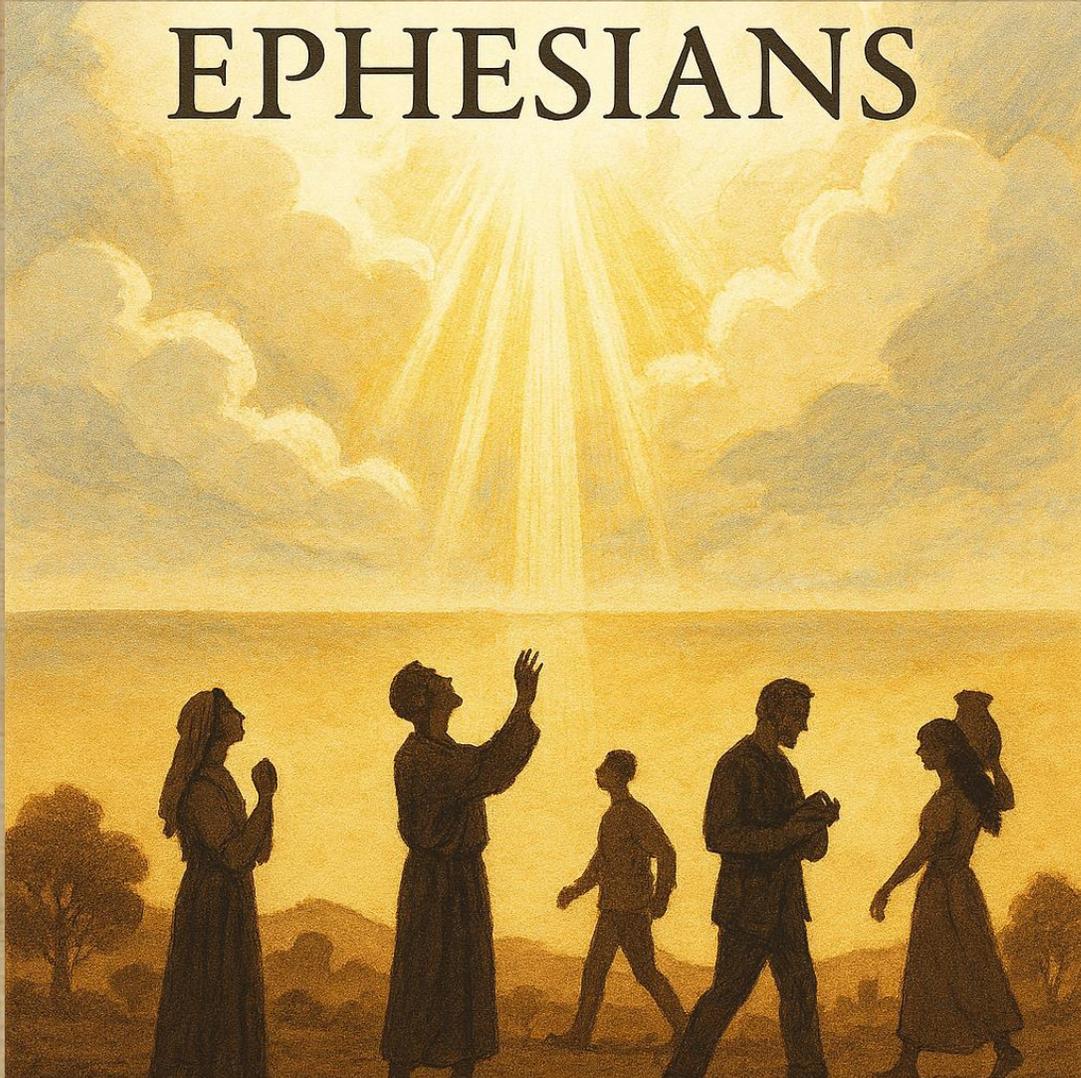




- **We are eternal spiritual beings living in a temporary earthly realm.**
- **Goal: Explore the heavenly realms described in Ephesians and review scriptures in light of what we learn.**

Heavenly Realms

EPHESIANS





The Armor of God (Panoply)

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- belt of **truth** buckled around your waist
- breastplate of **righteousness** in place
- your feet fitted with the **readiness that comes from the gospel** of peace
- shield of **faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one
- helmet of **salvation**
- and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**



Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12

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God's Creation

Heavenly Realms Notes

Upon more review it is clear that the model of realms may not show that the realm in which we live, the physical real (to us) , is merely **a subset** of the much more important spiritual / heavenly realm. We as Christians are citizens of the heavenly realm aligned with God. Our sojourn on earth measured in years is absolutely nothing compared to the eternal life gifted to us as believing and accepting Jesus as savior.

