

The Epistle to the Ephesians

“United by a Moment”

Introduction: Eph. 1:1

I. A Panoramic view of the wondrous work of God in Jesus Christ our Lord

- The Bible is God’s book; it is a revelation of God.

II. The Sovereignty of God

- God’s sovereignty is on display in this book. Paul is an apostle not by his own will. He did not call himself.
- It is God who has chosen every one who is a Christian. There would never have been any salvation if God had not planned it and brought it about. The Bible reveals that it is not us trying to get a disinterested God to help us. The sovereign God of all came down to us.
- If you are ever tempted to say that God is not fair, like Job, put your hand to your mouth and realize to whom you are speaking. Do not imagine you can understand the mind and will of God. May we confess our ignorance and smallness and frailty and worship Him.

III. The Grace of God

- .The word “grace” is used 13 times in this epistle.
- A key theme in this letter is the riches of God’s amazing grace to sinful people in providing for them salvation and redemption.
- Many people will pay to go to museums and places so they can gaze on objects of wealth and riches. In this book, we will get a view and glimpse of the super-abundant riches of the grace of God.

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ

- There is no gospel and no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. Christianity is essentially a Person.
- There is no gospel apart from the shed blood of Jesus Christ – His atoning substitutionary sacrifice on the cross.

V. The Church

- The church is the great purpose accomplished through the cross of Christ. Jesus creates a new humanity in the bringing together all the nations in Christ.
- The epistle helps enlighten our understanding as to what we are and who we are, and what God has done for us in Christ. It is written to ordinary people like ourselves.
- The church is created by the gospel and for the gospel.

VI. A Sending God

- God is a sending God who sent His prophets and finally His Son.
- The Son now sends Paul (apostle = sent one) and the church to accomplish His mission.