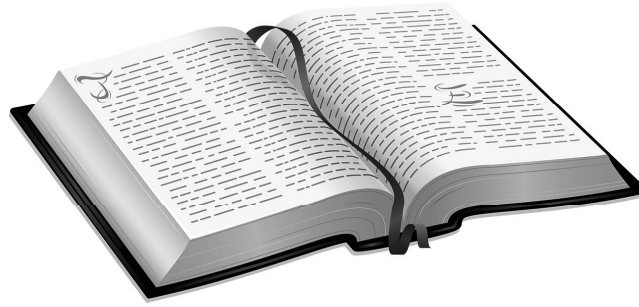


# Bible Correspondence Fellowship

Answer Sheet for English Standard Version (ESV)



## Ephesians - Lesson 1 of 2

*So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.*

***Ephesians. 1:6 (NLT)***

**BOOK OF EPHESIANS:** This letter was written by the apostle Paul while he was a prisoner in Rome about AD 60-62. Although it bears the name of the church in Ephesus, it was intended to be circulated among all the churches in Asia. It addresses the common needs of all believers and the truths most essential for today's church, also known as the Body of Christ. When you are done you should have a better appreciation of your position in Christ and how to live a more Christ-like life.

**Please read through the entire Book of Ephesians. ☐ Check**

If you see a scripture reference next to the question number,  
then the answer will come directly from that scripture.

### Chapter 1

1. (v. 1:1) How did Paul become an apostle (chosen messenger) of Christ Jesus?  
by the will of God
2. To whom is this letter written? To the saints who are in Ephesus  
and to the faithful in Christ Jesus
3. In his greeting verse 1:2 Paul emphasizes grace and peace. **Grace** means receiving blessings or something you did not earn. In your own words, write a time you experienced grace or peace:  
(Answers will vary. Consider mailing article on Grace or Peace)

4. (v. 1:3) According to Ephesians 1:3 how has God blessed us?  
in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places

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5. (v. 1:4) When were we chosen in Christ?  
before the foundation of the world

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6. (v. 1:5) What did God predestinate (determine beforehand) us to/ for?  
adoption to Himself

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7. (v. 1:6) Fill in the blanks: ...to the praise of God's glorious grace  
which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

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8. (v. 1:8) According to the riches of God's grace, we have two things. What are they?  
wisdom and insight

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9. (v. 1:11) What have we obtained/ received as a result of being in Christ?  
an inheritance

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10. (v. 1:13) What did you have to hear before you believed in Christ?  
the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation

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**STOP!** Take a moment to pray and ask God to help you think of someone with whom you might share what you are learning about Jesus Christ. Begin praying for that person and look for opportunities to share with him/her .

Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Observe also in verse 1:13 that we are "sealed" into Christ / believed in Christ.  
Who causes this to happen? sealed with the promised Holy Spirit

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12. According to verse 14, why was the Holy Spirit given to us?  
as a guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it

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13. If you are God's possession, sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day of redemption and guaranteed an inheritance, can you lose your salvation? (see John 10:27-29)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

(v. 1:17) What did Paul pray that God would give the believers?  
the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

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14. Paul's prayer continues in verses 18 and 19. The prayer concerns three things "that you may know":
1. (v. 1:18) the hope to which He has called you
  2. (v. 1:18) the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints
  3. (v. 1:19) His power towards us who believe
15. (v. 1:20) How was God's power demonstrated? When he raised Him from the dead.
16. (v. 1:20) Where is Christ Jesus right now?  
seated at His right hand in the heavenly places
17. (v. 1:21) Over what has Christ been given authority by the Father?  
above all rule and authority and power and dominion, above every name.
18. When does Christ have this authority? in this age and in the age to come
20. (v. 1:22) What position does Christ have over the Church? head over all things
21. (v. 1:23) What is the church called? His body, the fullness of Him

## Chapter 2

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.*

### ***Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)***

This is one of the most important chapters of the Bible. It focuses upon the Christian's life, past, present and future. It shows what your condition was before you accepted Christ and what your life has become as a result of Christ's work. This chapter also emphasizes the importance of salvation by grace through faith, plus nothing else, and establishes the foundation upon which the church, the Body of Christ, is built.

