

Ephesians

• Written from: Paul, imprisoned in Rome

Written to: Church in Ephesus

◆ When: A.D. 61 - 63

 Purpose/Themes: Edification, Unity in Christ, Trinity, Prayer

Ephesians Outline

I. Believers' *Position* in Christ (1-3)

II. Believers' *Walk* in Christ (4-6)

Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

To the <u>saints</u> who are in Ephesus, and <u>faithful</u> in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (Hendrikson)

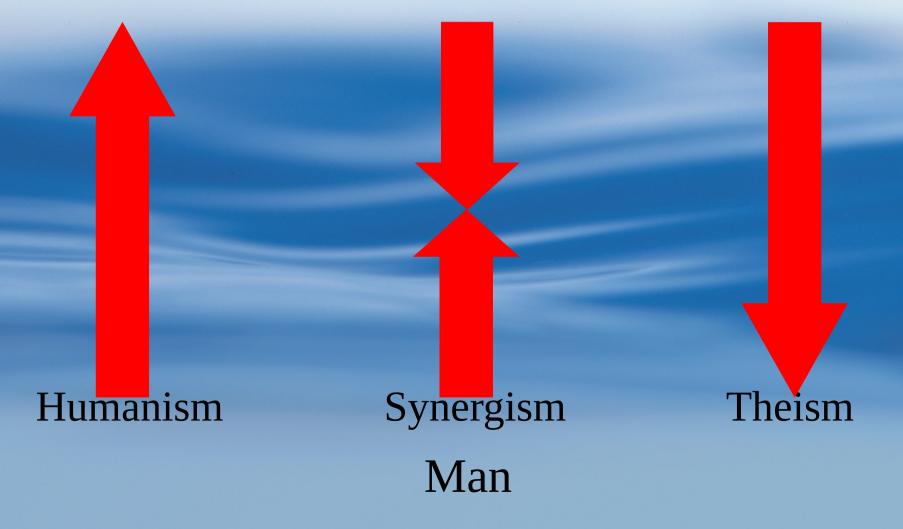
Blessed (be) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he elected us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and faultless before him, having in love foreordained us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he graciously bestowed on us in the Beloved, in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he caused to overflow toward us in the form of all wisdom and insight, in that he made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, the purpose which he cherished for himself in him, to be put into effect in the fulness of the times, to bring all things together under one head in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth; in him in whom we also have been made heirs, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will, to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, we who beforehand had centered our hope in Christ; in whom you also (are included), having listened to the message of the truth, the gospel of your salvation; and having also believed in him, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the first instalment of our inheritance, for the redemption of (God's) own possession, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:3-14

- The work of God the Father (3-6) To the praise of the glory of His grace
 The work of Jesus Christ (7-12) To the praise of His glory
- The work of the Holy Spirit (13-14)
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The Way of Salvation

God



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- God chose us in Christ "election"
- We should be holy and blameless
- God predestined us to adoption by Christ
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- God's grace made us accepted in Christ

Election

1. Denial

2. Based on God's Foreknowledge and Our Works

3. Based on God's Grace Alone

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