

Ephesians Study Summary

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I. Paul developed two foundational themes in Ephesians

A. The first theme: *'The Grace of Salvation by Grace'*

1. God purposed eternal life and salvation for each of His children

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

2. God accomplished and secured eternal salvation for each of His children

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

3. God gives eternal life and salvation to each of His children

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead...

4. Each one of God's children will end up with eternal life and salvation

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

B. The second theme: *'The Grace of the Revelation of Salvation by Grace'*

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:13 ...after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

II. Paul explained how grace, faith and works relate to each other

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

III. Paul explained how the grace of 'faith in grace' saves us (even now)

A. Without faith in grace we feel like we face life (and death) all alone

Eph 2:12 ...strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

B. Through faith in grace we feel like we face life/death with God with us

1. Grace made Holy God to be at peace with His sinful children

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition
between us;

2. Through faith in grace we feel to be at peace with God

Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off....

3. Through faith in grace we feel we can come boldly to God and find help

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

IV. Paul said, “Now you have the grace of ‘faith in grace’: *therefore...*”

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,