

“Therefore:” The Logical Lifestyle of a Hopeful Minority

Five Reasons We Need Ephesians Now

Ephesians 1:1–2

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The Lord’s Day Morning

August 14, 2016

1. Ephesians _____ where _____ leaves off (4:1; 6:20)

2. Ephesians _____ saints to live counter-culturally in a morally _____ world. (4:17; 6:11).

3. Ephesians _____ the logical and _____ basis for this counter-cultural lifestyle (4:1)

Ephesians 1–3: Doctrine	Ephesians 4–6: Application
God did this for you: Election, predestination, forgiveness, redemption, church, grace, mercy, faith, gospel, love	Therefore , you live like this: Personal ministry, doctrinal integrity, sexual purity, marital fidelity, financial accountability, emotional stability, verbal integrity

4. Ephesians _____ saints by demonstrating God’s sovereign plan for _____ (1:1–10).

Pre-September 11, 2001

_____	“Mushy Middle” of _____ Christianity	_____ Christianity
Anti-Christianity Non-religious “Nones” Bible is bad	Biblically illiterate Theologically naïve Vague Christian worldview Sporadic church attendance Bible is good Leans →	Biblically literate Theologically discerning Clear Christian worldview Faithful church attendance Bible is God’s Word

Post-September 11, 2001

Secular	“Mushy Middle” of Cultural Christianity ←Leans	Devout Christianity
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5. Ephesians _____ First Bible Church to make major _____ adjustments in January 2017.