

LESSON #1

PAUL'S PRAISE & PRAYER

EPHESIANS 1:1-23

Principle: God has given the believer everything he needs to live a vibrant Christian life.

Use this lesson outline to record your notes as you watch the Lesson 1 video.

I. PAUL'S GREETING 1:1-2

- **God's people are special because of what He has done for them, not because of anything they have done for themselves.**

II. PAUL'S PRAISE FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS 1:3-14

- **The blessings God has given to His people are for the praise of His glory.**

III. PAUL'S PRAYER 1:15-23

- **The only way to know God better is to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn from Him.**

LESSON #2 A COMPARISON OF SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS Ephesians 2:1-22

Subject: Paul gives the position of the believer and the purpose for his life.

Please answer these lesson questions for next week prior to watching the Lesson 2 video.

Review

1. What did you find especially helpful from the last lecture?

Read Ephesians 2:1-3 The plight of natural man

2. What was the former condition of Paul's readers from verse 1?

3. Explain what it means to be in that condition.

4. How is the former condition lived out from verses 2 and 3?

5. What is the terrifying result of such a condition and what does it mean?

6. Can you remember when you were in that state and how you lived as a result?

Read Ephesians 2:4-10 The position of the believer

7. What did God do to remedy man's situation?

8. From verse 6, state the result of God's act on man's behalf and explain what it means.

9. Why exactly did God do such a thing according to the passage?

10. What was God's aim in saving His people through faith?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22 God's purpose for the believer

11. What does Paul urge his readers to remember about their former state?

12. Why do you think it was important for the Ephesians (and for us) to remember who and what they (we) were before Christ?

13. Paul then states what Christ did for those who are in Him. Try to find as many things as you can that Christ did in verses 13-18.

14. Can you explain the great purpose of the cross as Paul sees it?

15. From verses 19-22 what are the implications of Christ's death on the cross in the Ephesians' lives?

Personal Reflection and Application

15. How do the implications of Christ's death affect *your* life and how you live it?