

**CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - PHASE ONE**  
**God's Building Plans for Kingdom People**  
**From Ephesians Chapters 1 - 3**

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Unfolding the Plans God Has for Us - Ephesians 1:1-3  
(June 22nd)

**YOUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST**

Counting Your Blessings as a Christian Under Construction - Ephesians 1:3-10  
(June 29th)

**THE AMAZING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Celebrating the Life-Giving Work of the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:11-14  
(July 6th)

**THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF CHRISTIANITY**

Living Out the 1st Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians - Ephesians 1:15-23  
(July 13th)

**BY GRACE...FOR WORKS**

Being a Steward of What God Has Prepared in Advance for Us to Do -  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
(July 10th)

**AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN**

Bringing People Near Through Jesus - Ephesians 2:11-18  
(July 27th)

**HERE COMES THE CHURCH!**

Seeing God's Great Picture of the Church of Jesus Christ - Ephesians 2:19-22  
(August 3rd)

**UNSOLVED MYSTERIES SOLVED!**

Understanding the Church as the Focal Point of History - Ephesians 3:1-13  
(August 10th)

**UP THE STAIRCASE OF PRAYER**

Walking Up the Staircase of the 2nd Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians -  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
(August 17th)

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**Ephesians 1:3-10**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

What is your favorite part of worship?

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Psalm 92:1

It is good to **praise** the Lord...

Psalm 64:10

Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him; let all the upright in heart **praise** him!

Dr. D. James Kennedy:

*Most people think of the church (service) as a drama with the minister as the chief actor, God as the prompter and the laity as the critic. What is actually the case is that the congregation is the chief actor, the minister is the prompter and God is the critic.*

Acts 20:32 (NLT)

And now I entrust you to God and the **Word of his grace**—his message that is able to **build you up** and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.

In Your Bible  
Ephesians 1:3-14

Paul's Hymn of Praise:

A. Part One: God the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3-6)

B. Part Two: God the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-10)

C. Part Three: God the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-14)

I. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3,4)

Jonah 2:9b  
Salvation comes from the Lord.

John 15:16a  
You did not choose me, but I chose you...

II. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5,6)

Romans 8:16-17a  
The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.  
17 Now if we are children, then we are **heirs** — **heirs** of God and  
**co-heirs with Christ...**

III. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7,8)

1 Peter 1:18-19  
For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

IV. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)

1 Corinthians 2:9-10a  
However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 but God has **revealed** it to us...

V. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10)

Philippians 2:10-11 (NLT)  
...all created beings in heaven and on earth — even those long ago dead and buried — will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, 11 and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

VI. OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11-14)

**CONCLUSION**

Ephesians 1:3  
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ!