



EPHESIANS

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*“So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.”
Ephesians 1:6 (NLT)*

LESSON 3: GOD’S PLAN REVEALED

Most children have to wait until their parents pass to receive their inheritance, but that is not the case for the children of God. Some of His promised riches are being dispersed to us day by day as we walk with Him. One of these many blessings is the knowledge that God has a plan for our lives - our lives are not a series of random events or unfortunate circumstances without purpose. Every daughter of God can know with confidence that God has a plan and is in absolute control of her life. In fact, nothing can touch you unless it has first gone through the loving hands of your Heavenly Father. Rest assured that if He allows it, then He is going to use it for your good and His glory. If you have any doubts, remember that He has given you His Holy Spirit as a guarantee that He will make good on His promise to you.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer.

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE: EPHESIANS 1:9-14

⁹God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. ¹²God’s purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

This Week’s Memory Verse:

*The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.
Ephesians 1:14 (NLT)*

1. Everyone loves a good plan and in this week's scripture we read about God's amazing plan for us. Look up Jeremiah 29:11 and fill in the blanks below.

"For I know the _____ that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of _____ and not of _____, to give you a _____ and a _____."

a. Which of these blessings give you the most comfort and why? _____

Personal: We all have times when our faith falters and our trust becomes weak. What prevents you from trusting in God in your daily life despite knowing that His plans are always good? Note your thoughts and use them as a prayer whenever you are tempted to trust in your own plans rather than the Lords. _____

2. In verse 13 of this week's scripture, God makes a promise to those who believe in Him. What is this promise?

a. Jesus makes a similar comment in John 14:26. Look up this verse and note what Jesus said about the Holy Spirit's purpose and what He will do for us. _____

b. How can these promises help us in our daily walk with our Lord Jesus? _____
