



Bible Books - Chapter by Chapter Series

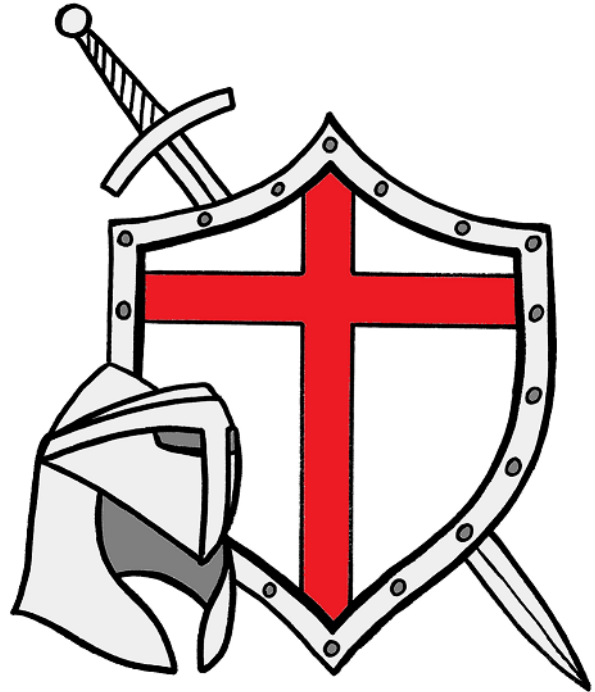
Ephesians

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Lesson Topic

- 1 Chapter 1 –
- 2 Chapter 2 –
- 3 Chapter 3 –
- 4 Chapter 4 –
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It is difficult to say with certainty what Ephesians as a whole is about. Many commentators have widely different views. Most agree the first three chapters are about what God has done for us because of his love for us and that the last three chapters are about what God expects from us because of His love for us. As you read it you will form your own opinion.



Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's chapter aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

In this particular course we have a lot more "For further thought" questions than usual. If your class likes to discuss them you might want to plan for a longer time, or take more than one class session per lesson.

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Ephesians Introduction

I believe Ephesians is about Jesus Christ and His church, that is to say us. This was suggested to me by the exhortation to the marriage partners in Ephesians 5:21-33 when I noticed that in verse 32 Paul says, "This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church." Suppose instead of using Christ and the church as an example of how married people should treat each other Paul was using a commonly held understanding of marriage to show how Christ related to the church? It seems it could be taken either way. Remarkably the entire letter could be taken either way. A closer examination revealed that the entire book could be outlined as word pictures showing different aspects of the relationship between Christ and His church. As you read it try to find other word pictures like this. I found at least 3 in each.

Read Ephesians Chapter 1 and answer these questions:

[1A] When was it planned that we should be holy and without blame? _____

[1B] Through what do we obtain redemption? _____

[1C] After trusting or believing in Jesus Christ by what is the believer sealed? _____

[1D] How often does Paul give thanks for the Ephesians' faith and love? _____

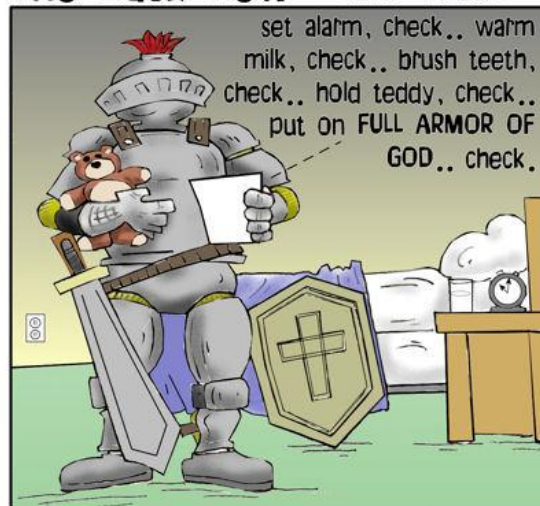
[1E] What has God put under Christ's feet or authority? _____

[1F] What word pictures did you find in Ephesians chapter 1 about Jesus and the church?

[1G] In Eph 1:13 is the "holy Spirit of promise" the same as The Holy Spirit? Why?

Think & Pray _____

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Real men wear... FULL METAL PJS

Ephesians 6:11 - Nighttime when alone with our thoughts and worries is the perfect time to wear the FULL ARMOR OF GOD!

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 1

[1A] When was it planned that we should be holy and without blame?

Before the foundation of the world Eph 1:4

[1B] Through what do we obtain redemption? His blood Eph 1:7

[1C] After trusting or believing in Jesus Christ by what is the believer sealed?

Holy Spirit of Promise Eph 1:13

[1D] How often does Paul give thanks for the Ephesians' faith and love?

