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EPHESIANS

INTRODUCTION

The church at Ephesus was founded by the apostle Paul. He laid the foundation of this church on his return from his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21). On his third missionary journey, he returned to Ephesus and spent two more years there (Acts 19:1-20:1). The work at Ephesus was close to Paul's heart. Read the account of Paul's last meeting with the elders of Ephesus in Acts 20:17-38.

The apostle Paul wrote this epistle from a prison cell. In Ephesians 4:1, he calls himself a "prisoner of the Lord." Paul's real imprisonment was in the chains and confinement of the love of God.

The letter to the Ephesians has been called "the epistle of Christian maturity." In this letter we are shown the high position that God had given all believers and the anointed and powerful life that is possible in Christ Jesus.

Deep in the heart of every believer should be the desire for a more effective and meaningful Christian walk. Ephesians is a call to the spiritual land of close fellowship with God and a fruitful Christian life. The indwelling Holy Spirit draws us toward that "land flowing with milk and honey."

CHAPTER 1 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

1.	To whom is this epistle written? v. 1		
2.	Who wrote this epistle? v. 1		
3.	How many spiritual blessings are given to us according to verse 3?		
need t	We discover in the book of Ephesians that at the moment of salvation we are given everything we to live a victorious and fruitful Christian life.		
4.	Write Romans 8:32.		
5.	According to Ephesians 1:3 and 2:6, where is our position in Christ?		
	We may feel like we are sitting in the ash heap with Job (Job 2:6, 13), but God has given us a seat evenly places with His Son, Jesus Christ. If we would truly believe our position in Christ, we would like the chosen people we really are!		
6.	When did God choose you? v. 4		
7.	For what purpose are we chosen? v. 4		
8.	What were we destined to be? v. 5		
9.	The fact that we have been so freely accepted by God gives praise to the glory of His. v. 6		
	This concept of grace is important to remember. Our high standing in Christ is given by God's		

grace, not because we are special or deserving.

10.	Our redemption and forgiveness are according to		
	v. 7		
heaver	Verse 8 tells us that God has "abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence." Prudence means careful and wise judgment. It is the wise and careful judgment of God that we should be seated in ally places and freely given the promises of God. If man had been allowed to work for or earn his ags and position with God, there would be no end to his proud boasting of accomplishment.		
11.	In His wisdom and prudence, what has God made known unto us? v. 9		
12.	What wise and prudent thing will God do in the fullness of times? v. 10		
13.	If we live in the beauty of our rightful inheritance (v. 11), our lives will be to the praise of Hisv.12		
14.	After we heard and believed the gospel, how were we sealed? v. 13		
Spirit.	The miracle of salvation is that Jesus comes to live in our hearts through the power of the Holy Ephesians 4:30 tells us that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption.		
15.	In verse 14, the word "earnest" means guarantee or pledge. The indwelling presence of the Holy		
	Spirit is therefore the guarantee of our		
	In the remaining verses of chapter one, Paul pours out his heart beseeching us to see what is really arough Christ. This urging is not just the heartfelt cry of Paul but also of our Lord and Savior Jesus. How His heart cries out to those who live below their inheritance.		
16.	What does Paul pray that the Lord would give to us? vv. 16,17		
17.	What three things will we know if our eyes of understanding are enlightened? vv. 18,19		
18.			
10.			
19.			
20.	How did God manifest His mighty power? vv. 19,20		
21.	Jesus is seated in v. 20 Who sits there with Him? (see 2:6)		
22.	How much above all other powers and dominions do we sit? v. 21		
23.	Since the church is His body, then anything under His feet is under us! What is put under His feet? v. 22		
greates us by	Verse 23 means we are filled with all the fullness of Christ Himself. What an inheritance! The st inheritance ever given and received by man cannot compare with the riches and wealth given to		

CHAPTER 2 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Chapter 2 begins with a description of our progression from sin and death to our wonderful inheritance and position in Christ.

