

The Book of Ephesians

Chapter 1

1. Why does Paul say he is an apostle by the will of God?
2. Verse 7, how do we get the redemption through Christ's blood, and redemption of sins?
3. Paul uses this word "predestined" a lot, what does it mean to be predestined in the adoption of Christ?
4. From verse 15 to the end, Paul prays for the people. What are some of the things that you should be praying for? Take time to pray for those things now.

Chapter 2

1. Paul starts by saying that we are "made alive" and that we were "once dead", what is he talking about?
2. We were not made alive by anything we did, what is the word that Paul uses to explain the way in which we were saved?
3. Verse 14 says "Jesus has broken down the middle wall of separation." What is the wall of separation that blocks us from Jesus?
4. Verse 20 talks about Christ being the "Chief cornerstone." Is Christ the Chief Cornerstone of your life?

Chapter 3

1. What does Paul mean when he says that he is a "prisoner of Jesus Christ?" During this time Paul was a prisoner of Rome. What is his perspective?
2. Verse 6 says that the Gentiles are now fellow heirs. Who are they fellow heirs with?
3. Verse 8 Paul calls himself "the least of all saints." Our past sins can often remind us of our former lives before Christ, yet God's grace is given. Paul was astounded at the grace given to him and he was called to preach. Read Romans 3:23
4. What 2 characteristics do we have through faith? Are these evident in your life?
5. How are we to know the love of Christ? Are you filled with all fullness?
6. Memorize vs. 20. Write it down and read it throughout the day.

Chapter 4

1. How do we "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?"
2. God Himself gives some to be apostles, prophets, evangelist, pastors and teachers. How has He gifted you?
3. What are these gifts for?
4. How does Paul define having "the fullness of Christ?"
5. Have you learned Christ? Is there anything in your life that you need to put off? Vs. 22
6. A lot of instruction in vs. 25-32. List the specifics of how Paul is instructing us to live.
7. How are you doing in these areas? Look at these characteristics and ask God to help you in your weak areas. We have to take an honest look at ourselves. May the Holy Spirit speak to you, strengthen you and encourage you!
8. Read Matthew 6:14-15

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Chapter 5

1. Paul exhorts us to be imitators of God as children. What exactly does that mean?
2. When we think about the love God has showed us, does that make it easier to love others?
3. Verse 5 says “For this you know...” and verse 6 says “Let no one deceive you with empty words..”. The world says these things are ok, what does God’s word say? Do you know and are you being deceived?
4. Verse 12 is there anything in your life that would be shameful if it was brought to the light?
5. Verse 15, walking circumspectly means “unwilling to take risk”. How do you view the sins Paul is addressing in this chapter? How does the world view them?
6. Memorize verse 21.
7. Verse 22 Wives, are you submitting to your husbands? Husbands, are you loving your wives like Christ loves the church?
8. Sometimes we can make the marriage relationship complicated and difficult. Think how your marriage would be if you both worked hard at fulfilling this instruction?

Chapter 6

1. Paul gives very practical words for us. As children, are we obeying our parents? As parents, are we provoking our children? Or bringing them up in the ways of God?
2. Verse 5-9 although we are not bondservants or masters, these principles can be applied in all areas of life. Are you being a Godly employee or boss? Are you doing the things as "bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart?" (a servant gets payment for services, a bondservant depends on the Master for everything!
3. We need to know that there is a Devil out there, and he is attacking us. How are you equipping yourself for that? Are you taking on the full armor of God?
4. List the areas of armor you are strong in, and then list your weak areas. Pray and ask the Lord to fill the gaps (with His Spirit-Zechariah 4:6), to strengthen you (with His gifting-I Corinthians 13:13). Now.....are you producing fruit (Ephesians 5:22)?