

Ephesians Chapter 01 Questions

1. If you were rich how would your life be different?
2. For Paul, living “in Christ” is a more significant aspect of your identity than living “in Ephesus” or “in America” or “in the South.” How does living “in Christ” affect who you are and how you live?
3. Read (Ephesians 1:3-14)
How does it matter that God chose you before He created the world?

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he[b]predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he[d] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. 11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

4. What practical difference would it make if we understood our hope, inheritance and power better?
5. Read (Ephesians 1:18-19a)
Paul prayed for his readers to know God better. What does knowing God involve? How well do you know him? How would you describe the temperature of your relationship with Jesus?

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

6. What can you do to gain all that Christ has for you as you study Ephesians?