

EVERYTHING YOU NEED
A STUDY OF EPHESIANS
#1: YOUR PORTFOLIO OF RICHES IN CHRIST
EPHESIANS 1:1-14
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Christian Hedonism is a philosophy of life built on the following five convictions: The longing to be happy is a universal human experience, and it is good, not sinful. We should never try to deny or resist our longing to be happy, as though it were a bad impulse. Instead, we should seek to intensify this longing and nourish it with whatever will provide the deepest and most enduring satisfaction. The deepest and most enduring happiness is found only in God. Not from God, but in God. The happiness we find in God reaches its consummation when it is shared with others in the manifold ways of love. To the extent that we try to abandon the pursuit of our own pleasure, we fail to honor God and love people. Or, to put it positively: The pursuit of pleasure is a necessary part of all worship and virtue. That is: The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever.

John Piper

I. BACKGROUND OF THE LETTER OF EPHESIANS

- 1. Who wrote it?**
- 2. Whom was it written to?**
- 3. When was it written?**
- 4. Why was it written?**

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NCV)

II. OVERVIEW OF EPHESIANS

1. Your Portfolio of Spiritual Riches – 1:1-14
2. The Power Behind Your Prayers – 1:15-23
3. You: From Mess to Masterpiece – 2:1-10
4. God's Plan for World Peace – 2:11-22
5. The Reason You Are Here – 3:1-13
6. Life Changing Love – 3:14-21
7. What the Christian Life is All About – 4:1-16
8. The Difference the Spirit Can Make – 4:17-32
9. Being the Light in a Very Dark World – 5:1-20
10. Secrets to Getting Along with Others – 5:21-6:9
11. Arming Yourself Against Enemy Attack – 6:10-23

III. MY PORTFOLIO OF SPIRITUAL RICHES—1:1-14

1. I am chosen (v.4).

2. I am adopted (v.5-6)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

3. I am redeemed (v.7-11)

4. I am secure (v.12-14)