

Ephesians: Strategic Living
“The Church Explained, Part 1”
Ephesians 1:3-8

After a brief greeting, Paul soars into a paean of praise—one long sentence, impossible to analyze, in which each successive thought crowds in on the one before. As he contemplates the position and possessions of every believer, he reveals the point of the church’s existence: restoration of Creation’s purpose.

1. The Church’s Past: Election (vv.3-6a)

- **Aspects of Blessing (v.3)**

- **Elements of Eternity (vv.4-6a)**

2. The Church’s Present: Redemption (vv.6b-8)

- **Personal Salvation (vv.6b, 7)**

- **Present Salvation (v.7)**

- **Provided Salvation (v.7)**

- **Practical Salvation (v.7)**

- **Purposeful Salvation (v.7)**

- **Plentiful Salvation (v.8)**