



What God Has Done

Ephesians 1:1-6

- 1) Introduction to Ephesians (1-2)
 - a) Written by Apostle Paul
 - b) Penned in a Roman prison circa AD 60
 - c) A circular letter for all faithful saints
- 2) What God has done
 - a) Appointed apostles to give Christians instruction (1)
 - b) Sends a message of grace and peace (2)
 - c) Blessed Christians so that we lack nothing (3)
 - d) He chose us in Christ (4)
 - i) When? Before the foundation of the world
 - ii) Why? That we would be holy & blameless
 - iii) His motivation? He loves His chosen ones
 - e) He predestined us to be His adopted children (5-6)
 - i) How? Through the work of Jesus Christ
 - ii) Why? Because it gives Him great satisfaction
 - iii) To what end? To His own glory
 - (1) Recipients of His grace worship Him
 - (2) The Mediator, *Christ*, is exalted
- 3) We know we have been chosen by
 - a) Our faith: in Christ alone
 - b) Our desire: to live holy lives
 - c) Our security: being chosen before time
 - d) Our ultimate goal: *God's glory*