

The Epistle to the
Ephesians

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AUTHOR: The apostle Paul (**1:1; 3:1**). Early sources in church history that attribute this letter to Paul include: Irenaeus (200 A.D.), Clement of Alexandria (200 A.D.), and Origen (250 A.D.). Polycarp (125 A.D.) attests to its canonicity in his own epistle to the Philippians (chapter 12).

THE RECIPIENTS: There are reasons to believe that this epistle was not designed for just one congregation, but intended to be passed around to several churches in the area surrounding Ephesus. The earliest manuscripts do not contain the phrase "in Ephesus" (cf. **1:1**). The epistle itself is in the form of a general treatise rather than as a letter written to a specific church. For example, there are no specific exhortations or personal greetings. It is thought by some (Conybeare and Howson) that this letter is the epistle that was first sent to Laodicea (cf. **Co 4:16**), and designed to be shared with other churches, including Ephesus. Because Ephesus was the leading city of the region, and the main center of Paul's missionary activity in the area (cf. **Ac 19:1,8-10**), it is understandable why later scribes might have assigned this epistle to the church at Ephesus. Without question it was intended for **"the saints ...and faithful in Christ Jesus."** (**1:1**)

PAUL'S MINISTRY IN THE REGION: Paul first came to Ephesus for a short visit toward the end of his second missionary journey (**Ac 18:18-19**). Located on the SW coast of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), Ephesus was one of the great cities in that part of the world. A Roman capital, it was a wealthy commercial center and home for the worship of the goddess Diana (cf. **Ac 19:23-41**). Though Paul briefly studied with the Jews at the local synagogue and was invited to stay longer, he made plans to visit them again after a quick trip to Jerusalem (**Ac 18:20-21**).

On his third missionary journey Paul made it back to Ephesus for an extended stay of three years (cf. **Ac 19:1,10; 20:31**). After his initial success in converting twelve disciples of John (**Ac 19:1-7**), Paul spent three months teaching in the local synagogue (**Ac 19:8**). Resistance to his doctrine forced him to leave the synagogue, but he was able to continue teaching in the school of Tyrannus for a period of two years. The end result is that the gospel spread from Ephesus throughout Asia Minor (**Ac 19:9-10**). A disturbance created by some of the local idol makers finally forced Paul to leave Ephesus (**Ac 19:23-20:1**).

Toward the end of his third journey, Paul stopped at nearby Miletus, and met with the elders of the church at Ephesus. Reminding them of his work with them, he charged them to fulfill their own responsibilities as overseers of the flock of God, and then bid them a tearful farewell (**Ac 20:17-38**).

TIME AND PLACE OF WRITING: Ephesians is one of Paul's four "prison epistles" (**3:1; 4:1; 6:20**; cf. Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon). The general consensus is that these epistles were written during Paul's imprisonment at Rome (cf. **Ac 28:16,30-31**). If such is truly the case, then Paul wrote Ephesians around **61-63 A.D.** from **Rome**. The indication is that the epistles to the Colossians, Philemon and the Ephesians were carried to their destination by Tychicus and Onesimus (cf. **6:21-22; Co 4:7-9; Phile 10-12**).

PURPOSE OF THE EPISTLE: Unlike other epistles written to specific churches, this epistle does not deal with specific problems in a local congregation. Instead, Paul addressed great themes that pertain to the Christian's position in Christ, as a member of the body of Christ, the church. As expressed in his prayer for his readers, it was his desire that they might know:

*** What is the hope of God's calling (1:18)**

*** What are the glorious riches of God's inheritance in the saints (1:18)**

*** What is God's great power toward those who believe (1:19)**

In the first three chapters, Paul answers his own prayer by expounding upon their spiritual blessings in Christ. The last three chapters focus on the conduct (or "walk", cf. **4:1,17; 5:2,8,15**) expected of those so richly blessed. Therefore Paul writes to:

*** Remind Christians of their spiritual blessings in Christ (1:3)**

*** Exhort Christians to have a "walk worthy of the calling with which you were called" (4:1)**

THEME OF THE EPISTLE: A grand epistle like Ephesians almost defies coming up with one main theme. With its exalted view of the church in God's plan of redemption, it is common to suggest the theme as "**The Church, The Fullness of Christ**". Another theme which does justice to the content of the epistle and one that I suggest for this study is that offered by Warren Wiersbe:

"THE BELIEVER'S RICHES IN CHRIST"

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 1:3

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,"

OUTLINE:

(adapted from The Bible Exposition Commentary, Vol. 2, Warren W. Wiersbe, p.7):

INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

I. DOCTRINE: OUR RICHES IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

A. OUR SPIRITUAL POSSESSIONS IN CHRIST (1:3-14)

1. From the Father (**1:4-6**)
 2. From the Son (**1:7-12**)
 3. From the Spirit (**1:13-14**)
- First Prayer: for enlightenment (**1:15-23**)

B. OUR SPIRITUAL POSITION IN CHRIST (2:1-22)

1. Raised and seated on the throne (**2:1-10**)
 2. Reconciled and set into the temple (**2:11-22**)
- Second Prayer: for enablement (**3:1-21**; with verses 2-13 as a parenthesis)

II. DUTY: OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHRIST (4:1-6:20)

A. A CALL TO WALK IN UNITY (4:1-16)

1. Preserving the unity of the Spirit with proper attitudes (**4:1-7**)
2. Edifying the body of Christ by the grace given us (**4:8-16**)

B. A CALL TO WALK IN PURITY (4:17-5:21)

1. Walk not as other Gentiles (**4:17-32**)
2. Walk in love (**5:1-6**)
3. Walk as children of light (**5:7-14**)
4. Walk as wise (**5:15-21**)

C. A CALL TO WALK IN HARMONY (5:22-6:9)

1. Husbands and wives (**5:22-33**)
2. Parents and children (**6:1-4**)
3. Masters and servants (**6:5-9**)

D. A CALL TO WALK IN VICTORY (6:10-20)

1. Standing strong in the power of the Lord (**6:10-13**)
2. Equipped with the whole armor of God (**6:14-20**)

CONCLUSION (6:21-24)

Lesson 1
Chapter 1 (Vs.1-14)

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| 1. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints that are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus:
2. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ:
4. even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love:
5. having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
6. to the praise of the glory of his grace, which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved:
7. in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
8. which he made to abound toward us in all | wisdom and prudence,
9. making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him
10. unto a dispensation of the fulness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, [I say,]
11. in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will;
12. to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ:
13. in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,-- in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,
14. which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of [God's] own possession, unto the praise of his glory. |
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Questions

1. How was Paul's apostleship through the will of God? _____

2. What does the phrase "Grace to you" seem to indicate? _____

3. What type of blessings are "spiritual blessings in the heavenly places"? _____

4. What is unique about being chosen before the world was created? _____

5. How are we adopted as sons? _____

6. What has been provided to us through Jesus Christ? _____

7. What does the phrase "to sum up all things" indicate about Jesus? _____

8. What is involved in being made an Heritage? _____

9. How are we sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise? _____

10. What is an inheritance? _____

Lesson 2
Chapter 1 (Vs. 15-23)

15. For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which [ye show] toward all the saints,
16. cease not to give thanks for you, making mention [of you] in my prayers;
17. that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him;
18. having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
19. and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to

that working of the strength of his might
20. which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly [places],
21. far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
22. and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church,
23. which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Questions

1. What had Paul Heard concerning theses Christians? _____

2. What was Paul's prayer for them? _____

3. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom in vs. 17? _____

4. Describe the eyes of our heart and how is it enlightened. _____

5. Who will receive the greatness of his power? _____

6. When was this greatness of power demonstrated? _____

7. What does "made him to sit" seem to indicate? _____

8. How far does the rule and authority of Jesus extend? _____

9. What does "he put all things" seem to indicate? _____

10. What is the church? _____

11. What is Jesus relationship to the church? _____

Lesson 3
Chapter 2 (Vs. 1-12)

1. And you [did he make alive,] when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins,
2. wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience;
3. among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:--
4. but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5. even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved),
6. and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly [places], in Christ Jesus:

7. that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus:
8. for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God;
9. not of works, that no man should glory.
10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.
11. Wherefore remember, that once ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands;
12. that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Questions

1. Why are trespasses and sins considered death? _____

2. What is the course of this world? _____

3. According to their nature, what were the children of wrath doing? _____

4. What does vs 4 tell us about the nature of God? _____

5. How have we been made alive? _____
6. What are the privileges of us being made alive? _____

7. What will be shown in the ages to come? _____

8. How are we saved? _____

9. What kind of works is Paul referring to in vs. 9? _____

10. For what were we created? _____

11. What were the Gentiles to remember? _____

Lesson 4
Chapter 2 (Vs.13-22)

13. But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ.
14. For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition,
15. having abolished in the flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, [so] making peace;
16. and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
17. and he came and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh:

18. for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father.
19. So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,
20. being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;
21. in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord;
22. in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Questions

