

# EPHESIANS

*IN CHRIST / IN COMMUNITY*

## SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday May 22nd, 2016

PASTOR DAVID COOKE : Is God Great Or What?

### I. Are You A 24/7 Follower of Jesus?

- *Worship Is* \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Life Above The Clouds

#### A. *The Sun Shines 24/7*

1. *"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* Jesus

#### B. *This is a life of worship*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5, 1 Peter 4:13

### III. Overflowing Worship

#### A. *One very long sentence .....*

- A Geysier of Gratitude

#### B. *We are* \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:3-10



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*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9, ESV)*

**C. We are** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Being In The Family of God
2. Redemption
3. Forgiveness

**D. We are** \_\_\_\_\_

1. VIP Passes To The Heart of God
2. There Is A Purpose and Plan At Work
3. Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven

#### **IV. In Christ, In Community**

**A. Being A 24/7 Follower of Jesus**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yourself

- What You Eat and How Much You Eat...

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Check Your \_\_\_\_\_

a) What you believe determines \_\_\_\_\_

b) What you believe shapes \_\_\_\_\_

c) What you believe is \_\_\_\_\_



### 3. Remind Yourself Through Daily Disciplines

- a) Prayer
- b) Scripture
- c) Music
- d) Service
- e) Journaling
- f) Generosity
- g) Friendship

**Answers:** key, blessed, predestined, enlightened, immerse, beliefs, determines your health, what you do, how you feel, not neutral



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# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

## Ephesians: In Christ, In Community: "Is God Great or What?!"

### IceBreaker:

What meaningful thing have you received from someone without deserving it?  
How did that impact you?

### Loving The Word: Ephesians 1:3-10

Last week we explored what being "in Christ" means to Jesus followers. We heard that, "Jesus-centered followers know through the life and model of Jesus that the scriptures are not just relevant, they are spiritually powerful." This week we see that Paul writes a litany of worshipful gratitude, praising God's greatness.

1. What truths jump out as being "spiritually powerful" in this week's passage?
2. God has, blessed us (v.3), predestined us (v.5), and enlightened us (v.9). What do those themes mean?
3. At Cold Springs we value *desiring God's kingdom on earth as in heaven*. What would it look like for you to live out the truth that God has "lavished" you with His love and grace (v.8)?
4. What would change if you brought God's kingdom into your everyday life and situations?

### Being On Mission

This weekend we celebrated *Compassion International Ministry* at Cold Springs. Imagine the perspective of a child living a destitute existence, awaiting sponsorship from an unseen person. Imagine the overwhelming gratitude and awe that child experiences once he is told someone a world away is committed to lavish him with blessings... providing care each day and hope for the future?

5. What can we glean from that child's perspective?
6. Read Matthew 18:3 and 19:14. What does being childlike have to do with the kingdom of heaven? How do these verses help us grasp the spiritual blessings in this week's passage?

