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# EPHESIANS

SESSION 2 – A CLOSER LOOK AT CHAPTER 1

**The Deer's Cry**

**Lisa Kelly**

**I arise today through the strength of heaven**

**Light of sun, radiance of moon**

**Splendor of fire, speed of lightning**

**Swiftiness of wind, depth of the sea**

**Stability of earth, firmness of rock**

**I arise today through God's strength to pilot  
me**

**God's eye to look before me**

**God's wisdom to guide me**

**God's way to lie before me**

**God's shield to protect me**

**From all who shall wish me ill**

**Afar and a-near**

**Alone and in a multitude**

**Against every cruel, merciless power**

**That may oppose my body and soul**

**Christ with me, Christ before me**

**Christ behind me, Christ in me**

**Christ beneath me, Christ above me**

**Christ on my right, Christ on my left**

**Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit  
down**

**Christ when I arise, Christ to shield me**

**Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of  
me**

**Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks  
of me**

**I arise today**

# EPHESIANS – GREETINGS TO GOD’S PEOPLE

1:1-2

- PAUL HAS TWO CLAIMS
  - HE IS AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST
    - THAT HE BELONGED TO CHRIST
    - WAS SENT OUT BY CHRIST
    - A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD
  - POWERED BY THE WILL OF GOD, A GRACE, IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO GAIN ON OUR OWN
    - A MEASURE OF SHEAR AMAZEMENT, NOT PRIDE
    - AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE A HUMAN ADDRESS & DIVINE ADDRESS
    - THAT WE FIND OUR SOURCE OF PEACE IN THE WILL OF GOD



# EPHESIANS – CHOSEN BY GOD

1:3-4

- WE ARE CHOSEN BY GOD

- TO BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS

- HOLY

- HOLY BECAUSE WE ARE DIFFERENT

- WE ARE DIFFERENT WITHIN THE WORLD

- BEING DIFFERENT IS HOW WE CUT INTO TODAY'S SECULAR CULTURE

- BLAMELESS

- A SACRIFICIAL WORD

- WE ARE CALLED TO OFFER ALL OF WHO WE ARE

- OUR STANDARD IS TO SEEK PERFECTION IN AND THROUGH CHRIST



HOLY  
HOLY  
HOLY

# EPHESIANS – THE PLAN OF GOD

## 1:5-6

- WE ARE ADOPTED SONS AND DAUGHTERS
- IN ROMAN TIMES, THIS MEANT LEGITIMATE RIGHTS IN THE NEW FAMILY
- OUR NEW FAMILY IN THIS CASE IS CHRIST
- CHRIST NEGATES THE POWER OF SIN AND OF THE WORLD
- WE ARE MADE NEW IN CHRIST



# EPHESIANS – THE GIFTS OF GOD

## 1:7-8

- THREE CONCEPTS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH BROUGHT TO US BY CHRIST
- DELIVERANCE
  - WE HAVE BEEN RANSOMED FROM DEATH
  - ON OUR OWN, WE COULD HAVE NOT LIBERATED OURSELVES
- FORGIVENESS
  - WE DISCOVER NOT ONLY GOD’S LOVE BUT HIS MERCY
- WISDOM AND SOUND SENSE
  - GREEK WORDS ARE “SOPHIA” AND “PHRONESIS”
  - WISDOM IS THE INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE – ANSWERS TO THE ETERNAL PROBLEMS OF LIFE AND DEATH
  - SOUND SENSE IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN AFFAIRS AND THINGS – PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE



# EPHESIANS – THE GOAL OF HISTORY

## 1:9-10

- WHAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S WILL?
  - THAT THE LOVE, MERCY, AND GRACE OF GOD IS ALSO FOR THE GENTILES AND NOT JUST THE JEWISH PEOPLE
  - JESUS CAME TO WIPE OUT DIVISION!
  - WE, TOO, THE CHURCH, ARE CALLED TO WORK OUT GOD'S PURPOSE OF UNITY AS REVEALED BY JESUS CHRIST



# EPHESIANS – JEWS AND GENTILES

## 1:11-14

- JESUS IS TALKING TO JEWS, GENTILES, AND BOTH TOGETHER IN THIS PASSAGE
- PAUL TALKED TO THE JEWS – THAT THE CHOSEN ONE WOULD COME FROM THE JEWISH PEOPLE
- PAUL TALKED TO THE GENTILES –
  - THEY HAVE RECEIVED THE WORD
    - WORD OF TRUTH
    - THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE
  - THEY HAVE BEEN SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
    - SHOWS THEY BELONG TO GOD
    - THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A FORETASTE OF HEAVEN





# EPHESIANS – MARKS OF THE CHURCH

## 1:15-23

- **CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRUE CHURCH**
  - LOYALTY TO CHRIST
  - LOVE OF CHRIST
  - LOVE OF OTHER PEOPLE



# EPHESIANS – PAUL’S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

## 1:15-23

- FOR THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM
- FOR A FULLER REVELATION AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD
- GETTING TO KNOW GOD BETTER EVERYDAY
- FOR GREATER CHRISTIAN HOPE – DO NOT DESPAIR BECAUSE OF TODAY’S CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES
- TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL
- TO KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST IS ABOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH



# EPHESIANS – THE BODY OF CHRIST

## 1:15-23

- THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST
- JESUS CHRIST IS GOD'S INSTRUMENT OF RECONCILIATION
- THE CHURCH IS THE HANDS, FEET, AND VOICE OF CHRIST
- THE CHURCH IS THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE WORK OF CHRIST
- CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US



## **Top Of My Lungs**

Phillips, Craig & Dean

**Words of worship**

**Rise like a river within me**

**The thoughts to express are so many**

**Wanna bless You God**

**Can't be silent**

**I think of the mercies You show me**

**My lips begin overflowing**

**Great is Your love**

**Such gratitude for all that You do**

**Jesus to You**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**You're the one who saved me**

**The one who gave me this life I live**

**For evermore, for evermore**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**I'm not ashamed, I'll praise Your name**

**Let the whole world know, I love You, Lord**

**I love You, Lord**

**You are worthy**

**I join the song of creation**

**That rings out across every nation**

**Let my heart be heard**

**I need You so, I don't care who knows**

**From the depths of my soul**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**You're the one who saved me**

**The one who gave me this life I live**

**For evermore, for evermore**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**I'm not ashamed, I'll praise Your name**

**Let the whole world know, I love You, Lord**

**I love You, Lord**

**Let my love be loud**

**A sweet joyful noise**

**Only for You I lift up my voice**

**I lift up my voice**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**You're the one who saved me**

**The one who gave me this life I live**

**For evermore, for evermore**

**At the top of my lungs I will sing Hallelujah**

**I'm not ashamed, I'll praise Your name**

**Let the whole world know, I love You, Lord**

**I love You, Lord , yeah**