

CHRIST: The Plan, the Provision, the Position

Series in Ephesians
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Ephesians

- Written by Paul while in Roman prison
- Written to be read in all churches, not just the Ephesian church
- Provides strong doctrine for Christian call and lifestyle

Theme verse:

Ephesians 1:17 AMP

"[I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son]."

Ephesians 1:3-14

- United WITH Christ
- IN Christ
- THROUGH Christ
- BELONG to Christ
- BECAUSE of Christ
- REGARDING Christ - "PURPOSED in Christ" NIV
- UNDER Christ
- WITH Christ
- Trust IN Christ
- Believe IN Christ
- GLORIFY Christ

THE PLAN: Jesus Christ

- Put into place before God created the world
- To create His own family through Christ
- To purchase your freedom through the death of Christ & forgive your sins
- To provide an inheritance for all who choose to believe in and trust Christ
- For His glory & praise

THE PROVISION: Jesus Christ (represents the Father)

- God's idea: "IN CHRIST"
- Rich in Kindness & Grace
- The blood of Jesus poured out as payment for sins
- Showers His kindness, wisdom & understanding
- Reveals His plans & purposes WITH GREAT PLEASURE
- He INITIATED the whole plan!
- Holy Spirit is the guarantee of your promised inheritance

THE POSITION: New Identity in Jesus Christ

- Blessed in Christ
- United with Christ
- Loved by God
- Chosen
- Seen as holy & without fault in His eyes: Accepted
- Adopted into God's family: you BELONG & have the rights of a child
- Free & Forgiven
- New reason for living: for His praise & glory

STAY FOCUSED & FIX YOUR EYES on JESUS

- All that matters is found IN CHRIST, THROUGH CHRIST & FOR CHRIST
- Christ is above all