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Ephesians 1:1-2 (ESV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”


The introduction of Ephesians introduces us to:

1. God is in control
2. You're not just sinners anymore, you're saints!

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God made the world according to His good design


- There is beauty, purpose, and evidence of God's design around us.
- God originally made a world that worked and everything is together in unity and harmony.
- God made each one of us with a purpose. To worship Him and walk with Him.



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- The consequence of sin is separation from God in this life and all eternity. Peace is lost between God and man.
- Sin results in a broken world and we can see this reality all around us.
- Brokenness results in the pursuit of a way out and helps us to see our need for something greater.



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- There is a remedy to sin and the brokenness of the world and it's contained in the Gospel.
- Jesus came to rescue us and to reconcile us to God. He paid the penalty for our sin by his death and we are freed from the debt.
- We must admit our sin, ask God to forgive us, and turn from our sin to follow and trust Him.



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God has reconciled us and restored us to recover and pursue His original good design!

- Once reconciled we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world.
- God empowers us through the Holy Spirit to pursue His design for life.
- God restores us of our salvation and sets us with the presence of the Holy Spirit.



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Peace is the result of God's saving work

1. Peace between sinners and a holy God
2. Peace between the saints

Grace is the why and how of the Christian life

1. Grace is why and how we are saved from sin and made alive in Christ
2. Grace is why and how God sustains the saints in a world stained by sin

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