

# PHESIANS

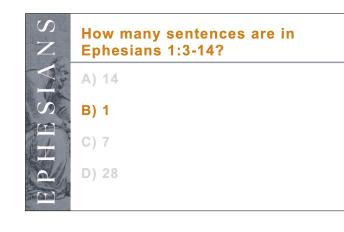
## The Church at Ephesus

- 1. Paul appears to be writing to the Gentiles at the church although it is Jewish & Gentile congregation.
- 2. Paul poured into the church at Ephesus.

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## How many sentences are in Ephesians 1:3-14?

- A) 14
- B) 1
- C) 7
- D) 28



## PHESTANS

## Worship is the focus

Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Chris (v3)

to the praise of His glorious grace (v6)

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that we ... might be for the praise of His glory (v12)

to the praise of His glory (v14)



<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:1-14 (NIV)



<sup>3</sup>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.

Ephesians 1:1-14 (NIV)



**Blessed** (with every spiritual blessing)

- 1. New character & nature (v4)
- 2. New status & family (v5)
- 3. Redemption (v7)



## **Blessed** (with every spiritual blessing)

- 4. Forgiveness of sins (v7)
- 5. Sharing of secrets (v9)

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## 3 Focuses of Spiritual Blessing

- 1. Blessed (with every spiritual blessing)
- 2. Chosen (to be holy and blameless)
- 3. Predestined (for adoption)

## HESLANS

## **CHOSEN**

2820 κληρόω [kleroo /klay·ro·o/]

- 1. to cast lots, determine by lot.
- 2. to choose by lot.
- 3. to allot, assign by lot. 3A on to another as a possession.
- 4 in NT: to make a lot, i.e. a heritage, private possession.

James Strong, Enhanced Strong's Lexicon (Woodside Bible Fellowship, 1995).



## Chosen

## 1. Being chosen is special

GRIPTURE

<sup>4</sup>For he <u>chose us in him</u> before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight (in love).

Ephesians 1:1-14 (NIV)



<sup>6</sup>For you are a holy people, who belong to the LORD your God. Of all the people on earth, the LORD your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure. <sup>7</sup>"The LORD did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of

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- 3. Being chosen is grounded in love



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Ephesians 1:1-14 (NIV)



<sup>4</sup>Even before he made the world, <u>God</u> <u>loved us and chose us in Christ</u> to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Enhasians 1:4 (NLT



<sup>7</sup>"The LORD did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations!

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (NLT)

# CRIPTURE

<sup>8</sup>Rather, it was simply that the LORD loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the LORD rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (NLT)



Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (NLT** 

If God loves us this much, would he then turnaround and demand love from us by coercion and control?