	In God's sight, if we are in sin we are dead. This is so real in scripture that eternal damnation or the lake of fire is called Rev. 20:14
	According to what two things did we walk before we were saved? v. 2
	Who is the prince of the power of the air? v. 2, John 12:31, John 14:30, II Thessalonians 2:9
	What are unbelievers called in verse 2?
	What are unbelievers called in verse 3?
	What are the children of disobedience and wrath fulfilling? v. 3
	While we were dead in sin, what did God do when we opened our heart to Him? vv. 5,6
	In what way will God's glorious love and grace be shown throughout the ages to come? v. 7
	How do we receive such a glorious salvation and inheritance? v. 8
	Why would God's salvation or blessings never be given in return for the works of man? v. 9
	Write verses 8 and 9 from memory.
	Even though we are not saved by our works, verse 10 tells us that the purpose of our new life in its to produce good works.
3	Verses 11 through 22 remind us that at one time only the Jews were given God's blessings and ance. Only the Jews were called "God's chosen people," having been given an inheritance and a ed land.
	According to Deuteronomy 7:6, the Lord chose the Jews to be

15.	According to Deuteronomy 26:18, the Lord "avouched" or declared Israel to be His		
Lordi	The Gentiles are left out of these Old Testament promises. However, through faith in Christ, the has allowed us to share in this inheritance. List the four things we are called in I Peter 2:9.		
16.	17.		
18.			
Testa	The call of God to Christians found in the book of Ephesians parallels His call to Israel in the Oldment. As Gentiles we must remember God's mercy for including us in His promises (2:11).		
	What four things does verse 12 say about us before we were included through faith?		
20.			
21.			
22.			
23.			
24.	When at one time we were so far off, how are we made nigh? v. 13		
25.	What did the Lord break down? v. 14		
from	We find that in Christ all "walls of partition" are broken down and we are free to love the people every different culture and background.		
26.	Through what means did the Lord reconcile both Jew and Gentile? v. 16		
27.	Write out verse 18.		
28.	According to verse 19, we are no more		
	but		
29.	Verses 21 and 22 portray all believers as fitting together to form one building. This is not just empty symbolism, but together as one body we actually become a human temple. For what is this		
	building? v. 22		
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CHAPTER 3 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

Paul begins chapter 3 with a personal testimony of his own ministry. At the time Paul wrote this letter, he had been cast into prison because of his preaching among the Gentiles. Prejudiced Jews refused to believe that Gentiles had an equal position and calling.

Because this extreme division between Jew and Gentile no longer exists, some of Paul's teachings or experiences may not seem relevant to present times. But through scripture, the Holy Spirit is making a much more profound statement than just the fact that Gentiles have been included in God's provision for salvation. He is leading us to an understanding of our high calling and inheritance in Christ. Christianity is not just a new lifestyle or a belief we hold. It is God's mighty design and plan of the ages, and we should marvel and be filled with gratitude that we have a part of the life and purposes of Almighty God.

1.	According to verse 1, why was Paul in prison?
	In verse 3, the word mystery means a deep spiritual truth that has now been unveiled or revealed.
2.	What is the mystery? vv. 5,6
3.	What was Paul called to preach to the Gentiles? v. 8
٥.	What was I am earled to preach to the contricts. We
every	Christ's riches for us are unsearchable because there is no end to His great treasure. However, y day of our Christian walk should entail a search for more of what has been promised to us.
4.	What did Paul want all men to see? v. 9
5.	How long had the Lord purposed this great plan? v. 11
open	Verse 12 reveals one of the greatest treasures among the unsearchable riches of Christ. We have an door of entrance into the presence of the Lord.
6.	Verse 12 says we have and
	with
	Our confidence is not in our ability but in His divine calling.
7.	What did this great revelation cause Paul to do? v. 14
call t	Verses 16-21 record Paul's prayer. However these words are more than a prayer; they express a that cries out, "Oh if you could only see what God has done and what you really have in Him!"
8.	What did Paul pray that God would grant to all believers? v. 16
9.	How does Christ dwell in our hearts? v. 17
10.	How much of our inheritance did Paul pray that we would comprehend? v.18
11.	According to verse 19, we can actually be filled with
12.	We may ask and think of great possibilities for ourselves as Christians, but what is the Lord able to do? v. 20
13.	How does Paul end his glorious prayer? Write out verse 21.

