

Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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Ephesians 6:1-9

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?

- Part 1 – Put Off/Put On
- Part 2 – Characteristics of the Old Self vs. the New Self

What was Chapter 5:1-21 about?

- Part 1 – Two Principles of the New Life in Christ (v.1-2)
 - 1) Be imitators of God (v.1).
 - 2) Walk in love (v.2).
- Part 2 – Be Who You Are (v.3-21)
- **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.**

What was Chapter 5:22-33 about?

- Part 1 – Instruction to Wives (v.22-24)
- Part 2 – Instruction to Husbands (v.25-30)
- Part 3 – The Great Mystery (v.31-33)
- **Main idea - Wives should wholly submit to their husbands, and husbands should sacrificially love their wives, because the marriage union between man and woman reflects the union between Christ and the church.**

Part 1. Instruction to Children (v.1-3)

- What is the main exhortation to children (v.1)?
 - To _____ their own parents in the Lord.
- What is the basis for this exhortation (v.2-3)?
 - “Honor your father and mother that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
 - the _____ of the Ten Commandments.
 - **Exodus 20
 - v.2
 - **This is the first commandment with a promise.
 - Abrahamic Covenant.
 - **Genesis 12:1-3 – “Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to *the land* that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the *families of the earth* shall be blessed.”
 - **Deuteronomy 5:33 - You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.
 - **The sanctity of the family.**
- Question: What does it mean for children to obey their parents in the Lord?
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Part 2. Instruction to Parents (v.4)

- What is the main exhortation to parents (v.4)?
 - Do not _____ your children to _____ but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
 - Question: What does it mean to provoke children to anger?
- What is the standard of raising children (v.4b)?
 - in the _____ and _____ of the Lord.
- Question: What does it mean for parents to raise up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord?

Part 3. Instruction to Servants (v.5-8)

- What is the modern-day equivalent to servants?
 - **Is this applicable to us?
 - employee/manager (owner)
- What is the main exhortation to servants (employees) (v.5)?
 - To _____ their masters with _____ and _____.
- What does this look like (v.6-7)?

- NOT _____
- BUT _____ and as if you were serving the _____.
- **What is the basis for this exhortation/command (v.8)?**
 - knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will _____ from the Lord.
 - (whether servant or free).
 - **reward – similar to children.
- Question: What does it mean for servants to obey their earthly masters with fear and trembling?

Part 4. Instruction to Masters (v.9)

- **What is the modern-day equivalent to masters?**
 - **Is this applicable to us?
 - Manager/Boss/Owner
- **What is the main exhortation to masters (v.9a)?**
 - To do _____ to their servants and to not _____ them.
 - Question: What does it mean to threaten servants?
- **What is the basis for this exhortation (v.9b)?**
 - knowing that there is a **Master** in _____.
 - He shows no partiality.
 - *What does this mean?
 - Not favoring.
 - “How you treat others, he’ll treat you.”
- Question: What does it mean for masters to do good to their servants and not threaten them?
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Main Idea

Our closest, daily relationships should be honorable as they are informed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All of the relationships are “Christ-informed” but only marriage is “Christ-resembled”.

Applications for Life and Faith

1. How is this Christian view of children/parents, employee (servant)/boss (master) different from the world’s?
2. Are there ways I have *not* been a good son/daughter, father/mother, employee/boss?
3. Are there ways I have been a good son/daughter, father/mother, employee/boss?
4. How is my perspective about these relationships changed knowing that they are all informed by our relationship with the Lord?