

Student 6: High Not Achieved

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Paul was the writer of Ephesians, it was written around 60AD. It was possibly written from the prison cell where Paul was being held at Rome. Ephesians is sometimes thought to have originated as a general letter intended for many churches. The readers are addressed as Gentiles but are told “no longer to live as Gentiles”. The letter is designed to guide them from their baptism toward their freedom and forgiveness of sins through the Lord. It is the tenth book of the New Testament.

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Because of all the sinning you have done in the eyes of God you are dead. God is trying to fix and repair all the ones that are disobedient toward him, the ones that are disobedient refers to the ruler of the power of the air.

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This means they are following the way of the devil or evil spirits. People that didn't have faith weren't deeply and truly in God our creator, they were all being selfish and believed in what they wanted to believe in rather than have faith or what was right in God's eyes. So God is trying to help open ourselves up to have faith. God is now giving his faith to those who are following the devils ways. The spirit has plagued many of God's followers and they are being disobedient towards God.

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God has a lot of mercy for us and no matter how much we sin God will forgive us and love us, and out of the great love that God has for us he gave us mercy because of this love. We were only looking out for ourselves and what was good for us, we weren't looking out for others and we were being selfish. Even though we were blind when we were sinning, God gave us mercy and showed his love for mankind. From his grace he raised us to be with Christ, which saves us from sinning. The Lord also helped us realise what our sins were. Even though we sinned he raised us up with him to sit in a heavenly place. No matter who we are and what we have done he glorifies us with his riches. God will also show love for us in times to come in the future and give us endless amounts of grace and kindness. From his grace he has risen us to sit in the most heavenly place of all.

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To show us what he has done for us he put Jesus Christ on our earth to portray his message. This is so the whole world knows the riches and kindness he gave to us. If you have faith in God, the Lord will always gift you his love forever. No matter what your sins are or what bad or good you have done it was all God's choice to save us it was nothing that we did. Through your faith you once had for God, he saved you from his mercy and it is from him only. Nobody can gloat or show off/do anything extraordinary to get more love from God, in his eyes he loves us all equally. We were all born to bring good into this world and do good things, and it's believed that we all have different pathways, that our lives are set for in our lifetime. We are all born equal; nobody is any different to one another. We are all created in Jesus Christ to do good things. He gives us life to do good things, which were prepared before as a set pathway for our lives.

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In conclusion, verses 1-3 show the overall meaning was that we were dead through your sins. You were following the “ruler of the air” which is the spirit that is present in those who are disobedient he was trying to rid those who were disobedient towards him. Meaning those who sin let the evil inside them.

Verses 4-7 are showing us God's grace. He shows the love God had for us, which saves us. By his grace we are saved and raised up to sit with him. It shows the love God had for us even when we didn't follow him. It shows how much mercy he had for us. He made us alive with Christ.

Verses 7-10 are explaining that God gave us the gift of his grace. It was nothing that we did. It was all his choice. It is so that no one can boast. It shows that we are all equal and we are what he made us. We were created to do good things. These things have already been laid out as a pathway to which we should follow. It shows that no matter what there will always be forgiveness.

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