### **Read Ephesians 2:1-22 ☐ Check**

1. Verses 2:1-3 According to each of these verses, what condition were the believers in before they accepted Christ?

*(Note to KJV users: In verse 1, the word "quickened" means "made alive")*

Verse 1: (Answer will vary)

Verse 2: (Answer will vary)

Verse 3: (Answer will vary)

2. (v. 2:2) The prince/ruler/commander of the power (who is Satan) works in  
the sons of disobedience \_\_\_\_\_
3. (v. 2:4) Why did God show us mercy? His great love for us \_\_\_\_\_
4. (v. 2:5) What did God do for us even though we were dead in sin?  
He made us alive together with Christ \_\_\_\_\_
5. (v. 2:6) What is our position in Christ now? We are seated with Christ in heaven \_\_\_\_\_
6. (v. 2:7) What will be made known in the ages to come?  
He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:8-9 are important salvation verses. Take time now to memorize them.  
Be prepared to write them out at the end of this chapter.**

7. (v. 2:8-9) "Grace" means a free gift. If salvation is a free gift, what can we do to earn it?  
NOTHING \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** It is because of God's grace in sending Jesus to die in our place that we have an opportunity to receive salvation from the penalty of sin. According to Romans 6:23 that penalty is death, separation from God. It is by faith in Christ Jesus, not anything we might do, that we receive that free gift and will never be separated from God again.

8. (v. 2:10) What are you in Christ?  
His workmanship \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose were you created?

created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand \_\_\_\_\_

9. (v. 2:12) List four aspects of the Gentile condition indicating their utter helplessness before Christ.
1. alienated from the commonwealth \_\_\_\_\_
  2. strangers to the covenants of promise \_\_\_\_\_
  3. having no hope \_\_\_\_\_
  4. without God in the world \_\_\_\_\_

10. (v. 2:13) How were these “far off” Gentiles brought near to God?

by the blood of Christ

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11. (v. 2:14) Is there any distinction made between Jews and Gentiles?

No, He has made us both one

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How did Christ make peace between these two groups?

He broke down the dividing wall of hostility

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12. (v. 2:15) Verses 14 and 15 refer to the Old Testament commandments and ordinances that separated Israel from the Gentiles. Having torn down this barrier, what did Christ make of Jew and Gentile believers?

One new man

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13. (v. 2:16) By what means did God make “one body” out of Jew and Gentile believers?

through the cross

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14. (v. 2:17) Who were those who were far off from God?

Gentiles

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Who were those that were near to God? Jews

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*(If you are not sure, please reread verses 11-13.)*

Verse 2:18 refers to all three members of the Trinity: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It was Christ’s death in our place, paying the penalty for our sin that allowed us the possibility of salvation. It was the work of the Holy Spirit which drew us to Christ, gave us saving faith, and baptized us into the “one body” (1 Cor. 12:13). By this work we are drawn close to God and rest assured in the knowledge that we will spend eternity with Him.

15. (v. 2:19) What are we no longer? strangers and aliens

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16. What are we now?

citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

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17. (v. 2:20) Who is the chief cornerstone of God’s church today?

Christ Jesus

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18. (v. 2:21) What kind of building does Paul call the church, the body of Christ?

holy temple in the Lord

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19. (v. 2:22) God is dwelling in this temple today through the  
Spirit
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**Write out Ephesians. 2:8-9 from memory:**

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## Chapter 3

1. (v. 3:1) Whose prisoner did Paul say he was? Christ Jesus
2. For whose benefit was he a prisoner? Gentiles
3. (v. 3:3) How was the mystery of the body of Christ made known to Paul?  
by revelation

**NOTE:** The word “revelation” is defined as God’s disclosure of Himself and of His will to His creatures.

4. (v. 3:5) Concerning the mystery, what does Paul say about prior ages and generations?  
was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed  
to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit
5. (v. 3:6) What was the message of this mystery?  
that Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in  
Christ Jesus through the gospel
6. (v. 3:7) How did Paul become a minister or servant?  
gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power
7. (v. 3:8) What did Paul preach among the Gentiles?  
the unsearchable riches of Christ
8. (v. 3:9) How long had the mystery been kept secret?  
hidden for ages until Paul
9. (v. 3:10) How is the “manifold wisdom of God” to be made known?  
through the church (us)

10. If this was a commission or a ministry given of God to the apostle Paul, are we to accept it as also given to us? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ (Read 1 Corinthians 11:1)

11. (vv. 3:12) In whom do we have boldness and access to God?  
through Christ Jesus

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12. We know from the Book of Acts that Paul suffered greatly in taking this message to the Gentiles. When he wrote Ephesians he was in a Roman prison. What was he concerned about in verse 3:13? that they would lose heart over what he had suffered for them

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13. Paul was more concerned about others than he was his own circumstances. The next few verses contain his prayer for believers:

(v. 3:16) How is your inner man to be strengthened? power through the Spirit

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(v. 3:17a) How is Christ to dwell in your heart? through faith

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(v. 3:17b) How are you to be rooted and grounded? in love

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14. (vv. 3:18-19) What goes well beyond knowledge? the love of Christ

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With what may you be filled? with all the fullness of God

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15. (v. 3:20) What is God able to do for you?

far more abundantly than all that we ask or think

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16. Where is God's power at work? within us

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Salvation by grace through faith is at the heart of being a child of God. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast"* (Ephesians 2:8–9). The statement has three parts—salvation, grace, and faith—and they are equally important. The three together constitute the basic principle of Christianity.

In your own words, what does this mean to you?

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