

## INTRODUCTION TO EPHESIANS

**Principle:** Ephesians sets forth God's eternal purpose to create thru Jesus Christ a new society.

**Use this lesson outline to record your notes as you watch the Introduction to Ephesians video.**

### **I. THE AUTHOR: Apostle Paul**

- **Knowing Christ personally enables us to experience spiritual life.**

### **II. THE RECIPIENTS**

- **Knowing Christ personally motivates us to share Him with others.**

### **III. THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF EPHESIANS**

- **Through Christ new life is given by which God's people live thru His Spirit.**

**I. New Life in Christ 1:1-2:10**

**II. New Society thru Christ 2:11-3:21**

**III. New Standards - unity & purity 4:1-5:21**

**IV. New Relationships 5:21-6:24**

**LESSON #1                      PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS                      Ephesians 1:1-23**

**Subject: Paul praises God and prays for his readers' spiritual lives.**

**Please answer these lesson questions for next week prior to watching the Lesson 1 video.**

**Review**

1. From the lecture, what helped prepare you for your study of Ephesians?

**Read Ephesians 1:1-2                      Paul's greetings**

2. How does Paul identify himself to his readers and how would his identity affect the way he lives?

3. How do you identify *yourself* which, in turn, will determine the way you live?

4. In what two ways does Paul describe the recipients of his letter? What does each mean?

5. What are the two immediate benefits of the Ephesians' faith in Christ? Explain each.

**Read Ephesians 1:3-14                      Paul's praise for spiritual blessings in Christ**

6. Paul bursts forth into praise for the spiritual blessings which are given to the believer. In verses 3-6 state and explain the blessings given the believer by the Father.

7. In verses 7-10 what are the blessings given by the Son? Explain each.

8. What blessings are there through the Holy Spirit from verses 11-14? Explain.

**Read Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul prays for reader's awareness of spiritual wealth**

9. What had Paul heard about the Ephesian church? Is that what people are hearing about you and your church?

10. Explain Paul's deep concern for the church and what does he do about it?

11. How does his concern and passion differ from most Christians, possibly even yours?

12. For what *exactly* does Paul pray?

13. Explain the source of his confidence as He offers this prayer.

**Personal Reflection and Application**

15. How exactly has your study this week:

a. Stimulated your appreciation of what it is to be a Christian?

b. Affected your prayer life?

c. Enabled you to act differently because of what you have learned?