

# Sermon Notes

## Praise the God of Grace!

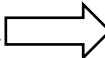
*Ephesians 1:1-14*

*Intro: if you picked one word to describe God, what would it be?*

### **Aim: Praise our Father, the Sovereign God of GRACE...**

#### **1. ...who provides grace and peace to us through Jesus**

(1:2, 6:23-24)

God has provided...  ...so you can now

- Grace      1:6-7; 2:5-8; 3:2&7;                      4:7; 4:29
- Peace      2:14-17;    4:3; 6:15

#### **2. ...who always planned to lavishly bless his people in Jesus**

(1:3-5, 8-11)

- Remember God's gracious, free choice to bless people from many nations through Abraham's offspring? (Gen 12:1-3)
- God actually planned our adoption as heirs of his grace before he said 'Let there be Light!' (Eph. 1:5, 11, 14)
- So now in Christ we have every blessing! [more next week]

#### **3. ...whose choice to do us good displays his glorious grace!!**

(1:6, 11, 14; 2:7)

*Conclusion: let's get Ephesians (and life) the right way around!*