



# EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE + HOW WE WALK



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WEEK 3

# EPHESIANS DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

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What happens when the good news of salvation becomes so good to someone that not only does their understanding of their identity shift, but their entire life starts changing?

Ephesians asks the question, what happens when my private faith starts speaking up in public?  
What will my relationships look like?  
What will my vocation look like?

This wonderful letter was not written to address a specific heresy or problem in the church.

It was written as a grand explanation of the greatness of God's plan for salvation for His people  
- and the implications thereof  
in the lives of those who follow Christ.

The gospel will create a family on mission.



LET'S LOOK AT WHO THIS FAMILY IS + HOW THEY WALK.

# HOW DO I USE THIS BOOKLET?

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You are about to embark on a journey of discovery.  
Discovering the incredible wealth and vastness  
of God's salvation plan for you and that it is meant to  
empower you in the here and now for a life of godliness.



## Step 1

Get a cup of coffee and a quiet spot where you can spend some  
time with the Creator of the universe.

The Holy Spirit inspired scripture and reveals scripture to us.  
Ask God to come and reveal these scriptures to you.



## Step 2

Now take some time to read the portion of scripture for the day.  
Read it more than once and consider reading it in different  
translations to get a better understanding of what's being said.



## Step 3

Take some time to reflect on the day's reading by answering the  
reflection questions for the day's devotion.



## Step 4

Spend some time in prayer responding to what  
God revealed to you in today's reading.

**“Search the inspired book and desire  
to know everything it teaches”**

- CHARLES SPURGEON

# CHAPTER 1 - 3

# WHO WE ARE

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This book can be divided into two halves.

The 1st half (chapter 1 – 3) deals with the greatness of salvation and God's plan to put everything under the lordship of Jesus.

The 1st half is all about my relationship to God through the work of Jesus.

The 1st half answers the question of my identity & my relation to God through the work of His Son Jesus.

It also answers the question of where my new identity fits into God's kingdom in relation to His people, the church.

Let's dive into Ephesians.

# WEEK 3 | CHAPTER 3

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Paul makes two things clear at the start of this chapter;

- 1) This ministry that has been given to him did not come from him choosing it. He did not take the slightest step in this direction by his own choice and will. He was seized by Jesus. To save Paul, to extract him from his previous life, to enlighten him, to give him the authority of the Holy Spirit as he spoke for Jesus, to give his words effectiveness and accompany them with signs of authenticity – it all required the working of God’s power. There was nothing manipulative in any of this. Paul never pretended God’s power was at work when it was not so. No deceit, no pretence was involved. He used no trickery, but simply taught the word of God plainly.
- 2) This calling God had for Paul required humility. Paul reminds himself of something he wrote in chapter two, how salvation is a free gift of God’s grace. On the one hand, he speaks with great authority. He has received revelations from God, and he knows it! He has a call from God on his life, and he knows it. Yet on the other hand, Paul speaks with extreme humility. He knows that everything that has made him what he is has come to him entirely because of God’s kindness to him.

The understanding of these two elements (God calls me in power, I walk out that calling in both power and humility) leads Paul into another prayer for the fellow followers of Jesus.

# DAY 1: Ephesians 3: 1 – 6

"The mystery of Christ"

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When I think of all this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the benefit of you Gentiles - 2 assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending His grace to you Gentiles.

**3 As I briefly wrote earlier, God Himself revealed His mysterious plan to me.** 4 As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. 5 God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by His Spirit He has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.

**6 And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.**

- 1) What spiritual blessings does Paul write about in verse 6? (Read Ephesians 1: 4 – 6 again)
- 2) Why is this blessing (being adopted into God's family) much better than any other blessing?

# DAY 2: Ephesians 3: 7 – 13

"The plan of the mystery"

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By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving Him by spreading this Good News.

8 Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, He graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.

9 I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. 10 God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was His eternal plan, which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**12 Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.** 13 So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honoured.

1. Read verse 12 again. How easy do you find it to believe that because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross, you can live boldly and confidently in God's presence?

2. Why do you find it so easy/ not so easy to believe the truth above?

Write down a prayer thanking God for such easy access to His presence. And pray that your heart would always believe that truth.

# DAY 3: Ephesians 3: 14 – 17

“He dwells in me”

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14 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong.

- 1) “Christ will make his home in your hearts”  
What does this statement make clear regarding your worth in God’s eyes?

Paul says the natural response to this wonderful reality is “falling to my knees in prayer”.

Take a few minutes and go down on your knees and say to God what it means to you knowing that Christ has come to make His home in your heart.



# DAY 4: Ephesians 3: 18 – 19

" H e l o v e s m e "

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18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

God's love for you is long and high and deep!

There is no end to His affection towards you.

Take some time and meditate on that, then complete these sentences:

God loves me because \_\_\_\_\_

Because God loves me I can \_\_\_\_\_

God's love makes me \_\_\_\_\_

# DAY 5: Ephesians 3: 20 – 21

"He can do even more!"

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20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

This passage teaches that it is God who is at work, through His might power. And therefore we can trust that He can do way more than what we think or ask.

What are you still trusting God for?

I am trusting God for \_\_\_\_\_

I am trusting God for \_\_\_\_\_

I am trusting God for \_\_\_\_\_

Pray over these things that you are trusting God for.