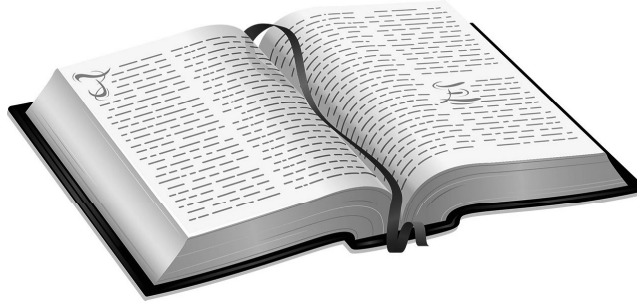


Bible Correspondence Fellowship

Answer Sheet for New International Version (NIV)



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? God's holy people 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:
God's unmerited favor to man (answers will vary)
state of tranquility or calm (answers will vary)

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

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

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

7. (v. 1:6) Fill in the blanks: ...to the praise of God's glorious grace
which He has freely given us in the One he loves.

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

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

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

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? the promised Holy Spirit

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

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?
a spirit of wisdom and revelation

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
 3. (v. 1:19) His incomparably great power for believers
15. (v. 1:20) How was God's power demonstrated? when He raised Christ from the dead
16. (v. 1:20) Where is Christ Jesus right now?
seated at the right hand of the Father
17. (v. 1:21) Over what has Christ been given authority by the Father?
above all rulers and all authority; over all creation
18. When does Christ have this authority? the present age and the age to come
20. (v. 1:22) What position does Christ have over the Church? head of the church
21. (v. 1:23) What is the church called? the body of Christ

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: dead in transgressions and sins

Verse 2: followed the ways of this world and the spirit of disobedience

Verse 3: gratifying the cravings of our flesh

2. (v. 2:2) The prince/ruler/commander of the power (who is Satan) works in
those who are disobedient _____
3. (v. 2:4) Why did God show us mercy? _____
because of His great love for us
4. (v. 2:5) What did God do for us even though we were dead in sin?
made us alive with Christ _____
5. (v. 2:6) What is our position in Christ now? _____
seated with Christ in the heavenly realms
6. (v. 2:7) What will be made known in the ages to come?
the incomparable riches of His grace expressed His kindness to 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?
God's handiwork _____
- For what purpose were you created?
to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do _____

9. (v. 2:12) List four aspects of the Gentile condition indicating their utter helplessness before Christ.
1. _____
excluded from citizenship in Israel
 2. _____
foreigners to the covenants of the promise
 3. _____
without 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

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

no

How did Christ make peace between these two groups?

destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility

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 humanity

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

through the cross

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

Gentiles

Who were those that were near to God? Jews

(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? foreigners and strangers

16. What are we now?

fellow citizens with God's people

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

Christ Jesus

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

Holy temple in the Lord

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

Chapter 3

1. (v. 3:1) Whose prisoner did Paul say he was? Christ Jesus

2. For whose benefit was he a prisoner? the 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 people in other generations

5. (v. 3:6) What was the message of this mystery?
the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel; members together of one body; and sharers
together in the promise of Christ Jesus

6. (v. 3:7) How did Paul become a minister or servant?
gift of God's grace given through the working of His power

7. (v. 3:8) What did Paul preach among the Gentiles?
the boundless riches of Christ

8. (v. 3:9) How long had the mystery been kept secret?
ages past-beginning of creation until the New Covenant

9. (v. 3:10) How is the “manifold wisdom of God” to be made known?
through the church

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?

Christ Jesus our Lord

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? not to be discouraged because of his sufferings

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? through the power of the Holy Spirit in us

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

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

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

With what may you be filled? the fullness of God

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

immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine

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

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?

ESV ☐ KJV ☐ NIV ☐ NKJV ☐ NLT ☐ Other: _____

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