Paul does not cease or stop Eph 1:16

[1E] What has God put under Christ's feet or authority? All things Eph 1:22

[1F] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 1:

Jesus Christ is one with God the Father, we are God's children - Ephesians 1:1-6

Jesus Christ is both the Teacher & Lesson, we are the Learners - Ephesians 1:8-18

Jesus Christ is the Gift and the Giver, we are the recipients. - Ephesians 1:11-18

Jesus Christ is the Believed, we are the believers - Ephesians 1:12-16

Jesus Christ is the Ruler, we are the subjects of His dominion - Ephesians 1:19-22

Jesus Christ is the Head, we are His body - Ephesians 1:21-22

[1G] Yes. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit in John 14:15-27. Ephesians 2:18 and 4:4 teach there is only one Spirit, so it has to be the same.

For further thought:

Eph 1:1 - Was this letter written to you? How do you know?

Eph 1:2 - Have you received the grace and peace that was sent to the reader of this epistle? Please explain.

Eph 1:3 - What does "heavenly places in Christ" mean, and why would Paul "bless" God?

Eph 1:4 - What does "before him in love" mean?

Eph 1:5 - What does "according to the good pleasure of his will" mean?

Eph 1:6 - What does "glory of his grace" mean to you? Why?

Eph 1:7 - Redemption and forgiveness are mentioned together here. Are they related? How?

Eph 1:8 seems to imply that God would give us more if it were wise and prudent to do so.

Eph 1:9 - What does "mystery of His will" mean? Explain.

Eph 1:10 - What does "dispensation of the fullness of times" mean? Explain.

Eph 1:11 - What inheritance have we obtained?

Eph 1:12 - Explain "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted Christ."

Eph 1:12 and Eph 1:14 both use the phrase "the praise of his glory." What does it mean?

Eph 1:13 - Does this verse say that "the gospel of your salvation" is the same thing as "the word of truth"? How do you know? What does it mean to be "sealed with the holy Spirit of promise"?

Eph 1:14 - What is "the purchased possession"?

Eph 1:16 - If Paul were to cease not to mention you in his prayers what would you want him to be saying to God concerning you?

Eph 1:17 - Is the "spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him" the same as the Holy Spirit? How does this compare with Ephesians 1:13? How does this compare with Exodus 28:3, Deuteronomy 34:9 and Isaiah 11:1-4?

Eph 1:18 - What are "the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints?" What does "hope of his calling" mean?

Eph 1:19 - Explain "exceeding greatness of his power toward us."

Eph 1:20 "Which" refers back to what?

Eph 1:21 How would you classify the five things on this list?

Eph 1:22 What does it mean to have something put under your feet?

Eph 1:23 What does "fullness of him that fills all in all" mean?

We have a course of five lessons on just Ephesians Chapter 1 if you want to go more in depth into this chapter.

Read Ephesians Chapter 2 and answer these questions:

[2A] The spirit that works in the children or sons of disobedience is given what title?

[2B] What are we saved by?

[2C] Why are we not saved by works?

[2D] Who broke down the wall between us?

[2E] Instead of strangers and foreigners we have become what?

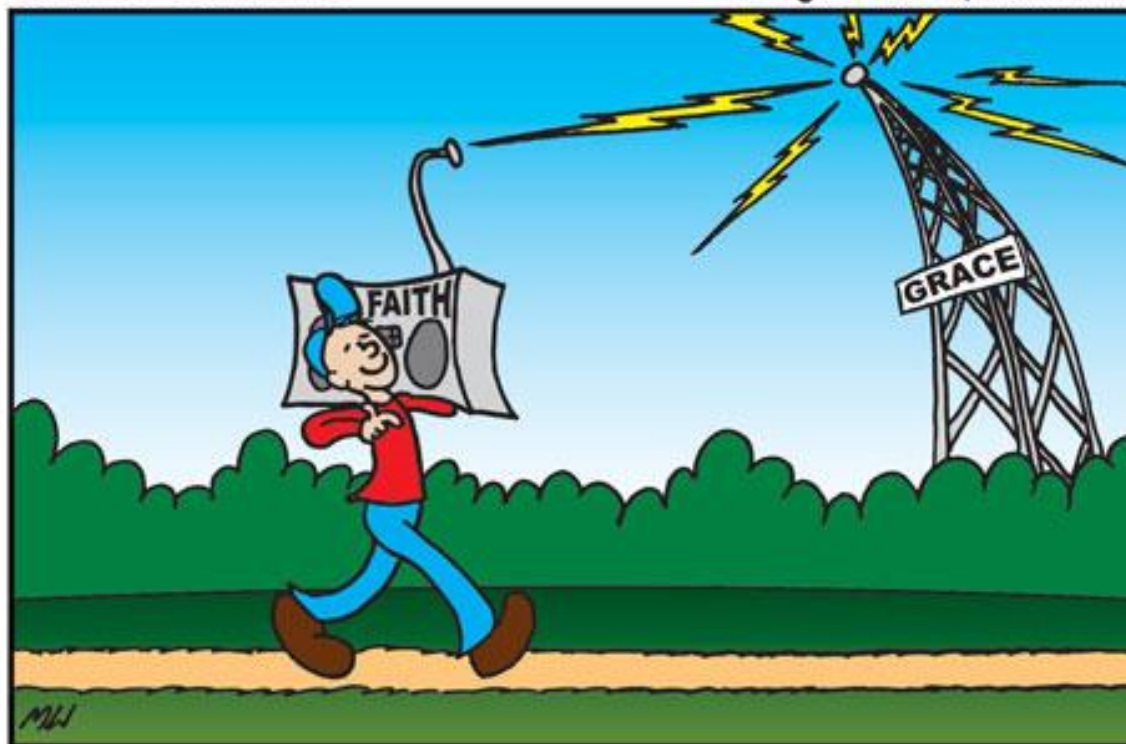
[2F] What word pictures about Jesus and the church did you find in Ephesians Chapter 2?

