



Ephesians
May 18-22, 2020
Class Lecture Schedule and Homework

Day One- Monday, May 18- Ephesians Chapter 1

1. Ephesians 1:3-14. Are you *in Christ*? Have you believed in Him, and received Him? If you answered “no” to the question, what is keeping you from doing it?
2. Read through Ephesians 1 right now, and name the spiritual blessings that are listed just in this chapter. Rejoice and worship the Lord that these blessings already belong to you!
3. What are some practical benefits of being sealed with the seal of the Holy Spirit? Consider these verses as you formulate your answer: John 6:27; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Timothy 2:19; Revelation 7:3.
4. What role does the Holy Spirit have in assuring the believer of his salvation and future inheritance? Do you have this assurance?
5. Ephesians 1:15-23. Have you prayed for fellow believers? Think about the content of these prayers ... how many of them were focused on changing their circumstances?

Look up 1 John 5:14-15 and Mark 11:24. How can you tie together these two promises with Paul’s prayer? How does this connection help you to pray more effectively?

Day Two- Tuesday, May 19- Ephesians Chapters 2 and 3

1. Ephesians 2:1-3. Refer to Genesis 2:16-18 in comparison to Ephesians 2:1-3. As you ponder the meaning of your former condition, thank God for the cross, by which He reconciled us to Himself. Either write out or verbalize your worship to Him.
2. Ephesians 2:8-10. Have you agreed with God’s estimation of your value as an individual that He has made? Read Psalm 139:1-18 to gain a better understand of how God views you.

3. Ephesians 2:13. Meditate upon the idea that you have been brought “near” by Christ’s blood. What are some of the implications of having been brought near? What might that include, practically?

Think of someone in your life right now that you are struggling to accept. Write out how the process of peace described in this passage will be the key to reconciliation.

4. Ephesians 3:10-13. How can God display *any* of His attributes (characteristics) through our lives? Refer to Colossians 1:27 to help you with your answer.
5. Ephesians 3:14-19. How well do you experientially know the love of Christ? Have you realized that it is God’s will that you experience His love? Find at least two other New Testament passages that teach us that God loves us and wants us to know it.

Focus on a specific area of your life right now that could benefit from the application of God’s power. Then find a passage of scripture that you can use to pray about that area according to God’s will. How does the awareness of God’s infinite power add to your confidence in prayer? To what extent is God able to work in this area of your life (remember Ephesians 3:20)?

Day Three- Wednesday, May 20- Ephesians Chapter 4

1. Ephesians 4:1-10. Using a Bible and standard dictionary, look up the word “humility.” How do these definitions help you in your understanding of Ephesians 4:1?
2. Ephesians 4:11-16. Which of the two categories in this passage do you belong to? How has your God-defined role affected the way you live out your Christian life?
3. Ephesians 4:17-21. What immediate changes did you notice in your life upon receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?
4. Ephesians 4:22-30. What spiritual clothing did you wear the most yesterday? Think back over your words, your thoughts, and your actions. This will help you with your own personal spiritual discernment.
5. Consider an individual in your life with whom you’ve had trouble in the past. How would your outlook change if you obeyed v. 32 right now, and began given him/her the same kindness, compassion and forgiveness you’ve been given by God?

Day Four- Thursday, May 21- Ephesians Chapter 5

1. Ephesians 5:1-7. What is the life God has called us to? Why is this our primary calling? Read 1 John 4:7-12 to help you with your answer.
2. Ephesians 5:8-14. What does it mean to live as light in the Lord? What are some characteristics of light which help you understand what this means?

List some of the deeds of darkness in one column, and the opposite deeds of light. Meditate on the contrasts between the two lists. Which list have you been living in?

3. Ephesians 5:15-21. What does it mean to you to be 'filled with the Holy Spirit'? Write out your answer and share it with someone else for feedback and edification.
4. Ephesians 5:22-33. What is the ideal environment in which submission can thrive? What can husbands do to make their wives thrive in their roles? What can wives do to make their husbands thrive in theirs?

Day Five- Friday, May 22- Ephesians 6:1-24

1. Ephesians 6:1-4. 3. In what ways can a father exasperate or provoke his children to anger? (You will want to be sure to forgive your own father for any offenses toward you.) What must a father do to avoid this problem, according to the text?
2. Ephesians 6:5-9. Consider the phrases sincerity of heart, like slaves of Christ, and doing God's will from the heart. Do these phrases describe your work life as an employee? Cite areas in which you could improve.
3. Ephesians 6:10-13. What are some of the devil's schemes that he has used against you? How has God's strength enabled you to overcome them?
4. Ephesians 6:14-18. Write down each piece of the armor of God, with a brief definition. Try to memorize the armor of God, piece by piece, in the order in which they are given. Try putting it on right now.

How does Ephesians 6:14-18 relate to the promise of James 4:7?

5. Ephesians 6:19-24. What changes would occur in our lives if we regularly asked the Lord for boldness and open doors, as Paul did?