

Major Themes in Ephesians 1:3-14

UNION WITH CHRIST (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

RICHES/INHERITANCE (3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14)

GLORY (3, 6, 12, 14)

ELECTION (4)

LOVE (4, 6)

DIVINE WILL/PLAN (4, 5, 9, 10, 11)

ADOPTION (5)

PREDESTINATION (5, 11)

GRACE (6, 7)

REDEMPTION (7, 14)

RECONCILIATION (7, 10)

WISDOM (8)

UNDERSTANDING (8)

MYSTERY (9)

SALVATION (13)

FAITH/BELIEF (13)

HOLY SPIRIT (13, 14)

Ephesians 2:1-10 CSB

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. ³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶ He also raised us up with him and

seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,⁷ so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Basic outline of Ephesians 2:1-10

- Verses 1-3: An explanation of our former plight as objects of God's wrath
- Verses 4-7: An explanation of how God saved us from our former plight
- Verses 8-10: An explanation of the gracious nature of our salvation

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Acts 1:9–11 CSB

⁹ After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them.¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven."

Philippians 2:9–11 CSB

⁹ For this reason God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth—¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Daniel 7:13–14 CSB

¹³ I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was

escorted before him. ¹⁴ He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Luke 22:69 CSB

⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Psalms 110:1 CSB

¹ This is the declaration of the LORD to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 Timothy 2:10–13 CSB

¹⁰ This is why I endure all things for the elect: so that they also may obtain salvation, which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ This saying is trustworthy: For if we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Revelation 20:4 CSB

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:6 CSB

⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Genesis 1:26–27 CSB

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.

Psalms 8:3–8 CSB

³ When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, ⁴ what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? ⁵ You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: ⁷ all the sheep and oxen, as well as the animals in the wild, ⁸ the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea that pass through the currents of the seas.

1 Corinthians 15:47–49 CSB

⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸

Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Ephesians 1:9–10 CSB

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he purposed in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the right time—to bring everything together in Christ, both things in heaven and things on earth in him.

Hebrews 1:13–14 CSB

¹³ Now to which of the angels has he ever said: **Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool?** ¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve those who are going to inherit salvation?

v7

What is a cross-reference for the verse 7 concerning the gracious nature of our salvation (Hint: see study note on this verse)?

1 Peter 1:10–12 CSB

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched and carefully investigated. ¹¹ They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you. These things have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.

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