

# CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

**CHAPTER** Ephesians 1

**CHAPTER TITLE** God's Great Purpose for Our Lives

## 1. CHAPTER SUMMARY

Introduction (1:1–2)

- I. The Revelation of the Purpose of God (1:3–14)
  - A. The summary statement—what he has given us (1:3)
  - B. The basis of our salvation (the work of God the Father) (1:4–6)
    1. Chosen to be holy and blameless (1:4)
    2. Adopted as his sons (1:5)
    3. Grace freely given us (1:6)
  - C. The benefits of our salvation (the work of God the Son) (1:7–12)
    1. He sacrificed himself for us (1:7)
    2. He lavished grace on us (1:8)
    3. He revealed his will to us (1:9–10)
    4. He made us part of his inheritance (1:11–12)
  - D. The bestowment of our salvation (the work of God the Holy Spirit) (1:13–14)
    1. He revealed Christ to us (1:13)
    2. He sealed us as God's children (1:13)
    3. He guarantees our inheritance (1:14)
- II. The Response of Prayer to God (1:15–23)
  - A. The foundation of the prayer (1:15–17a)
    1. For faithful and loving believers (1:15)
    2. To a faithful and loving God (1:16–17a)
  - B. The formulation of the prayer (1:17b–20a)
    1. Prayer for wisdom (1:17b)
    2. Prayer for enlightenment (1:18a)
    3. Prayer for experiential knowledge (1:18b–20a)
  - C. The finale of the prayer (1:20b–23)

Acknowledgment of ...

    1. Christ's resurrection (1:20b)
    2. Christ's dominion over all (1:21)
    3. Christ's headship over all (1:22)
    4. Christ's lordship over the church (1:23)

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<b>2. OBSERVATION</b>		<b>3. INTERPRETATION</b>	
<b>What does it say?</b>		<b>What does it mean?</b>	
Verse		Verse	
3	God has blessed me with EVERY spiritual blessing.	3	God thinks the world of me.
4	God chose me to live a life of holiness.	4	I must obey God and his commandments.
5	God has adopted me into his family.	5	This means that I belong to him forever.
7	Through Christ I have been forgiven.	7	Christ is the only one who can forgive sins.
9	God has revealed his will to us through Jesus Christ.	9	Christ is God's total revelation of himself.
11	I am made an heir of God through Christ.	11	I have all the privileges of being an heir.
13–14	The Holy Spirit in me is a guarantee of my salvation and acceptance.	13–14	This means I am important, that God gave me so great a guarantee.
16	Paul prays for the Ephesians.	16	I need to pray for fellow Christians.
18	Paul prays for others' enlightenment.	18	I need to pray that others may know God's will.

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4. CORRELATION		5. APPLICATION
Where else is it explained?		What will I do about it?
Verse		
3	1 Peter 1:3 2 Peter 1:4	Thank God for what he has done for me.
4	Romans 8:29 Exodus 20:1 – 17	I must make sure I'm leading a holy life.
5	Galatians 4:5 Philippians 2:13	I need to act as belonging to God's family.
7	Mark 10:45 Romans 3:25	I must thank God for the totality of his forgiveness.
9	Galatians 1:15 Ephesians 3:9 Hebrews 1:1 – 2	Bible study is an essential if I'm to know God's will.
11	Romans 8:16 – 17 Acts 20:32	I should thank God for this great gift.
13 – 14	John 3:33 Ephesians 4:30 2 Corinthians 5:5	I need to live my life in such a way as not to offend the Spirit who lives in me.
16	Philippians 1:3 Romans 1:8 – 10	I need to pray for John, Sue, and Bob.
18	Acts 26:18	I need to pray this for Charlie and Gail.

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### 6. CONCLUSIONS

This chapter shows what God has given his people—he has blessed them with every spiritual blessing there is. It goes on to list many of those blessings in the Trinitarian work of salvation. This is what God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have done for us. Reading a section of Scripture like this should give us a real sense of worth, because this is God's commentary on what he thinks of those who belong to him.

The proper response to this grand revelation should be a prayer of thanksgiving, adoration, and praise, which is exactly what Paul does.

### 7. PERSONAL APPLICATION

I need to develop more of the spirit of prayer as Paul does here. He is so overwhelmed by what God has done for us that he spontaneously prays. I need to meditate on what God has done for me and so respond back to him with a prayer of adoration and praise as well.

To implement this, I will reread Ephesians 1 five times, substituting "I" and "me" for the pronouns in the chapter, and then spend time praying without asking anything for myself, but directing all my requests toward God and his glory.

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