

THE BOOK OF
EPHESIANS

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The Book of Ephesians- Session 1
Week of 9-22-19

Ice Breaker: What are your thoughts about Area 51? What do you think happens there or has happen there?

Read the Passage: Greetings, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will: To the faithful saints in Christ Jesus at Ephesus.² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.³ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ.⁴ For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him.⁵ He predestined us to be adopted as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace⁸ that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding.⁹ He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the right time — to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.¹¹ In him we have also received an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of the one who works out everything in agreement with the purpose of his will,¹² so that we who had already put our hope in Christ might bring praise to his glory.¹³ In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.¹⁴ The Holy Spirit is the down payment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the possession, to the praise of his glory. -- Ephesians 1:1-14 (CSB)

Q1- Paul talks about grace in verse 2. How would you define grace?

Q2- In verse 4-8 Paul tells us that God did some things. What is it?

Q3- In verses 9&10 Paul talks about the mystery of God's will. Although God hasn't shown us everything we may ask, what does God show us about the mystery of His will in verses 3-6? (How awesome is it that God chooses to allow us to understand some of the mysteries of His will?)

Q4 – When you hear the word “sealed” in verse 13, what do you think of the word sealed?

Make it REAL :

UP- How does this passage help you understand God's love for you?

IN- How can you help others who may be struggling in their faith?

OUT- What is one way this week you can show others that God loves them?

How can we pray so that we can live out this passage?