

# Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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## Ephesians 6:21-24

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.**

### **What was Chapter 6:1-9 about?**

- Part 1 – Instruction to Children (v.1-3)
- Part 2 – Instruction to Parents (v.4)
- Part 3 – Instruction to Servants (v.5-8)
- Part 4 – Instruction to Masters (v.9)
- **Main idea - Our closest, daily relationships should be honorable as they are informed by the Lord Jesus Christ.**

### What was Chapter 6:10-20 about?

- The Whole Armor of God
  - Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
  - Take up the whole armor of God.
    - Belt of truth
    - Breastplate of righteousness
    - boots of the gospel of peace
    - shield of faith
    - helmet of salvation
    - sword of the Spirit
- **Main idea - We, Christians, fight a spiritual battle against the devil and spiritual forces; therefore, we must put on the whole armor of God and fight the battle through constant prayer.**

## Conclusion – Final Greetings (v.21-24)

- Who is mentioned at the end of the letter (v.21)?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \*Remember that Paul is in prison as he writes this letter.
      - Ref. Ephesians 6:19-20
    - \*\*Tychicus is mentioned as one of Paul’s missionary companions in Acts 20:4.
    - \*\*\*Tychicus is also mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:12 – dispatched to Ephesus for gospel work.
  - What was his purpose/objective?
    - 1) you may \_\_\_\_\_ how we are
    - 2) he may \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts
      - παρακαλέω – encourage, urge, exhort
      - \*\*Same word used in Ephesians 4:1
      - *Exhortation is not merely “scolding”, but rather “instructing towards encouragement”.*
    - \*\*Compare Philipians
- What three blessings does Paul’s farewell statement consist of (v.23-24)?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to the brothers
    - εἰρήνη – peace
      - Ephesians 1:2, 2:14, 2:15, 2:17, 4:3, 6:15
    - *Peace is not merely “emptiness” or “quietness”. Peace is “reconciliation” and “as things should be”.*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with faith
    - Ref. Colossians 1:4 – “we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.”
  - \_\_\_\_\_ with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ *with immortality.*

## Main Idea

**The Christian ministry/work is a partnership work to be shared with others (both in knowing each other’s work and encouraging each other) and filled with prayers of blessing for each other.**

## Applications for Life and Faith

1. To have companions in the Christian faith – how is this different from the world’s view/attitude about life?
2. Let’s think about our Christian relationships – how involved are they in knowing your spiritual well-being as a Christian (and vice-versa) right now?
3. How much are you flourishing in peace, love, faith, grace, and immortality right now?