

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES
WOMEN IN THE WORD
Fellowship Bible Church

The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 11

God's Grace Revealed in Ephesians

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Ephesians outline

1. Teaching identity truths
2. Praying the Holy Spirit will convince them of their new identity.
3. Therefore exhortation to walk according to who they are in Christ.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1:1-10 We are blessed - Every spiritual blessing - Holy - Blameless - Adoption to himself - Redeemed - Forgiven - United to Him

Ephesians 1:11-14 - Obtained an inheritance - That we would be to the praise of His glory - Sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Paul's prayer

Ephesians 1:15-19 - Paul prays that God will open their eyes to the reality of the truths mentioned above.

Old identity - New identity

Ephesians 2 Paul goes back and fourth from old and new spiritual identity to compare them.

Ephesians 2:1-3 - Old identity - Dead in sins - Children of wrath

Ephesians 2:4-10 - New identity - Made alive in Christ - Saved by grace - raised to new life - seated with Him - Workmanship created for good works

Ephesians 2:11-12 - Old identity - Separated from Christ - No hope - without God.

Ephesians 2:13-22 - New identity - Brought near to God - peace with God - reconciled to God - Access to the Father - Members of God's household - Built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit

The Authority and Content of Paul's message

Ephesians 3:1-13 Paul's understanding of the message came from God. - God Chose Paul to carry this message even though he did not deserve such a privilege. - God's eternal purpose was to fulfill the eternal plan of redemption through Christ.

Paul's Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21 Prayer to be strengthened with power through his Spirit - Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - rooted and grounded in love - Know the love of Christ - Filled with all the fullness of God

Live According to Who You Are

Ephesians 4:1-7 THEREFORE - Implore you - invite you - walk in a manor worthy of your calling - Unity in Christ - The same things that are true of you as a believer are true of other believers.

Ephesians 4:17-24 - New Life - because God has changed you. Changed your identity. Not Gentiles (unsaved) any longer.

Walk in Love

Ephesians 5-6 Implored to live in truth, be kind, forgiving, imitators of God, submitting to one another, love, obey parents and authorities,

All of this can only be accomplished by dependance on Christ's new life within. Not self effort. That's why our identity was covered first in this book.

The Armor of God

Chapter 6 - Put on the whole armor of God. Notice that it is God's armor not our armor. This armor is what we by faith put on. His truth, His righteousness, His gospel & peace, He gives us faith, His salvation, His Word. Again it is a reminder to put on our new identity, by faith.

As we by faith trust in the finished work of Christ to redeem us, God gives us new life. The life of Christ. The righteousness of Christ. He calls us daughters. He brought us to Himself. He prepares a place in heaven for us. All of these things He has done by GRACE! We do not deserve it nor can we earn it. Do you know it? Do you believe it? Does it change how you see yourself?

The results of the finished work of Christ on the cross should change how we view ourselves, because we are a new creation.

