

**Grace Community Church
To the Praise of His Glory
Ephesians 1:1-14
November 30, 2025**

HOME GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **Read** Ephesians 1:1-14.
 - a. **Share.** What blessings in this passage are most comforting to you?
 - b. **Share.** What blessings in this passage, if any, have you found difficult to accept? Why?
 - c. **Discuss.** What blessings in this passage would not be exciting to a non-Christian? Why are they exciting to a Christian?
2. **Read** 1:4-6.
 - a. **Discuss.** Has being chosen by God affected your evangelism efforts? Elaborate.
 - b. **Discuss.** Has being chosen by God affected your pursuit of holiness? Elaborate.
 - c. **Discuss.** How can you explain the doctrine of predestination as being good news?
3. **Read** 1:7-12.
 - a. **Share.** How does knowing God's plan to unite all things in the future help you in the present?
4. **Read** 1:13-14.
 - a. **Share.** In just a few sentences, tell of when you first heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him?
 - b. **Explain.** How do you already benefit from being sealed with the Holy Spirit as your guarantee (deposit, down payment) for an inheritance to come?
5. **Praise.** End your time blessing God because he has first blessed you—to the praise of his glory!

Quotes and Scriptures from the Sermon:

- G.K. Chesterton said, “The worst part for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank.”
- John 6:37—All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (ESV)
- **G.R.A.C.E. – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense**
- Deuteronomy 29:29—The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. (ESV)
- Application: We bless God because he has first blessed us
- To the Praise of His Glorious Grace
 - God has adopted you (4-6)
 - Jesus has redeemed you (7-12)
 - The Holy Spirit has sealed you (13-14)