

Union Bethel AME Church (dial-in and Facebook™ Live)
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Ephesians 1:1-22



Ephesians 1:3-6

Paul rejoices that we are adopted children of God through Christ Jesus. When children are adopted in the earthly sense, their adoptive parents desire to create a loving and safe home. God desires the same for us.

How do we envision ourselves as adopted children of God through Christ Jesus?

Ephesians 1:7-14

We have redemption through Christ Jesus. We are gathered together into a right relationship with God. This adoption gives us a new name, new hope, a new inheritance, and new joy.

Discuss having a new name, new hope, an inheritance, and new joy.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul prays for wisdom and revelation (discernment) for the Ephesians. With this hope and discernment Paul wants the Ephesians to focus on the things of God and not on what the world can do for them. To focus on the things of God we must first be subject to Christ Jesus who God placed over all things.

With so much temptation how do we become subjects of Christ Jesus with our minds focused on the things of God?

Ephesians 2:1-10

God's grace brings us to salvation. God's grace allowed Christ Jesus to die for the redemption of our sins. Our true calling is to do good works. Our calling is not to just receive good works.

What does Paul mean that we were created in Christ Jesus for good works?

Ephesians 2:11-22

Now there is no separation between Gentile and Jew. We are all the same in Christ Jesus. There is peace between the two and one humanity. Gentiles are not required to submit to all of the Hebrew ordinances because Christ Jesus set humanity free. Jesus is the cornerstone of the joining together of all of humanity. All of humanity is now a dwelling place for God's Holy Spirit.

What type of house are we?