CHAPTER 4 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST

The first three chapters have told us of our calling and inheritance. God began with Israel in the same way. First, He called them **out** to be His chosen people. Then, He called them **in** to a land of promise. (See Deuteronomy 6:23) However, before they could enter into the promised land, the Lord took them through a "wilderness school of obedience." The 40 years in the wilderness were a testing time

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Similarly, chapters 4, 5 and part of 6 of Ephesians are lessons in obedience and commitment. Every Christian who is thankful for the high calling of God and the unsearchable riches of Christ will enter this "school of obedience."

1.	What did Paul beseech us to do? v. 1
ter, sa	The dictionary defines vocation as "career." We may think our career is to be a secretary, carpenalesman or housewife, but our real career is to serve the Lord.
2.	What will show that we are walking worthy of our vocation? v. 2
God'	The fact that these qualities are mentioned first among other worthy attitudes or actions reveals s high priority on humility.
3.	According to Isaiah 57:15, with whom will our "high and lofty" God dwell?
4.	To whom will the Lord pay attention? Isaiah 66:2
5.	Verse 3 says that forbearing one another in love will enable us to keep
	List the seven things that are described as "one" in verses 4-6.
6.	
9.	10
11.	12
	Verses 7-16 speak of the structure and unity of the body of Christ.
13.	What is given equally to every member of the body? v. 7
14.	When the Lord ascended after His resurrection, He set into operation the ministries of the church so that believers could be fed and strengthened. In verse 8 we are told He gave gifts to men.
	What are these gifts? v. 11
15.	For what three purposes were these gifts or ministries given? v. 12
16.	
17.	

Verse 13 provides an exciting picture of the body of Christ maturing into the full stature of the Lord Jesus Himself! The church may grow in number, but until we grow in maturity we will never reach the fullness of our calling.

18.	verse 13?
19.	How will we grow up into Christ in all things? v. 15
20.	Verse 16 skillfully uses the illustration of the human body to teach us about the body of Christ. The whole body will be fitly joined together and supplied by every joint according to
whole	This phrase means when we live and walk below our inheritance and "career," we can hinder the body.
21.	Therefore, we are told in verse 17 to
therefo	Our natural minds will vainly deceive us. These verses concerning unity specifically focus on the for sound doctrine in the whole body. The natural mind of man will believe what seems logical and one be led astray. Many times the truths of God are not logical to our natural minds but wonderful al to our hearts. Read I Corinthians 2:14. Verse 18 describes the unsaved life as filled with darkened understanding, alienation, ignorance indness. What a picture! It certainly is no wonder that we want to sing, worship and praise when e set free by the power of God. Verse 19 tells us we were "past feeling." Sin has a way of numbing us to what is true and right.
22.	What are we told to do in verse 22?
23.	How does verse 23 describe our new attitude and outlook when we are saved?
24.	What are we to put on in verse 24?
Christ	This instruction almost seems too simple. But if we first see the beauty and grace of our calling in Jesus, then we will hunger and thirst for righteousness and holiness. We will want to wake up day and "put on the new man."
25.	What is one practical aspect of the new man? v. 25
26.	However, the Lord wants more than just "putting away lying." What does the first part of Psalm 51:6 say?
Anger	Verse 26 tells us that we should deal with any anger that arises in our hearts before the day is over, if left overnight, will become a root from which other sin can grow.
27.	What does verse 27 say?(See also James 4:7 and I Peter 5:8,9)
28.	The Lord teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Why should we labor? v. 28
29.	What should be the purpose of all our speech? v. 29