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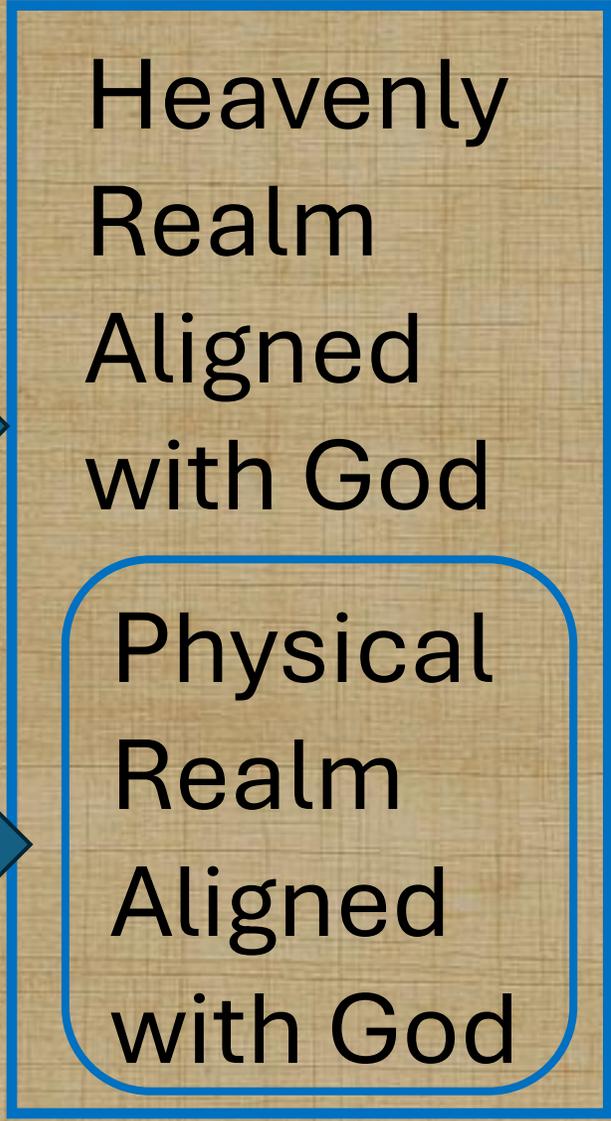
Book of Ephesians

- **Heavenly Realms** ← Review and Work Sheet
- **The mystery**
- **Spiritual Tools and Heavenly Armor**
- **Spiritual Blessings in Christ** ← Chapter 1
- **Made Alive in Christ**
- **The New Spiritual Humanity**
- **The Cornerstone and the New Building**
- **Love that is wide, long, and high. The infinite God**
- **Worthy calling - Unity and oneness _**
- **Futile thinking contrasted with Wisdom and Discretion**
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- **Christian Living Impacting Relationships.**