1. What has the blood of Christ done? _____

2. Why is he called "our peace"? _____

3. What did Jesus abolish? _____

4. What did he create? _____

5. Who would be reconciled into one body? _____
6. How did Jesus destroy the enmity between the people? _____

7. What do we have through him? _____

8. What have we become through him? _____

9. What is the household of God built upon? _____

10. How is this household to be framed together? _____

11. What does this household become? _____

12. Why does God dwell there? _____

Lesson 5
Chapter 3 (Vs. 1-10)

1. For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles,-- 2. if so be that ye have heard of the dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; 3. how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4. whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 5. which in other generation was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6. [to wit], that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-	partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, 7. whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. 8. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9. and to make all men see what is the dispensation of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; 10. to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly [places] might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God,
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Questions

1. How was Paul a prisoner of Christ Jesus? _____

2. What had Paul been given for the Gentiles? _____

3. How did Paul learn of this dispensation? _____
4. What was Paul's desire when they read his letter? _____

5. Why was this not revealed in other generations? _____

6. What was revealed to the apostles and prophets? _____

7. What was the gift that Paul received from Jesus? _____

8. Why did Paul consider himself to be less than the least of all the saints? _____

9. What does Paul mean by "the unsearchable riches of Christ"? _____

10. How long ago does Paul say this "mystery" had been established? _____

11. What is the responsibility of the church? _____

Lesson 6
Chapter 3 (Vs. 11-21)

11. according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
12. in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him.
13. Wherefore I ask that ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which are your glory.
14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,
15. from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
16. that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man;

17. that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18. may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
19. and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.
20. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
21. unto him [be] the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

Questions

1. What is the eternal purpose mentioned in vs. 11? _____

2. What does our faith in him produce? _____

3. What were Paul's tribulations? _____

4. Who bares the name of the Father? _____

5. What was Paul's prayer to the Father? _____

6. What does "rooted and grounded" mean? _____

7. Why does Paul use the word apprehend in vs. 18? _____

8. What does the knowledge of the love of Christ do for us? _____

9. How are we able to exceed above what Paul asks of us? _____

10. What is the result of the person who exceeds? _____

Lesson 7
Chapter 4 (Vs. 1-16)

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| <p>1. I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called,</p> <p>2. with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;</p> <p>3. giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p> <p>4. [There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling;</p> <p>5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism,</p> <p>6. one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.</p> <p>7. But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.</p> <p>8. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men.</p> <p>9. (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth?</p> <p>10. He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)</p> | <p>11. And he gave some [to be] apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;</p> <p>12. for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ:</p> <p>13. till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:</p> <p>14. that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error;</p> <p>15. but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, [even] Christ;</p> <p>16. from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in [due] measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.</p> |
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Questions

1. Why are we to walk worthily? _____

2. How are we to walk? _____

3. What are we to diligently to do? _____

4. What are there one of? _____

5. How far does the authority of God reach? _____

6. To what extent has grace been given to us? _____

7. Who or what is the captivity that was led captive? _____

8. What does Paul relate about the resurrection of Jesus? _____

9. Who are the groups listed in vs. 11? _____

Lesson 7 (cont.)

10. What was to be the function of these groups of people? _____

11. What were the people to attain with the help of the religious leaders? _____

12. What were they to spiritually grow out of? _____

13. What were they to grow into? _____

14. How are the believers to be in comparison to the human body? _____

15. How is this body to build itself up? _____

Lesson 8
Chapter 4 (Vs. 17-32)

17. This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind,
18. being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart;
19. who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
20. But ye did not so learn Christ;
21. if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus:
22. that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit;
23. and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
24. and put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.
25. Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak

ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.
26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27. neither give place to the devil.
28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need.
29. Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear.
30. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption.
31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice:
32. and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.

Questions

1. How were they not to walk? _____

2. What does walking in vanity of mind produce? _____

3. What had the Gentiles given themselves up to? _____

4. What were they to put away? _____

5. What is the spirit of our mind? _____

6. How is the new man put on? _____

7. How are we to deal with each other? _____

8. What does it mean to not let the sun go down upon our wrath? _____

9. What is the benefit in labor? _____

Lesson 8 (Cont.)

