



The Greatness of the
GOSPEL

Ephesians 1:4-12
Blue Bible, pg 1241



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Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

(What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the

Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on

Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

Ephesians 1:4-12 (The Message)

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

- 1. The gospel gives peace (with God).**
- 2. The gospel gives purpose.**
- 3. The gospel gives hope.**



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“Let me unpack those 15 greek words. He God, made Jesus sin. What do you mean he made Jesus sin? Only in one sense, He treated Him as if he had committed every sin ever committed by every person who would ever believe, though in fact he had committed none

of them. Hanging on the cross he was holy, harmless, undefiled. Hanging on the cross, He was a spotless lamb. He was never for a split second a sinner. He is holy God on the cross. But God is treating him....as if he lived my life. God



punished Jesus for my sin, turns right around (and) treats me as if I lived his life. That's the great doctrine of substitution. And what you get is complete forgiveness, covered by the righteousness of God. When he looks at the cross he sees you, when he looks at you he sees Christ.” **John MacArthur**



- 1. Hope for our future welfare—Jeremiah 29:11**
- 2. Hope for a future inheritance in heaven—
1 Peter 1:3-4**
- 3. Hope for new strength—Isaiah 40:31**
- 4. Hope for the return of our king—Titus 2:13**
- 5. Hope for no more pain—Revelation 21:4**
- 6. Hope for never ending love—
Lamentations 3:21-23**

