

2. We are saved for the praise of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We are saved in anticipation of God's plan to \_\_\_\_\_ all things in Christ.

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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*We continue our study of the book of Ephesians with a look the stunning and soaring single sentence praise poem in Ephesians 1:3-14. Today we want to behold the beauty of God's salvation in these verses and next week we'll explore the blessings of God's salvation.*

1. We are saved by the \_\_\_\_\_ God.

- Our salvation was \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Father.
- Our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ the Son.
- Our salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Holy Spirit.

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Growth Group Interaction Guide

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*Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we live out our "body life" together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody together our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

### Connecting Together

Growth Group time is family time! Listen, love and laugh together as you share updates from your week and honestly answer the question, "How are you?"

### Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Here at Grace Central Coast we try not to ask, "How did you like the message?" but rather, "How did you come under God's Word in the message?" So how did you this week? What did you think? What did you feel?
2. In the message, Pastor Tim shared a few examples of how beautiful things are both simple and complex. What are your own examples?

3. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 again together as a group. What is the role of God the Father in our salvation and in which verses? Christ the Son? The Holy Spirit? Can you see how Paul "weaves" the three persons of the Godhead together in this text to show us the beauty of salvation?
4. Your Growth Group as a Family: Ephesians 1:5 says that God has predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:14 speaks of our "inheritance". In other words, one of the blessings of God's salvation is that God saves to a family! Jesus made clear that this new family in Him is now even more important than our nuclear families of origin. (Can you think of where Jesus made that clear?) Your growth group is designed to be the place where we live out our life as the family of God. How's it going? How are YOU practically seeing your group as your family? If you're not, why not?
5. Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary: Now that we've been saved, our whole lives are to be lived in "praise of His glorious grace." In other words, our lives are to testify, point to, and reflect the fact that God saves by amazing grace. This Fall, what are some ways that your group can live and work together to reflect God's grace among not-yet-Christians in the broader community?

### Praying Together

In addition to praying for one another's needs, don't miss the opportunity to join Paul in "blessing the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." In other words, take time to praise God for His beautiful, simple, complex salvation.