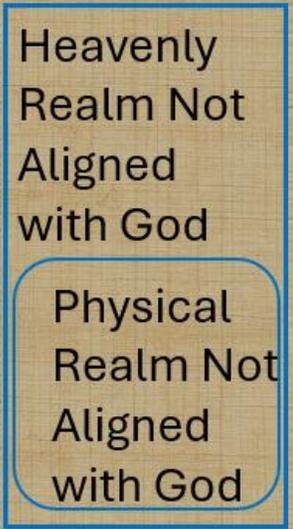
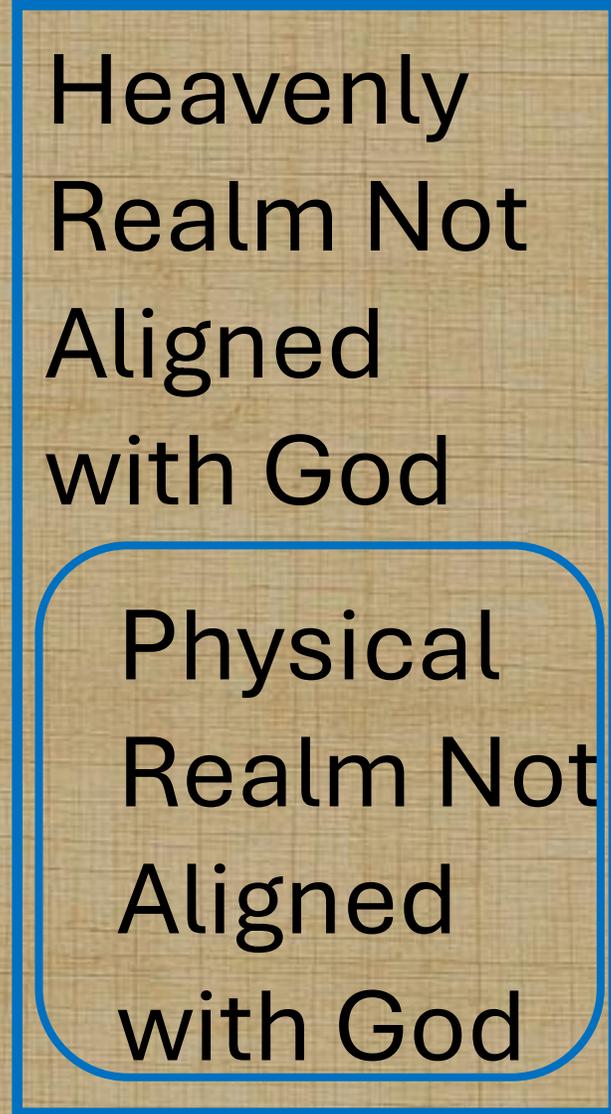
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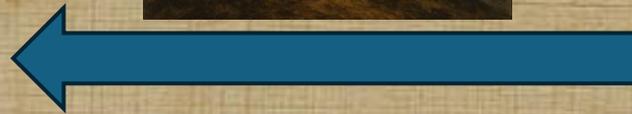
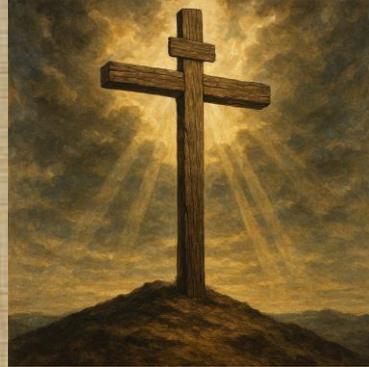


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Forgiven Sinners

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Through grace and
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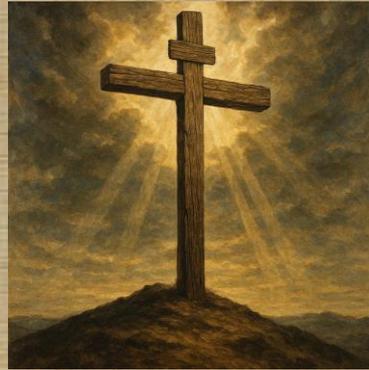
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ACT 13:38 “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

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- **Heavenly Realms**
- **Review and worksheet**

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- **Review and worksheet**
- **Ephesians**

- 1:3 What is Coming from the Heavenly Realm?
- 1:20 What has happened in the Heavenly Realm?
- 2:6 What has happened to us in the Heavenly Realm?



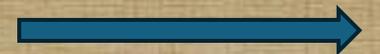
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Heavenly Realms

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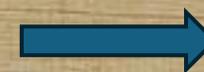
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6:12 What is happening in the Heavenly Realm?

Heavenly Realms

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ALIVE



DEAD

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Heavenly Realms

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John 3 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned,



John 3: ^{18b} but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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Expand lists by inference

Heavenly Realms Notes

non-believers remain with wrath.

