

Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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Ephesians 4:7-16

Recap – Literary Context

What was Chapter 1 about?

- Spiritual blessings in Christ
 - o Adoption as children through Jesus Christ (v.5)
 - o Redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins (v.7)
 - o Obtained an inheritance (v.11)
 - o Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13)
- Prayer of Paul
 - o He does not stop giving thanks (v.16) and does not stop praying for them.
 - Because of their faith in Jesus and their love for the saints (v.15)
 - o He prays for God to give them the Holy Spirit (v.17), who will
 - Open the eyes of their heart (v.18) to understand
 - the hope (v.18)
 - the riches (v.18) of his glorious inheritance
 - the greatness of his power (v.19)
 - o This same power that was in work in Christ.
 - Who is far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion.
 - Who has been...
 - given all things under his feet.
 - become the head of the church
 - o church, who is the body of Christ.

What was Chapter 2:1-10 about?

- Spiritual condition apart from Jesus Christ (v.1-3)
 - o We are dead in our transgressions
- Spiritual condition in Jesus Christ (v.4-10)
 - o Made alive in Jesus Christ

What was Chapter 2:11-22 about?

- Before the cross
 - o Foreigners
- Through the cross
 - o Unites us (Jews and Gentiles) as one people/humanity to God.
 - o Fellow heirs

- Temple – dwelling place
 - Worship.

What was Chapter 3:1-13 about?

- The Message (v.1-6)
 - Administration of God's grace – to make the known the mystery (this is known by revelation)
 - Mystery of Christ is...
 - Gentiles are fellow heirs through Jesus Christ
- The Messenger (v.7-13)
 - Paul has been given the gift of God's grace/privilege to be the minister of this mystery.
 - The mystery that was hidden through all ages to all people. (v.9)
 - But he can preach to everyone. (v.9)
 - This mystery that reveals the manifold wisdom of God in the church. (v.10)
 - Through Jesus Christ, which was his eternal purpose. (v.11)

What was Chapter 3:14-21 about?

- Paul's Petition (v.14-19)
 - God's power so that Christ would dwell in their hearts
 - God's strength to comprehend the love of Christ
 - The fullness of God to fill them.
- Paul's Praise (v.20-21)
 - Praise God for his infinite wisdom.
 - Praise God for his glory in the church and in Christ Jesus.

What was Chapter 4:1-6 about?

- Walk in a manner worthy of the calling
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Part 1. Christ Gave Gifts to the Church

- Why is Psalm 68:18 quoted (v.8)?
 - _____
 - Ref. Psalm 68:1-3; 68:17-18; 28-35
- What (who) were the gifts given to the church (v.11)?
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
 - 4) _____
 - 5) _____

Part 2. For the Building Up of the Body of Christ

- For what purpose was these people given to the church (v.12)?
 - _____ (v.12a) = _____ (v.12b)
 - NOTE: Who does the work of ministry?
 - _____
- What is the goal of the church (v.13)?
 - until we all attain
 - 1) to the _____ of faith (v.13)
 - 2) and of the _____ of the Son of God (v.14)
 - **In other words, **spiritual maturity**.
 - “to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”
- Why is spiritual maturity important (v.14)?
 - _____
- What are the things that cause spiritually immature Christians to waver (v.14)?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
- Instead, what are spiritually mature Christians to do (v.15)?
 - _____ the truth in love, _____ in every way into Christ.
- What is this mature group of Christians compared to (v.16)?
 - _____

Main Idea



Applications for Life and Faith

1. Why is important spiritual maturity to for the church?
2. Why is every member’s involvement in the ministry important for the church?

3. What does it mean to speak the truth in love?
 - a. In what ways do we fail to do so?
4. How can we strive to be more like a church described in v.16?