

# Paul's Letter to the **EPHESIANS**

**THE FUSION OF GOSPEL & CHURCH**  
HOW GOD SAVES US FROM OURSELVES  
AND INTO COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS

# What to Expect Today

- **SCRIPTURE READING** — We'll read Eph. 1:1-14 (and I'll make a few comments as we go).
- **MAIN POINT** — I'll suggest what I think is the main point of the text.
- **EXPLANATION & APPLICATION** — I'm going to work through the passage in three sections (each section will have four points of application).

# Scripture Reading

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Theology is the study of God.

It involves learning doctrine (which is just another word for teaching). This doctrine includes the truth about who God is, what God is like, and why God does what He does.

# DOXOLOGY

Doxology is the worship of God.

If you discover who God is and what he has done for you, you'll respond with worship. You will worship through glad obedience, joyful praise, resolute trust, and eager service.

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—Yeonmi Park  
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