chapter of Ephesians explodes with a fireworks display celebrating God's work in Christ, to the praise of his glory. It is the triumphant song of praise trumpeted by all creation for God's wondrous deeds. Through Christ, God brought salvation to all ethnic groups demonstrating his lavish grace. God has fulfilled his promise in Jeremiah 31:31f to create a new covenant and a new chosen people who know God and his will. A people chosen to be holy, set aside for a purpose, to live as the body of Christ that demonstrates resurrection power and reveals God to the world. The surprise at the end of chapter one is that God's salvation efforts are focused in and through the church, not individuals.

Wk 2 (10/19) – New Life, New Purpose

- (2:1-10) **Now Alive in Christ**

In Chapter 2, the celebration continues but rather than a celebration song, chapter two sounds more like a persuasive commercial. With the fireworks thundering God's praises in the background, the author reminds the readers of just how bad things used to be and how wonderful they are now. It is a dose of perspective using stark contrasts of before and after.

Wk 3 (10/26) – Unity in Race

- (2:11-22) **One New Humanity**
- (3:1-21) **Paul as Minister of God's Mystery of Unity for all**

Wk 4 (11/2) – Unity via the Spirit

- (4:1-16) **Preserving the Unity of the Spirit**

Wk 5 (11/9) – Unity in the Church

- (4:17-5:20) **Living in Unity in the Church**

Wk 6 (11/16) - Unity in the Household

- (5:21-6:9) **Living in Unity in the Household**
- (6:10-20) **Armed for Prayer**
- (6:21-24) **Closing**