30.	What are we told to refrain from doing in verse 30?
	List three ways in which one could possibly grieve the Holy Spirit.
31.	
32.	
33.	
	There are many ways we can grieve the Holy Spirit. In scripture, the Holy Spirit is called our forter, Teacher and Guide. We are only hurting ourselves when we offend the One who can comfort each us.
	List five things we are to put away in verse 31.
34.	3536
37.	38.
	In what three ways should we act toward our brothers and sisters? v.32
39.	4041
CHA	APTER 5 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
	mandments." Our walk of holiness and sanctification clearly shows our love and gratitude to the . The thankfulness we show through our lives speaks more effectively than any words of our lips. According to verses 1 and 2, if we follow God we will walk in
2.	The greatest example we have of Christian love is the Lord Jesus. What does verse 2 say He did?
	In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was a "sweet-smelling savor" to God only when it was perfect. love needs to contain the perfect quality of Christ-like sacrificial love in order to become an accept-sweet-smelling savor to God.
3.	Verse 3 shows the Lord's desire for His church to have a perfect testimony. What does verse 3
	say about the common sins of fornication, greed and impurity?
	What three things are not convenient (befitting) in our speech?
4.	5
6.	
7.	Many times excuses will be made for a Christian who falls into sin, but God is very serious about sin. What does verse 5 say?

8.	Verse 6 tells us clearly that men may try to deceive Christians into thinking that God will look lightly upon sin. What kind of words are these?
9.	According to verse 8, what are we now and how should we walk?
10.	What three things will always be a part of any work or fruit of the Holy Spirit? v. 9
13.	What are our instructions in verse 11?
tian s	We are called to reprove sin. The best way to reprove sin is to have no part in it. When a Chrissins, the world is quick to see it and use it for their own self-justification.
14.	How are sinful things reproved? v. 13
15.	What is our cry to a sin-sleepy world? v. 14
	Verse 15 tells us to walk "circumspectly." This means carefully and cautiously. "Redeeming the in verse 16 means buying up every opportunity.
16.	With what should we be filled? v. 18
17.	If we are filled with the Spirit, what will we do? v. 19
18.	What else will we do if we are filled with the Spirit? v. 20
and g	The remainder of this chapter focuses on the beautiful husband/wife relationship in the Lord. e God created and ordained marriage, it can only be complete by complying with God's principles guidance. Omitting God from marriage is like leaving all the tires off a car. It may sound the same as other car, but it can't really go anywhere!
19.	What is the first general rule all believers must obey? v. 21
20.	Specifically, the wife must learn the grace and love of submission. Why? v. 23
the c	The perfectly balanced marriage relationship is found in verses 24 and 25. The woman is to nit herself wholly, while the husband to whom she must submit should love her even as Christ loved hurch. This balance will never hinder nor hurt anyone, but serious error has been made when verse isolated without the balance of verse 25.
21.	What is the Lord doing with His church? v. 26

22.	When the church is a glorious church with no spot, creases, or blemishes, what will the Lord do? v. 27
23.	Verse 28 brings out an important principle. When a man truly loves his wife, he will be at peace with himself. How does verse 28 say this?
24.	As the bride of Christ, how much a part of our Bridegroom are we? v.30
-	Verse 31 quotes God's original instructions in Genesis 2:24 concerning marriage. Scripture aphis behavior to the Lord Himself in verse 32 as it refers to Jesus leaving His Father in heaven to be together with us.
25.	What does Paul call this great and wonderful truth? v. 32
	Verse 33 concludes with a summary of the balance given in verses 24 and 25.
СНАН	PTER 6 - READ THE CHAPTER FIRST
	Verses 1-9 speak of the child/parent and employee/employer relation-ships.
1.	What are children commanded to do? v. 1
the ten	The child/parent relationship is given a place of great respect in scripture, for God included it in commandments.
2.	Write out the entire commandment as found in Exodus 20:12.
3.	Verse 2 points out that this is the one commandment having a promise of blessing in it. What is that promise? v. 3
4.	What are fathers told not to do? v. 4
5.	What are fathers told to do? v. 4
6.	Summarize the responsibility of a Christian employee from verses 5 and 6.
7.	For whom should we do our service? v. 7
8.	What should a Christian employer (master) know and keep in mind? v. 9
ed a na	The book of Ephesians takes the believer on a progressive journey. The story of the Jews gives us ect picture of this journey. It occurs in three stages. First is the call. The Lord called out and creatation of His ownthe Jews. He gave them a great inheritance and promises of unsearchable riches. e second stage consists of enrollment in the school of obedience.
9.	How did Jesus learn obedience? Hebrews 5:8

