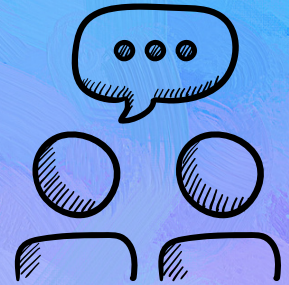




# the book of Ephesians

Section 1

**Ephesians 1.1-14**



reminder of  
purpose

The goal of studying Scripture is not simply to gain information, but rather:

- To hear from and obey God (James 1.22)
- To get to Jesus (Jn 5.39-40)
- To be transformed (Heb 4.12; 2 Tim 3.16-17)

## Key Verse

Eph 1.5 | In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.

## Application Questions

- How does seeing God's overarching plan to reunite everything (including you) to himself change the way we face hard times today?
- Paul uses words like "riches" and "lavished." How can you attest to that in your own life? Why is it hard to view God's blessings that way?

## Potential Discussion Questions

- How would you define grace? ?
- What is God's ultimate goal (10).
  - What does that say about Him?
  - What does that say about us?
- What is God's plan to accomplish that goal?
- What are some of the blessings that God has blessed us with? (3)
- What riches has he "lavished" upon us?
- According to this passage, what are the things that God has done, is doing, and will do?
- What does adoption mean, when God is doing it?
- In the ESV the phrase "according to..." is repeated several times. Looking at those verses, what does this tell us about our relationship with God?
- What is our inheritance?
- What is our "guarantee" of that inheritance?

## Life Questions

Anything we can pray for this week?  
Anyone hurting around you that we can pray for or love this week?