

Proclaiming God's Ultimate Purpose:

Peace Through Grace

Ephesians 1:1-2

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What others think of this book.

“What we read here is truth that sings, doctrine set to music.” Mackay

Major Themes

What God does through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit to build his new society.

It is all about Jesus Christ (Eph 1:9-10)

Realized Eschatology (Eph 1:18-19a; 2:13; 3:17-19)

Universal church (Eph 1:22; 3:10, 21; 5:23-24, 27, 29, 32)

Unity of the church (Eph 2:15-17, 4:1-6)

The unseen, Spiritual battle – (Eph 1:21; 2:1-3; 6:12)

It is intensely practical (Eph 4:1; 17; 5:1-2)

Typical Pauline Prescript, three elements. Author, recipients, and blessing.

Paul - Did Paul write it?

Several objections

Paul, the apostle,

Of Jesus Christ

By the Will of God.

To whom did he write?

Ephesus, right?

Saints

Who and what are 'saints'?

The faithful in Christ Jesus?

Grace and Peace

These twin blessings are already ours in Christ. (Ephesians 3:14-19)

What God has done and how it impacts you today. A brief preview of the whole book.

So, saints, study with me.

It is as we know God and trust in Jesus Christ, that we have peace.

It is all about Jesus! We, in him, are the new community.