Sermon Notes

United in Christ to the Praise of His Glorious Grace Overview of Ephesians

Today we come to the end of our study in Ephesians. Some say these 6 chapters -155 verses -better describe God's overall plan and purpose and how it should be lived out in life, than any other portion of Scripture. The first three chapters describe "What God Has Done in Christ". It is a grand overview of the saving work of God in Christ. We also see clearly why God has done all this: "to the praise of his glorious grace". Chapters 4-6 could be described as, "What We Must Do in Christ". It describes what it means to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling" we have received. Today we consider how we here at Westwood should live in light of this great salvation.

Ephesians 1-3: What God Has Done

The work of redemption

The raising of dead sinners

The uniting of separated strangers

The unveiling of the mystery of Christ

The revelation of God's wisdom in the church

The prayers for comprehension and fullness

Ephesians 4-6: What We Must Do

Live worthy of our calling

Build others up

Be imitators of God

Walk wisely and joyfully

Walk submissively

Stand strongly

Living This Out in Covenant Relationship at Westwood

Faithful in worship & Bible study

Faithful in stewardship

Faithful in service

Faithful in fellowship

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

What does God intend for me to know? In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...

I was reminded...

A question I still have...

I was challenged...

I was convicted...

A truth I could share...

I was encouraged to...

I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider? In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey?

How am I compelled to exalt God?

Is there a promise to claim? Is there a principle to follow?

Is there an example to follow?

Am I convicted to confess any sin?

Is there a sin to avoid?

How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?

How can I pray for someone else?

What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

What is one thing you either learned, gained greater clarity on, or were profoundly reminded of through this study of Ephesians? How has this helped you in your walk with Christ?

If you were to shape 2 or 3 prayer points from the letter of Ephesians for other brothers and sisters to pray for you personally, what would they be? What would be 2 or 3 prayer points from the letter that you would want to pray for our church family?

If you were to point to one passage in this letter to write down and physically keep in front of you for the next little while, what would it be and why?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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