

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 20th)

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
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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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INTRODUCTION

Psalm 95:1-3

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. 3 For the Lord is **the great God**, the great King above all gods.

Matthew 16:18 (RSV)

...I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.

Paul's Doxology of Praise and Thanksgiving:

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

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

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

Today:

The Five Great Life-Building Works of the Holy Spirit

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 1:11-14

I. BRINGS US TO _____ IN JESUS CHRIST (v. 11)

verse 11:

"...we were also CHOSEN, having been predestined..."

John 16:7-8

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will **convict the world of guilt** in regard to sin and **righteousness** and **judgment...**

II. BRINGS _____ TO JESUS CHRIST (v. 12,14)

verse 12:

"...for the praise of His GLORY"

verse 14:

"...to the praise of His GLORY"

John 16:13-14

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth...14 **He will bring glory to me** by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

verse 12:

"...in order that WE, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory."

III. BRINGS _____ THE PEOPLE OF JESUS CHRIST (v. 13a)

Verse 13a:

"...you also were INCLUDED IN CHRIST..."

IV. BRINGS POWER THROUGH THE _____ OF JESUS CHRIST (v. 13b)

verse 13b:

"...when you heard the WORD OF TRUTH, the gospel of your salvation..."

1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, **which is at work in you** who believe.

2 Peter 1:19a

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and **you will do well to pay attention to it**, as to a light shining in a dark place...

V. BRINGS UPON US THE _____ OF JESUS CHRIST (v. 13c,14)

verse 13c:

"...having believed, you were marked in Him with a SEAL, the promised Holy Spirit..."

The Three Purposes of a Seal:

1) To Confirm Something as _____

2) To Mark Something as _____

3) To Make Something _____

CONCLUSION