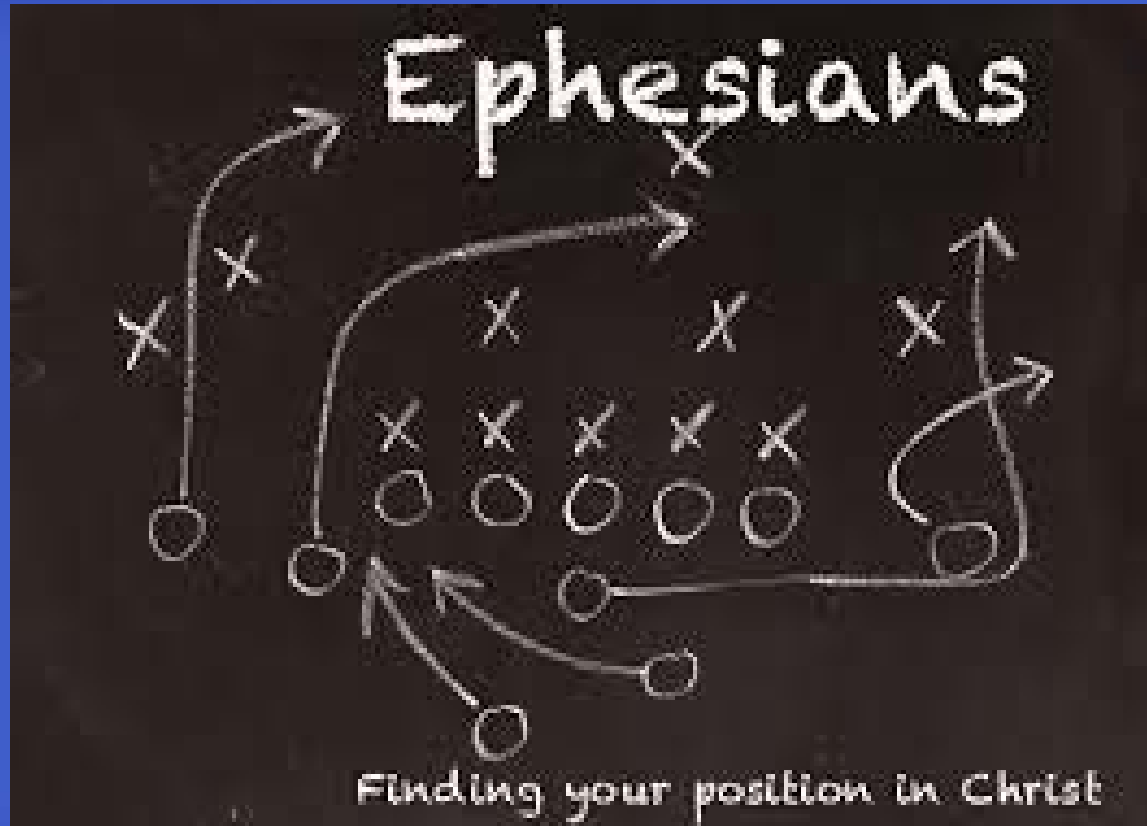


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The Text:

Ephesians 1:1-14!

The Title:

A Passion that Produces Praise!

The Theme:

God's Eternal Purpose in the Establishing
and Completing of His Church!

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians!

The Setting:



The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World!

The Scene:



The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus!



Images of Artemis!



Artemis with young stag, known as *Diana of Versailles*, marble, 1st-2nd century AD



The **Outline** and **Theme** of Ephesians!

The Theme:

God's Eternal Purpose to Establish and Complete His Church!

(Security, Sanctification, Service, and Safety of Christ's Church)

The Outline:

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A.(1:1-14) The Believer's Position Produces PRAISE!

B.(1:15-23) The Believer's Position Promotes PRAYER!

C.(2:1-10) The Believer's Position Provides PASSION!

D. (3:1-21) The Believer's Position Promises POWER!

II. (4:1-6:9) The **PRACTICE** of the Believer! (Practical)

III. (6:10-20) The **PROTECTION** of the Believer! (Personal)

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3. (vs.7-14) The result of God's **PROVISION**: We are safe and secure

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(Ephesians 2:8-9)

Note: Verse 3-14 is comprised of **one sentence** in the Greek.

Verse 3-14 encompasses the **past, present, and future** aspects of God's eternal plan.

a. (vs.3-6a) Focuses on the past aspect of the believer's election (work of the Father / v.4).

b. (vs.6b-11) Focuses on the present aspect of the believer's redemption (work of the Son / v.7).

c. (vs.12-14) Focuses on the future aspect of our inheritance (work of the Holy Spirit / v.13b-14).

Verse 3-14 is a declaration of **praise** for God as He reveals His eternal purpose in the establishing and the completing of His church (vs. 3, 6, 12, 14).

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