

Q. How does God's plan to make Jesus the ruler of the universe work out in...

- a. our relationships with others?
- b. our work ethics?
- c. our priorities?
- d. our responsibilities?
- e. the way we praise God and talk about God?

Introduction to Ephesians

1. The Father, Son, and Spirit at work

2. He has given us every spiritual blessing

3. We are blessed in the past, present, and future

4. The ultimate goal: Praising God!

Ephesians study 1

Blessed to the Max!

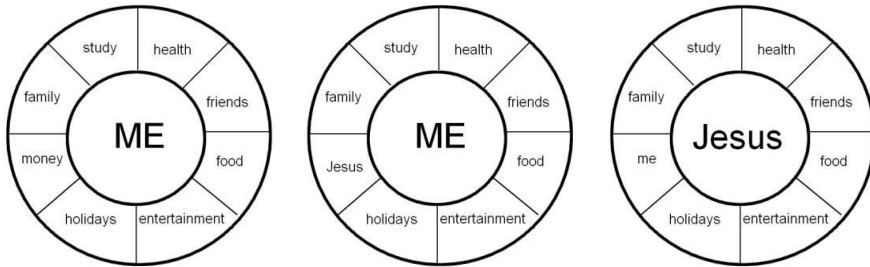


Discuss

Look at the pictures below: If the outer circle represents your life and the middle circle represents what is most important to you ... answer the following questions.

Q. What is the main difference between the 3 diagrams below?

Q. Which of these diagrams do you identify with the most?



Read Ephesians 1: 1-14.

Q. According to the passage, what has God done for us in Christ (verse 3)?

Q. How did God bless us? What has he done for us?

v4

v5-6

v7

Q. How does this affect where we should look for spiritual blessing? What is our spiritual blessing and how do we get it? (Go through Eph 1:1-14 again and count how many times the words or phrase “in Christ, in him , through him” occurs.)

Q. According to verses 9-10, what was the mystery that God revealed to us? What is God’s ultimate plan for Christ?

Q. If God’s plans are to make Christ first (or the head) then how do we fit into those plans?

Q. Which of these diagrams (look at first question) is closest to what Paul meant when he described a follower of Jesus?

Q. From this Bible study, how do you think Jesus would respond to diagrams 1 and 2? Do these two diagrams really reflect what a true follower of Jesus is like?