

EPHESIANS

FOR BEGINNERS

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Ephesians for Beginners

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Paul's most eloquent teaching on God's plan of salvation and life in the body of Christ.
A great textual study for those who want to go "deep" into God's word.



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1. Introduction

A review of the Apostle Paul's life and ministry and the circumstances leading up to the writing of this epistle.

Paul's Ministry – 32 AD - 67 AD

1. Birth-31 AD - Early Life in Tarsus and Jerusalem

2. 32-34 AD - Conversion and Early Ministry

3. 35 AD - Tries to Associate with Apostles

4. 36-42 AD - Ministry at Tarsus

5. 42-44 AD - Ministry at Antioch

6. 44 AD - Helps with Collection for Jerusalem

7. 45-57 AD - Missionary Journeys

8. 58-60 AD - Prison at Caesarea

9. 60-61 AD - Trip to Rome

10. 61-63 AD - Roman House Arrest

11. 63 AD - Released from Prison

12. 64-66 AD - Re-Visited Churches

13. 67 AD - Executed in Rome



Pentecost

John the Baptist's Baptism

Jesus' Baptism



Apostles/Apollos

2. Review of Re-Baptism

A study of the issue of re-baptism focusing on the first converts of the church at Ephesus.

John's Baptism - Matthew 3:1-6

Jesus Received This Baptism - Matthew 3:13-15

John's Disciples Became Jesus' - John 1:35-37

Jesus Preached John's Message - Matthew 4:17

Apostles Preached Jesus' Baptism - Mark 16:16-18; Matthew 28:18-20

Some Lived Through All Three Periods - Acts 12:12

Common Questions

1. When were the apostles baptized?

2. Were the Apostles re-baptized after Pentecost?

3. When did the Apostles receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

4. What did they receive at Pentecost then?

5. What is the difference between indwelling and empowering?

6. When did those baptized by John receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

7. Why were the disciples in Acts 19:1-7 re-baptized?

8. Why wasn't Apollos re-baptized?

9. What does this mean for us today?

10. Is re-baptism common today?

3. The City and Church of Ephesus

This lesson examines the historical and social settings in which the church at Ephesus was established.

Intro - Review

Ephesus - The City

Acts 19:8-20 _____

The Riot

Acts 19:21-41 _____

Artemis (Greek)/ Diana (Latin) _____

Syncretism _____

The Letter

Acts 20:1-38 _____

Rome (61-63AD) _____

Epaphroditus/Timothy/Tychicus _____

Onesimus _____

Reasons for the Letter

A. Immoral _____

B. Active _____

C. False _____

D. Jews and Gentiles in _____

Most of Paul's letters deal with these issues.

Paul appealed to both Jews and Gentiles:

From Gentiles to Jews _____

From Jews to Gentiles _____

Outline of Ephesians

1. _____ - 1:1-23

2. _____ - 2:1-3:21

3. _____

A. _____ - 4:1-16

B. _____ - 4:17-6:9

C. _____ - 6:10-24

4. All Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Paul begins his letter by describing the incredible blessings given by God to those who believe in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:1-23)

Intro - Review

Outline - Ephesians

1. _____ of the church.
2. _____ of the church.
3. _____ of the church.
 - A. _____
 - B. _____
 - C. _____

Paul mentions four main things about the church in this letter.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

The Blessings - Ephesians 1:1-23

A. Greetings - vs. 1-2

B. God's Purpose - vs. 3-14

Vs. 3 _____

Vs. 4a _____

Vs. 4b _____

Vs. 5-6 _____

Vs. 7-8 _____

Vs. 9-10 _____

Vs. 11-12 _____

Vs. 13-14 _____

"In Christ" = _____

"By Faith" = _____

C. The value if the gifts / blessings

Vs. 15-17

Vs. 18-19

Vs. 20-23

Lessons

1. Spiritual blessings _____

2. Spiritual blessings _____

3. Spiritual blessings _____

5. Past-Present-Future of the Church

Beginning in chapter two Paul begins to describe the universal nature of the church as it existed in the past, present, and future. (Ephesians 2:1-10)

1. Paul greeted _____

2. He explains _____

He describes spiritual gifts given:

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

He prays God will enable them to:

- _____

- _____

- _____

- _____

We also drew some important lessons from this section:

A. Spiritual blessings _____

B. Spiritual blessings _____

C. Spiritual blessings _____

Past - Present - Future of the church

Paul leaves the discussion of blessings and begins teaching about the church's condition in "time."

