

# Ephesians 1

Thesis Statement of Ephesians (Eph 1:3)

**every Spiritual Blessing in Heavenly Places in Christ**

Five Key Themes of Chapters 1-3

**Predestined to Redemption by Grace through Faith in Him** (Position)

Grace: Empowerment (2 Cor 12:9, Rom 12:6)

not just grace to fail (forgiveness), grace to succeed

Predestination: balanced against Free Will

Sovereignty and Voluntary Love

Concern: Relinquished Responsibility

verses 9-10

Plan (Mystery): All Things Gathered Together in Christ

verses 20-22

Seated in Position of Pre-eminent Authority and Power (context)

Gift to the Church - Express His Fullness

verses 4-6

Ancient Plan (Gen 3:15, Gal 3:16)

not individual predestination, but plan for mankind

(1Ti 2:4-6) 4who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

6who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

(1Ti 4:10) 10For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

In Him - Righteous, Love, Family (Godhead), Acceptance

(Jn 15:9) 9“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

verses 7-8

Redemption through His Blood (Cross) - Forgiven, Empowered

(Col 1:19-20) 19For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

(Col 2:9-10) 9For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

(context: cheated through worldly philosophy)

verses 11-12

Family Inheritance - Resources for Predestined Purposes (Partnership in Plan)

verses 13-14

Firstfruits of the Spirit (Rom 8:23 context - sons of God)

(Col 1:26-27) 26the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Access our Inheritance through Holy Spirit to Display His Glory (Plan)

verses 15-19

Three Areas of Wisdom, Revelation, Understanding to Pray for (Access by Faith)

Hope of His Calling

Riches of the Glory of His Inheritance

Great Power Toward Us who Believe