The school of obedience for the Jews lasted for 40 years in the wilderness where they were taught to walk worthy of their "career." (See Deuteronomy 8:2,3) The practical teachings of Ephesians 4:1-6:9

constitute our call into the school of obedience. The exhortations to love, commitment, holiness, etc., can be learned in the school of trials and testings.

The third stage progresses to an even higher call-the call to warfare and possession of the land. (Read Deuteronomy 6:18,19) This stage is a victorious walk in Christ where enemies are subdued and great things are accomplished for God. Ephesians 6:10 marks the beginning of our call to "stage three."

10.	What are we told to be in verse 10?
11.	What should we put on for this part of our journey? v. 11
12.	Why should we put on this armor? v. 11
13.	We do not wrestle against v. 12
	What four evil forces are named in verse 12?
14.	15.
16.	
17. we ha	Investigation into the various types of wicked forces is not necessary. All we need to know is that ave a very real enemy who can be victoriously conquered through the blood of Jesus Christ.
18.	How much of our armor should we have on at all times? v. 13
19.	What is the first piece of armor mentioned in verse 14?
	Loins include the hips and lower abdomen of the body, which are regarded as the region of gth and procreative power. If our loins are "girt about with truth," then anything brought forth from wes will manifest the purity of truth.
20.	What should cover our heart? v. 14
	A warrior needs, above all else, a pure heart.
21.	What shall the pure in heart see? Matthew 5:8
22.	What kind of shoes should a warrior for God wear? v. 15
conta	Shoes touch every place someone goes. As we walk down a street, only our shoes are making act. Our point of contact with the world should be the gospel of peace.
23.	What do our feet look like when we are bringing the good tidings of the gospel of peace? Isaiah 52:7
24.	What can we do with the shield of faith? v. 16
25.	What is the victory that overcomes the world? I John 5:4
	Read some of the varied things accomplished through faith in Hebrews 11:33-35.
26.	What should we wear on our head? v. 17

prote	Our minds need to be brought under the discipline of our salvation. The simplicity of salvation cts us from undisciplined thoughts.	n
27.	What is the sword of the Spirit? v. 17	
	Read Hebrews 4:12 and answer the next three questions from this verse.	
28.	What is different about this sword from the sharp but lifeless swords used in men's fleshly battle	es?
	The word "quick" means alive.	
29.	How sharp is the word of God?	
30.	What does God's word divide?	
31.	According to Ephesians 6:18, what is the main activity of a true warrior?	
must	The Lord is leading all His people to go in and possess our promised land. In order to do this, veremember to put on the whole armor of God. In the remaining verses, Paul speaks of his own needs and requests.	ve
32.	Why were the believers to pray for Paul? v. 19	
33.	What does Paul call himself in verse 20?	
	What a paradox! An ambassador is someone who is sent on a commission. Paul is in bonds, y ill considers himself an ambassador.	et
34.	How could he be an ambassador in bonds? II Timothy 2:9	
35.	Why was Paul sending Tychicus? v. 22	
36.	How should we love the Lord? v. 24	
in the God a	If we love the Lord in sincerity, then we will allow Him to take us on the journey described sians. Many believers stop at the first stage, receiving His great blessings and riches. Others remain wilderness school of obedience, endlessly learning. There are those who put on the whole armoral and go in and possess the land. Jesus said, "Many are called but few are chosen." (Matthew 20:16; 22:14) All are called to enter the promised land, but few want to pay the price. We should all determine to be in the category of who put on God's armor and possess all God has for us.	in of er
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