

# Jackpot: Our Spiritual Possessions in Christ

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**God's New People**  
PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

## WARM UP

What are one or two highlights from your summer?

## COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracepolaris.org/calendar)

**Awana** Wednesdays, August 31, 2022–April 26, 2023 • 6:45 p.m. • ECC, MC, & WC • All kids Age 3–Grade 6, join us for these weekly gatherings where kids engage in games, music, Bible lessons, and discipleship. To learn more and register for just \$30, visit [GracePolaris.org/Awana](https://GracePolaris.org/Awana) or text “Awana” to 614-888-7733.

**GriefShare** Wednesdays, August 31–December 14 • 7:00 p.m. • AO Conference Room & Online • This weekly seminar and encouragement group, led by caring people familiar with grief, is designed to help you navigate through the difficult days after losing a loved one. The workbook costs just \$15, and scholarships are available. To register, visit [GracePolaris.org/Grief](https://GracePolaris.org/Grief) or text “Grief” to 614-888-7733.

**Financial Peace University** Sundays, September 11–November 20 • 10:30 a.m. • WC 10 • In the Financial Peace University course from Dave Ramsey, you'll walk through the basics of handling money from a Christian perspective: budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more. To register by September 7, visit [GracePolaris.org/FPU](https://GracePolaris.org/FPU) or text “FPU” to 614-888-7733.

## WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

## EXPLORE

- 1 Describe a time when you have seen or heard something and were blown away by its grandeur and magnificence.
- 2 Many blessings are included in Paul's praise to God in Ephesians 1: God's choosing, predestination, redemption, plan, and security (1:4–14). All of them are true. Which one stands out to you as particularly wonderful and meaningful?
- 3 God's choosing of people should not provoke bewilderment or skepticism, but praise and gratitude (1:4-6). Why? What's the difference?
- 4 Describe a time in which you have been lavished with practical benefits (“riches”) based on the generosity of someone else (1:7,8). How did it make you feel?
- 5 God “brands” each individual who belongs to His people with the Holy Spirit. He is our guarantee of belonging and security (1:13,14). How does His presence in us affirm our dignity?
- 6 God's salvation in the course of history is “to the praise of His glory.” Our salvation is central to His plan. How does that liberate and highlight us?
- 7 People who are overwhelmed with wonder and gratitude cannot be mute. They rave about what they have experienced. Is that true of you? Explain your answer.

## PRAY

Praise God for the amazing spiritual blessings He has given us in Christ.