

Renewing Our Vision for 2021
“Jesus’ Work for the Father”
Ephesians 1:7-12

The Desire and Commitment of God, the Father

God created us to enjoy everything He owns for eternity- vs. 4

We were created for the purpose of sharing life with the Father and enjoying everything He possesses and creates.

God’s desire was that we would be holy and blameless- vs. 5

God did not desire that His image in us would be corrupted or that we would be guilty of anything.

God’s plan is now to adopt us as sons through Jesus- vs. 6

It is his desire and pleasure to have a restored relationship with us through the work of Jesus.

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY (verse 6, 12, 14)

God, the Father’s, Will and design	Eph. 1:4-6
God, the Son’s, Work to Help	Eph. 1:7-12
God, the Spirit’s, Responsibility	Eph. 1:13-14

What Exactly Has Jesus Done? (Ephesians 1:7-12)

1. Jesus redeemed us by dying for us. (Eph. 1:7)

Redemption involves a purchase of something belonging to someone else.

“And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” Luke 4:5-8; cf. Matthew 4:8-9

2. Jesus provided forgiveness to restore us as holy and blameless.

God’s image is restored in us.

God now sees us as without guilt.... All according to grace

3. Jesus revealed God’s purpose for who we are and what we are to do in in this world as God’s children. (Eph. 1:8-10)

Jesus revealed truth about what sons of God do in life.

Jesus revealed a new administration for God’s work.

4. We now have a guaranteed inheritance consistent with what God originally intended for us. (Eph. 1:11-12)

We know what God has for us when He comes!!!!

We need be excited in the present because we know the end.

Living in the Light of What Jesus Has Done

- **The two problems separating us from God’s design for our lives have been removed by Jesus personally.**
- **We now learn from Jesus what it means to live as God’s children in a world still owned by Satan.**

Household Management (oiko - nomia= house rules)

Jesus command to love unconditionally

Jesus prayer for oneness with Him and each other

Jesus mandate to forgive 70x7

Jesus pre-requisite that we deny self to serve Him

Understanding the Book of Ephesians as Paul’s summary