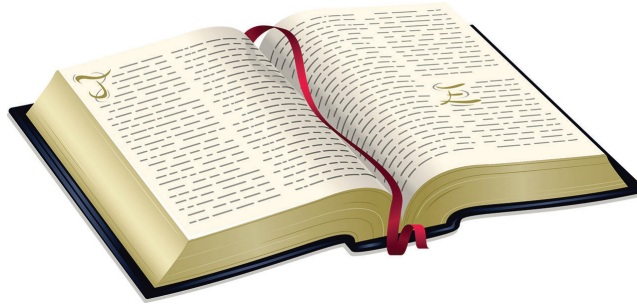


Bible Correspondence Fellowship

Answer Sheet for New Living Translation (NLT)



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?
, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.
2. To whom is this letter written? God's holy people in Ephesus
and to the who are faithful followers of 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:

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

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

6. (v. 1:5) What did God predestinate (determine beforehand) us to/ for?
adopt us into his own family

7. (v. 1:6) Fill in the blanks: ...to the praise of God's glorious grace
which He has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.[

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?
an inheritance from God,[

10. (v. 1:13) What did you have to hear before you believed in Christ?
the Good News that God saves you.

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 Holy Spirit

12. According to verse 14, why was the Holy Spirit given to us?
He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

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?
spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God

14. Paul's prayer continues in verses 18 and 19. The prayer concerns three things "that you may know":
1. (v. 1:18) confident hope
 2. (v. 1:18) your hearts will be flooded with light
 3. (v. 1:19) Incredible greatness of God's power
15. (v. 1:20) How was God's power demonstrated? that raised Christ from the dead
16. (v. 1:20) Where is Christ Jesus right now?
seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.
17. (v. 1:21) Over what has Christ been given authority by the Father?
Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else
18. When does Christ have this authority? in this world and in the world 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? the church is his body

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: Once you were dead because of your disobedience
- Verse 2: You used to live in sin
- Verse 3: following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature.

2. (v. 2:2) The prince/ruler/commander of the power (who is Satan) works in
the hearts of those who refuse to obey God

3. (v. 2:4) Why did God show us mercy? he loved us so much,

4. (v. 2:5) What did God do for us even though we were dead in sin?
, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead

5. (v. 2:6) What is our position in Christ now? raised us from the dead
seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

6. (v. 2:7) What will be made known in the ages to come?
God can point to us in all future ages
as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us

**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?
we are God's masterpiece.

For what purpose were you created?
, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

9. (v. 2:12) List four aspects of the Gentile condition indicating their utter helplessness before Christ.

1. living apart from Christ.
 2. excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel
 3. did not know the covenant promises
 4. without God and without hope
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10. (v. 2:13) How were these “far off” Gentiles brought near to God?

now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

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

He united Jews and Gentiles into one people

How did Christ make peace between these two groups?

in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

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?

by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.

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

by means of his death on the cross,

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

Gentiles who were far away from him

Who were those that were near to God? the Jews who were near.

(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? no longer strangers and foreigners

16. What are we now?

You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family.

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

And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

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

holy temple for the Lord

19. (v. 2:22) God is dwelling in this temple today through the

Spirit

Write out Ephesians. 2:8-9 from memory:

Chapter 3

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

2. For whose benefit was he a prisoner? for the benefit of you Gentiles

3. (v. 3:3) How was the mystery of the body of Christ made known to Paul?

God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me.

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?

God did not reveal it to previous generations,

5. (v. 3:6) What was the message of this mystery?

Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by

God's children

6. (v. 3:7) How did Paul become a minister or servant?

By God's grace and mighty power

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

the endless treasures available to them in Christ.

8. (v. 3:9) How long had the mystery been kept secret?

kept secret from the beginning.

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

God's purpose in all this was to use 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 and our faith in him

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? So please don't lose heart because of my trials here

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? from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

(v. 3:17a) How is Christ to dwell in your heart? you trust in him

(v. 3:17b) How are you to be rooted and grounded? God's love and keep you strong

14. (vv. 3:18-19) What goes well beyond knowledge? how wide, how long, how high, and how deep

With what may you be filled? the love of Christ

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

infinitely more than we might ask or think.

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