

Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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Ephesians 5:1-21

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
 - Characteristics of a Christian (v.1-3)
 - humble
 - gentle
 - patient bearing in love
 - **unity** of the Spirit.
 - The reason (v.4-6)
 - Because we are one...
 - body
 - Spirit
 - hope
 - call
 - Lord
 - faith
 - baptism
 - God and Father of all.

What was Chapter 4:7-16 about?

- Part 1 – Christ Gave Gifts to Men
 - Christ was victorious and gave the church gifts.
 - apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers.
- Part 2 – The Building Up of the Body of Christ
 - Work of ministry
 - Spiritual maturity
 - Not wavering by deceit and human philosophies and human cunning.
 - Instead, when every member is functioning properly, building itself up in love.

What was Chapter 4:17-32 about?

- Put Off/Put On
- Characteristics of the Old Self vs. the New Self

Part 1. Two Principles of the New Life in Christ

- What does it mean to be a Christian? **What does it mean to live like a Christian?**
- What does the “therefore” refer to (v.1)?
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 - **hint: Eph 4:17-24
- What are the two principles of the new life in Christ (v.1-2)?
 - 1) Be _____ of God
 - Why? you are _____
 - 2) Walk in _____
 - Why? Christ _____ and _____ for us.
 - περιπατέω – walk
 - *We have a completely new identity and history, and that dictates our life from now on.

Part 2. Be Who You Are

- **What does it mean to live as a Christian?
- What are all the things contrary to the new life in Christ (v.3-4)?
 - 1) _____ (v.3)
 - 2) _____ (v.3)
 - 3) _____ (v.3)
 - Why?
 - because it is not _____ among saints (v.3).
 - 4) _____ (v.4)
 - 5) _____ (v.4)
 - 6) _____ (v.4)
 - Instead?
 - let there be _____ (v.4).
 - Why are these things not fitting for a Christian (v.5)
 - They have no _____ in the _____ of Christ and God.
- To participate in these things is to become _____ with them (v.7).

- What does “empty words” in v.6 remind you of?
 - **hint: Eph 4:14.
- What does v.8 remind you of?
 - **hint: Eph 2:1-3, Eph 2:11-12
- v.9 – Ephesians 5:2 said, “Walk in love.” Here it says we should walk _____ .
 - What is light supposed to do (v.11)?
- v.15 – Ephesians 5:2, 5:9, now how should we walk?
- v.16 – What does it mean to “make best of the time”?
 - “ἐξαγοράζω” – to redeem/to purchase.
 - “καιρόν” – time/season (the time that we live in)
- *Try to find all the sets of contrasting ideas in Ephesians 5:3-18.*
- v.18 – What is the result of drunkenness?
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 - You lose control. – that is the opposite of redeeming the time/make the best of the time.
- What are the results of being Spirit-filled (v.19-21)?
 - 1) _____ in psalm and hymns and spiritual songs
 - “λαλοῦντες” – speaking
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____ melody to the Lord with your heart
 - singing songs about and to God becomes our new language
 - 4) _____ always and for everything to God
 - in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 5) _____ to one another
 - out of reverence for Christ
 - **Why is this a form of reverence to Christ?
 - These are ways to redeem the time/make the best of the time.
- *The words “καθώς” and “ὡς” are very important in this passage.*
 - *appears total of 6 times in this passage.*

Main Idea

We as Christians should live/walk like who we really are in love, holiness, and wisdom, because we are children of God, children of the light, and servants of Jesus Christ.

Applications for Life and Faith

1. Are you walking in love, holiness, and wisdom?
2. Are you walking in ways contrary to God?
3. What thoughts are you thinking?
4. What songs are you singing?