

Study Guide Questions – 2/14/16
A Life-Changing Perspective (Ephesians 1:1-14)
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1. The apostle Paul states that "we have been blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." What is Paul referring to when he speaks of the heavenly places?
2. What do we conclude from the fact that there are hardly any commands in the first three chapters of Ephesians; that these passages are mostly in the indicative – statement of fact, rather than in the imperative – commands?
3. What does Paul have to say about the Father's planning in our salvation? Where do we see evidence of this plan?
4. What do we learn specifically about the work of Christ on our behalf?
5. Discuss the doctrine of our Union with Christ. How does Paul speak to our union and why does he make so much of it?
6. Discuss the Trinitarian participation in our salvation. Comment on the specific work of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
7. How does (should) our understanding and knowledge of our residence in the heavenly places impact how we live on earth? How did it affect the apostle Paul?