10. What is our speech to be like? _____

11. What is grieving the Holy Spirit? _____

12. What has the Holy Spirit of God done for us? _____

13. What attitude should we have in putting away the things in vs. 31? _____

14. Describe the care that we should have for each other. _____

Lesson 9
Chapter 5 (Vs. 1-16)

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| <p>1. Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children;</p> <p>2. and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.</p> <p>3. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints;</p> <p>4. nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks.</p> <p>5. For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.</p> <p>6. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience.</p> <p>7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them;</p> <p>8. For ye were once darkness, but are now light</p> | <p>in the Lord: walk as children of light</p> <p>9. (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth),</p> <p>10. proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord;</p> <p>11. and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them;</p> <p>12. for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of.</p> <p>13. But all things when they are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light.</p> <p>14. Wherefore [he] saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.</p> <p>15. Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise;</p> <p>16. redeeming the time, because the days are evil.</p> |
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Questions

1. How are we to be imitators of God? _____
2. How did Christ give himself for us? _____

3. What is unbecoming of the saints? _____

4. What is inappropriate speech? _____

5. Who will not inherit the kingdom of Christ? _____

6. What do the sons of disobedience teach? _____

7. What will they and those who partake with them receive? _____

8. What does Paul tell them about being children of light? _____

9. What should be our attitude toward the works of darkness? _____

10. What is the light able to do? _____

Lesson 9 (Cont.)

11. How are those not of Christ described as? _____

12. How should we walk? _____

13. What does it mean to redeem the time? _____

14. How does Paul consider the time that they were living in? _____

Lesson 10
Chapter 5 (Vs. 17-33)

17. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18. And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit;
19. speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
20. giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
21. subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ.
22. Wives, [be in subjection] unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, [being] himself the saviour of the body.
24. But as the church is subject to Christ, so [let] the wives also [be] to their husbands in everything.
25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;

26. that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,
27. that he might present the church to himself a glorious [church], not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
28. Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself:
29. for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church;
30. because we are members of his body.
31. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.
32. This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church.
33. Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and [let] the wife [see] that she fear her husband.

Questions

1. Why should we be knowledgeable of God's word? _____

2. What is the result of drunkenness? _____

3. What should be the intent of our singing to God? _____

4. What should we be thankful of and who should we thank? _____

5. What does it mean to subject ourselves one to another? _____

6. What kind of subjection should wives have to their husbands? _____

7. Compare the headship of the husband to wife with that of Christ and the church. _____

8. Describe the extent that husbands are to love their wives. _____

Lesson 10 (Cont.)

9. How has the church been santified? _____

10.How has Christ prepared the church? _____

11.What should be the attitude of husbands toward their wives? _____

12.Compare the husband and wife relationship with the relationship of Christ and the church. _

13.Define the word cleave. _____

14.What kind of love is Paul describing in vs. 33? _____

15.What kind of fear should the wife have tworad her husband? _____

Lesson 11
Chapter 6 (Vs. 1-9)

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
2. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise),
3. that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.
5. Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6. not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
7. with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men:
8. knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, whether [he be] bond or free.
9. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening: knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him

Questions

1. What is significant about obedience to our parents being in the Lord? _____

2. What does it mean to Honor our parents? _____

3. Why is Honoring our parents the first commandment with promise? _____

4. What is the promise? _____

5. How are fathers to treat their children? _____

6. What does nurturing them with chastening and admonition do for the children? _____

7. How are servants to treat their masters? _____

8. What does this type of treatment demonstrate? _____

9. What should the servants attitude be in serving their masters? _____

10. What is the promise in vs. 8? _____

11. How are masters to treat their servants? _____

12. What does Paul remind those with servants about Jesus? _____

Lesson 12
Chapter 6 (Vs. 10-24)

10. Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might.

11. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].

13. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.

14. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15. and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16. withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil [one].

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18. with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints,

19. And on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20. for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21. But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

22. whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23. Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ with [a love] incorruptible.

Questions

1. How can one be strong in the Lord? _____

2. What does it mean to put on the whole armor of God? _____

3. Who is our war with? _____

4. What is the whole armor of God and how does one put it on? _____

5. What is the evil day that Paul speaks of in vs. 13? _____

6. What does vs. 14 say that we are to put on? _____

7. What does vs. 15 say that we are to put on? _____

8. What does vs 16 say that we are to take up? _____

9. What does vs. 17 say that we are to take up? _____

10. How important is prayer as it is encouraged in vs. 18? _____

Lesson 12 (Cont.)

11. What are we to do in behalf of all the saints? _____

12. Why was prayer and watching important for Paul?

13. Why was Paul an ambassador in chains? _____

14. How does one speak boldly?

15. Who was Tychicus? _____

16. What was Tychicus to do? _____

17. What three things did Paul desire for them as he closed this letter? _____