A. The Past - Ephesians 2:1-3

Vs. 1 _____

Vs. 2 - People were separated from God because of:

- The _____ of this world.
- The _____ of Power.
- The Spirit _____.

This led to two issues: _____

B. The Present and the Future - Ephesians 2:4-7

Vs. 4 _____

Vs. 5-6 _____

Vs. 7 _____

Paul's Comment - Ephesians 2:8-10

Vs. 8-9 _____

1. Saved _____

2. Grace _____

3. _____

The big argument: _____

6. The Basis for Unity in the Church

Paul explains the universal nature of the church by outlining the way God has brought together the most disparate groups of that era - Jews and Gentiles. (Ephesians 2:11-22)

Intro - Review

Universal Nature of the Church - 2:1-3:21

So far Paul refers to the church as a single unit:

- All receive blessings
 - All saved in the same way
-
-
-

1. Position of Gentiles before God - 2:11-12

A. They were _____ - vs. 11

B. They were _____ - vs. 12a

C. They were _____ - vs. 12b

D. They were _____ - vs. 12c

2. Relationship between Jews and Gentiles

The Jews reacted in extreme.

3. Relationship between Jews and Gentile converts to Judaism

The whole idea in Judaism was that there was a separation between God and the Jews as well as between Jews and Gentiles. _____

4. Relationships between Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity - 2:13-22

A. Jews and Gentiles related to God - vs. 13-16

B. Jew and Gentile united to each other - 2:17-18

C. Three images of unity between Jew and Gentile - 3:19-22

1.

2.

3.

Paul explains the universal nature of the church by

7. God's Blessing to the Gentiles

The Apostle describes God's efforts to reach out to the Gentiles in order to save them. (Ephesians 3:1-22)

Intro - There were problems at Ephesus between Jews and Gentiles.

Paul says that before Christ the Gentiles were:

1. Apart _____

2. Did not _____

3. Had no _____

4. Considered _____

Now, in Christ, the Gentiles:

1. Have _____

2. Are _____

In Addition to this the Gentiles now have:

1. Hope _____

2. Unity _____

3. Value as _____

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles - 3:1-13

Vs. 1 _____

Vs. 2 _____

Vs. 3 _____

Acts 22:21

Vs. 4-7 _____

Acts 15:1-21

Vs. 8-9 _____

Vs. 10 _____

I Peter 1:12

Vs. 11-12 _____

Summary I

1. God had a plan _____

2. He prepared _____

3. He used different _____

4. God uses the church _____

Vs. 13 _____

Paul's Prayer for The Gentiles - 3:14-19

Vs. 14 _____

Vs. 15 _____

Vs. 16 _____

How does the Holy Spirit strengthen the inner man with power?

• _____

• _____

Vs. 17-19 - What will this "strength" enable us to do?

A. Surrender _____

B. Grow _____

C. Filled _____

Doxology - 3:20-21

Summary II

1. We are _____

2. We are _____

3. We have _____

4. This should be _____

8. Unity of the Church

This section of the epistle describes the proper response to God's offer of salvation and the blessings attached to it, the first of which is to maintain the unity of the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Intro - Review

1. Paul prays _____

2. He describes the hopeless _____

3. He teaches them that _____

4. He explains that God now _____

5. He prays _____

The Unity of the Church - 4:1-16

1. The Call to Unity - 4:1-3

Paul explains what the church must do in order to maintain unity. _____

2. The Basis of Unity - 4:4-6

Paul says that we are united because we share:

One _____

One _____

One _____

One _____

One _____

One _____

One _____

For there to be unity in the church we must have the right _____ towards each other and share the same _____ of our faith.