Major Religions Rejecting Jesus' Divinity

Judaism:

Rejects Jesus as the Messiah and divine, viewing the worship of any person as idolatry, a core tenet of their faith.

Islam:

Considers Jesus (Isa) a revered prophet and the Messiah, born of the Virgin Mary, but not God or the Son of God, emphasizing strict monotheism (Tawhid).

Buddhism & Sikhism:

These traditions focus on different paths to enlightenment; Jesus is seen as a wise teacher or prophet but not central to their theology, with no specific views on his divinity.

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Hinduism:

Views vary, with some seeing Jesus as a manifestation of a god or a spiritual teacher, but not as the unique, divine Son of God.

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Christian Denominations with Different Views

Jehovah's Witnesses:

Believe Jesus is God's Son, a created being (Archangel Michael), and the Messiah, but not equal to God the Father; worship is directed only to Jehovah.

Unitarianism (Unitarian Christians):

View Jesus as a great spiritual teacher and prophet, but not divine or part of the Trinity, emphasizing the oneness of God.

Mormonism (Latter-day Saints):

Believe Jesus is divine and the Son of God but separate from God the Father, not part of a Trinitarian Godhead.

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•Songs about Blessings

Songs About Blessings

- **Count your many Blessings**
- **O Thou Fount of Every Blessing**





- **What is the source of our blessings?**



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ



- **What is the source of our material blessings?**
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Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 1:3

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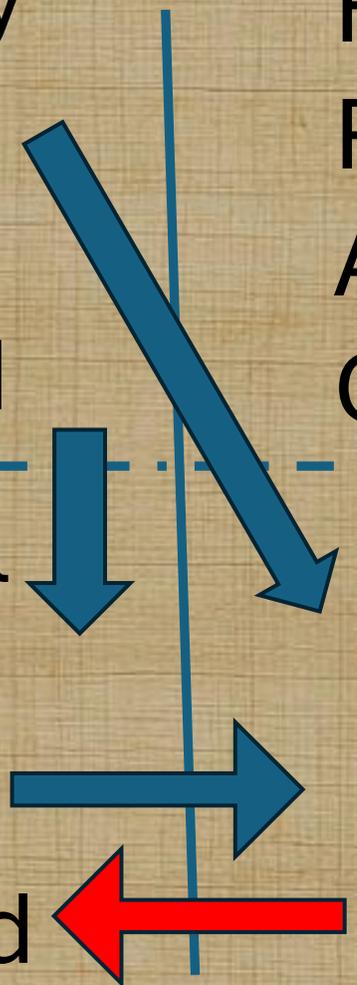


