

# EPHESIANS

## THE SECRET OF LIFE

(EPHESIANS 1:6-14)

The Bible's most foundational truth is your most profound truth. In fact, you'll never hear anything more important, or be able to pass on to your children or your children's children anything more vital, than what Scripture tells us is *the secret of life*. And what is that secret? Are you ready to hear it? Okay, this is it: **Your life is a gift of God ... to be lived by the grace of God ... all for the ultimate glory of God!** Listen now; honestly, what you just read is no exaggeration. Everything else you will ever learn, or experience starts with, connects to, culminates in, and finds ultimate meaning within this paramount realization. Genuine success in life can only be measured by one's adherence to this supreme truth. Today, as we continue our study in Ephesians, God's Word will clearly lay out this *greatest teaching of life* for us and will challenge us to bring all that we are and have into line with it.

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## LIVING THE SECRET

1. (v.6) Relate to Jesus as ...
2. (v.7) Relate to Jesus as ...
3. (v.7) Relate to Jesus as ...
4. (vv.7-8) Relate to Jesus as ...

5. (vv.8-9) Relate to Jesus as ...

6. (v.10) Relate to Jesus as ...

7. (vv.11-12) Relate to Jesus as ...

8. (v.13) Relate to the Holy Spirit as ...

9. (v.14) Relate to the Holy Spirit as ...

## FOR THOUGHT & TALK

*In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of this week's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.*

1. Read aloud **Ephesians 1:3-14** from two different versions like the NASB & the NLT. Throughout this message, Pastor John kept making this request: *Please, feel these words*. He may have even gotten a bit annoying about it. 😊 But here's the question: Why is this a really important request for PJ to make of us? What is the outcome in our lives when we do "feel" the impact and power of God's Word upon us? What does it indicate about us if we don't?
2. According to **Ephesians 1:6,12 & 14**, the secret of life is to realize that ... *Your life is a gift of God ... to be lived by the grace of God ... all for the ultimate glory of God!* How does viewing life as a gift of God shape our daily outlook? How does living by the grace of God supply us with spiritual power? How does living for the glory of God determine our motivations and priorities?
3. **Ephesians 1:6-12** focuses our attention on Jesus, God the Son. Pastor John shared seven different ways that we need to relate to Jesus as we seek to go about living the secret of life that God lays out for us in this passage. Which one or two of those seven "relational connect points" do you most need to hear anew and start feeling more deeply again?
4. **Ephesians 1:13-14** focuses our attention on the Holy Spirit. Pastor shared two different ways that we need to relate to the Holy Spirit as we seek to go about living the secret of life that God lays out for us in this passage. How does seeing yourself as boldly bearing God's Divine "Logo of Love" help you believe that you truly are special to God? How does realizing that the Holy Spirit is God's pledge to us (that He will keep all of His promises to us about our future) make a positive impact in terms of how we live today?