3. God Helps Us Maintain Unity - 4:7-13

Vs. 7-10 _____

Vs. 11 _____

The Gifts are:

- Apostles _____

- Prophets _____

- Evangelists _____

- Pastors / Teachers _____

Vs. 12-13 _____

4. The Results of Unity- 4:14-16

A. Firm planting in the _____

B. Speak the _____ in _____

C. Maturity in _____

D. Cooperation in _____

Summary

The cost of unity is _____

John 13:35 _____

The greatest task we have as Christians is to _____

9. The Response of Righteousness

Paul continues to describe the proper response of the saved to God in the form of righteous living. (Ephesians 4:17-5:14)

Intro - Chapter 4:1 summarizes the first three chapters and serves as a turning point to establish the context of the balance of the letter.

Each member equally shares:

Body _____

Spirit _____

Hope _____

Lord _____

Faith _____

Baptism _____

Father _____

Righteousness - 4:17-24

Vs. 17-19 _____

Vs. 20-24 _____

Features of a Righteous Life - 4:25-5:14

1. A proper attitude toward others

Vs. 25 _____

Vs. 26-27 _____

Vs. 28 _____

Vs. 29 _____

Vs. 30-32 _____

2. A higher quality of life

5:1-2 _____

Vs. 3 _____

Vs. 4 _____

He talks about three kinds of "talk":

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Vs. 5 _____

Vs. 6-7 _____

Vs. 8 _____

Vs. 9 _____

Vs. 10 _____

Vs. 11-12 _____

Vs. 13 _____

Vs. 14 _____

Summary

The saved are special and walk differently:

A. They walk in _____

B. They walk in _____

Righteousness is noticeable because:

1. It is a complete _____

2. It is filled _____

3. It is total _____

This type of living _____

10. True Piety

This section builds on the previous two by adding piety as a true response of the church to God because of His blessings. (Ephesians 5:15-21)

Intro - We are studying the obligations that the church has as a response to God's blessings.

Features of a Righteous Lifestyle - 5:15-21 (continued)

3. Piety

A. Prudence - vs. 15-17

B. Spirit-Filled - vs. 18-20

Your prudent and spirit-filled life will be evident:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Many times, we confuse emotionalism with spirituality. _____

C. Submissive - vs. 21 _____

Hebrews 13:17 _____

A mutually submissive attitude in the church _____

Elders _____

Deacons _____

Members _____

Summary

Features of a righteous lifestyle as a response to God's blessings are:

1. A _____ attitude
2. A _____ beyond reproach
3. _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

11. An Ordered Life

Paul adds an ordered life as another response from those who receive God's blessings of salvation. (Ephesians 5:22-6:9)

Intro - Review

Man's obligations in response to God's offer of spiritual blessings:

- A. Unity
- B. Righteous Lifestyle
 - Loving _____
 - Life beyond _____
 - Piety _____
 - _____

Ordered Life

A. Ordered _____ - 5:22-6:4

Vs. 22-24 _____

When there is submission, it creates harmony between what is seen and what is not seen in the spiritual world. _____

Confusion of roles within marriage is a major cause of conflict and divorce. _____

Vs. 25a _____

Vs. 25b-27 _____

Vs. 28-30 _____

Vs. 31 _____

Vs. 32 _____

Vs. 33 _____

Vs. 34 _____

Paul now speaks to children about the ordered life.

Vs. 6:1-3 _____

Vs. 6:4 _____

B. Ordered _____ - 6:5-9

1. Slaves - vs. 5-8 _____

2. Masters - vs. 9 _____

Summary

An ordered life before God requires:

- Order in one's _____

- Order in _____

12. Faithfulness

This section concludes the letter by establishing faithfulness as the crowning glory in the believer's proper response to God's offer of salvation and the blessings that come with it. (Ephesians 6:10-24)

Intro - Review

The Enemy and the Battle Plan - 6:10-13

Paul finishes the letter with the imagery of a Roman soldier.

Vs. 10

Vs. 11-13

Two views of the enemy:

Evil

Numbers

There will be a battle and the last _____ will be victorious.

The Spiritual Armor - 6:14-20

1. _____ vs. 14a

2. _____ vs. 14b

3. _____ vs. 15

4. _____ vs. 16

5. _____ vs. 17a

6. _____ vs. 17b

7. _____ vs. 18-20

Paul insists that they pray:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Training Methods

Vs. 21-22 _____

Salvation - 6:23-24

Vs. 23-24 _____

Lessons

1. These are _____

2. These are _____

3. This is _____

Jesus never said that it would be easy, He said it would be _____

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