

In the future:

▶ *What will the Father do ?*

▶ *What will the Son do?*

▶ *What will the Holy Spirit do?*

If God has chosen and predestined you, where does the freedom of our will fit in?

What do you learn about our purpose as Christians from each of these verses?

▶ *Vs. 4*

▶ *Vs. 6*

▶ *Vs. 12*

▶ *Vs. 14*



Trouble Shooting

How does it make you feel that you were chosen before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless?

Thinking of what God has done for you is now doing for you and will do for you in the future, complete this sentence

▶ *My purpose as a Christian is to:*

▶ *What are one or two ways to reflect that purpose this week?*

Look at verse 3 again, what are some of the ways God has blessed you with blessings in Christ?

Closing Prayer

Good and gracious God. Thank you for your blessings. Thank you for choosing me to be holy and adopting me as your child. Thank you for the forgiveness of my sins and the riches of your grace. May I strive each and every day to live and serve in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Owners Manual For Our Personal Walk with Jesus

Ephesians 1:3-14

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Assembling

Living Blessed Lives

Sit down and read all of Ephesians 1, paying particular attention to verses 3-14.

This originally was one sentence The longest sentence in the Bible which provides a strong theological foundation for the rest of the letter. As you read this paragraph size sentence, underline or highlight the phrases that mean the most to you.

Read Acts chapters 18-20 so that you will have some background to what Paul will be writing here to the believers in Ephesus. Remember Paul is writing this letter from prison.

Operating Instructions

From the 3 chapters in Acts that you read, what are some of the characteristics and features of Ephesus?

There were many types of love evident in Ephesus. By far and away the Temple of Artemis dominated the landscape and the attention of most of the Ephesians. There, people practiced an “Eros” (erotic) kind of love. This was in direct contrast to the “agape” (unconditional) kind of love that focuses on God’s grace given to us in and through Christ.

▶ *How do these verses describe God’s agape love?*

Ephesians 1:3-14 gives thanks for the triune God. Look for the various activities that each part of the Trinity.

In the past:

▶ *What has the Father done?*

▶ *What has the Son done?*

▶ *What has the Holy Spirit done?*