

# Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

## Ephesians 1:1-14 Lavished Grace

### Warm up question:

- What is the best gift you have ever been given? Who gave it to you and why was it special?

### Read Ephesians 1:1-14

1. How does Paul describe himself? Why is this important? (vs. 1)
2. How does he describe the church in Ephesus? Why is this important? (vs. 1)
3. Who is Paul writing on behalf of? (vs. 2)
4. What spiritual blessings has Christ blessed us with? (vs. 3)
5. What were we chosen for and why? (vs. 4-6)
6. What do we have through the blood of Christ? (vs. 7)
7. How would you summarise verses 8-9?
8. Paul uses the word 'predestined' twice in this passage (verses 5 & 11) How does he use this word? What message is he trying to convey?
9. How are the first apostles and the Christians in Ephesus joined together? (vs. 12-13)
10. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this passage? What does this tell us about the Holy Spirit?
11. What is your overall feeling of this passage? How would you sum it up?

### Rubber hits the road:

- Spend some time re-reading this passage and ponder the generosity of God.
- How can we best respond to these generous gifts of God?

### PRAYER

*Lord God, you are truly generous towards us. You give extravagant gifts and lavish your grace upon us. We acknowledge that we do not deserve this by our own merits, but only by your adopting us as your sons and daughters. We pray that we might begin to see clearer and understand deeper the love you have for us and for the world around us. As we draw close to you, continue to grow faithfulness, and build holiness in us. We pray all of this through the mighty name of your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

