

THE BIG PICTURE OF PRAISE

Ephesians 1:1-14

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This is the key to the book of Ephesians: The church is meant to find its new identity in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1: 3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

1. God chose us.

Ephesians 1:4-6- even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

2. God redeems us.

Ephesians 1:7-8 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

3. God will reconcile everything.

Ephesians 1:9-10- making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In this passage, there is no greater name than the name of Jesus Christ.

In the letter, there is no greater name than the name of Jesus Christ.

In all of human history and the entire universe, there is no greater name than the name of Jesus Christ.