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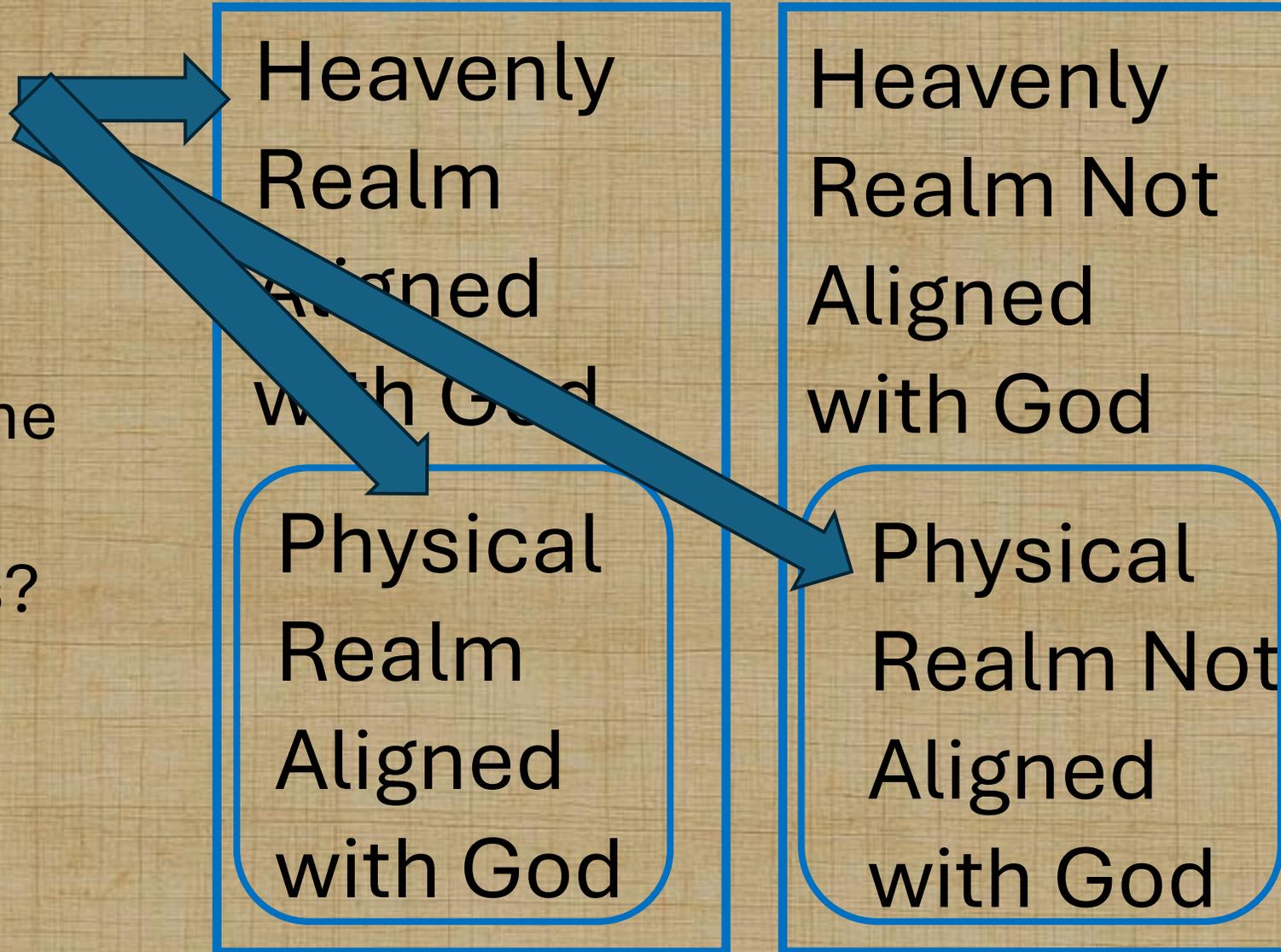


•GOD

Heavenly Realms

Ephesians 3:10

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- **Class input:**
- **What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.**



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- ⁷ In him we have **redemption** through his **blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the **riches of God's grace** ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all **wisdom and understanding**,



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- ⁹ he **made known** to us the **mystery** of his will according to **his good pleasure**, which he **purposed in Christ**, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their **fulfillment**—to bring **unity** to all things in **heaven and on earth under Christ**.



What are the blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

- **¹¹ In him** we were also **chosen**,^[e] having been **predestined** according to the **plan** of him who works out everything in conformity with the **purpose of his will**, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our **hope in Christ**, might be for the **praise of his glory**.



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- ¹³ And you also were **included in Christ** when you heard the **message of truth**, the **gospel** of your **salvation**. When you **believed**, you were **marked** in him with a seal, the **promised Holy Spirit**, ¹⁴ who is a **deposit** guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are **God's possession**—to the **praise of his glory**.



Heavenly Realms

2 Corinthians 5

Our temporal existence

- **5** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come..



Heavenly Realms

Summary A.I. Generated **MUST CHECK**

- **Spiritual and Physical Realms Throughout Ephesians**

- The presentation repeatedly explores the concept of “heavenly realms” and “spiritual realms,” especially in relation to passages from Ephesians (e.g., Ephesians 1:3, 1:20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12). These slides discuss how spiritual realities interact with physical life, and how believers are called to align themselves with God in both realms.

- **Contrast and Interaction**

- Multiple slides illustrate the difference between realms aligned with God and those not aligned with God, both spiritually and physically. This contrast is used to highlight the ongoing spiritual struggle described by Paul, and the importance of spiritual awareness and readiness (such as putting on the “Armor of God”).