[2G] Whose fault is it if we are lost? Who gets the credit when we are saved?

Think & Pray

GRACE RADIO

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — EPHESIANS 2:8 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 2

- [2A] The spirit that works in the children or sons of disobedience is given what title?
Prince of the power of the air Eph 2:2
- [2B] What are we saved by? Grace Eph 2:5
- [2C] Why are we not saved by works? Lest any man should boast or so no one can boast Eph 2:9
- [2D] Who broke down the wall between us? Jesus Christ Eph 2:14
- [2E] Instead of strangers and foreigners we have become what?
Fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God Eph 2:19
- [2F] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 2:
Jesus Christ is the Gift and the Giver, we are the recipients. - Ephesians 2:6-9
Jesus Christ is the Creator, we are His workmanship - Ephesians 2:10
Jesus Christ is the Savior, we are the saved. - Ephesians 2:1-18
Jesus Christ is the Corner Stone of the Foundation, we are His temple - Ephesians 2:19-22
- [2G] It is our fault. We are the ones who sin. He saves us according to His generosity. Eph 2:1-10
In my opinion, if you are the hero of your autobiography, you don't understand reality.

For further thought:

- Eph 2:1 Who do the pronouns "you" and "he" refer to? How do you know?
- Eph 2:1 Have you been "quickened" or are you still "dead in trespasses and sins?" How do you know?
- Eph 2:2 Who is "the prince of the power of the air"? Why does Paul use this particular title in this context?
- Eph 2:3 How were we different than the children of disobedience mentioned in verse 2?
- Eph 2:4 - How much does God love us?
- Eph 2:5 - What does "dead in sins" mean?
- Eph 2:6 - What does it mean to "sit together in heavenly places" with Christ?
- Eph 2:7 - What does "exceeding riches of his grace" mean?
- Eph 2:8 - How are faith and grace related to our salvation?
- Eph 2:9 - Why is it important that no one be able to boast?
- Eph 2:10 - What does "created in Christ Jesus" mean?
- Eph 2:11-12 - Why does Paul want us to remember our lost condition?
- Eph 2:12 - What are the "covenants of promise"?
- Eph 2:13 - How can the blood of Christ bring us closer? Closer to what or whom?
- Eph 2:14 - What is the "middle wall of partition between us"? Who is on one side and who is on the other side of this wall? Where do you fit into this picture?
- Eph 2:15 - What does "abolished in his flesh" mean? When Paul says "make in himself of twain one new man" who is the "new man" and who were the "twain" (two) old men?
- Eph 2:16 - What does the cross have to do with reconciliation? Is he talking about reconciliation between God and men, between Jews and Gentiles, or between all three? How do you know?
- Eph 2:17 - This is a quote from Isaiah 57:19. How does the context of Isaiah 57 help us understand this verse?
- Eph 2:17 - When he says "peace" which of the five possible meanings or "peace" does he mean?
- Eph 2:18 - To whom or what does "both" refer?
- Eph 2:19 - What does it mean to be "fellowcitizens with the saints"?
- Eph 2:20 - Who is doing the construction work of building upon the foundation?
- Eph 2:21 - Describe "the holy temple in the Lord" which is being "fitly framed together."
- Eph 2:22 - Describe the "habitation of God" which is being "buildded together."

Read Ephesians Chapter 3 and answer these questions:

[3A] Who is Paul the prisoner of? _____

[3B] In whom do we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him? _____

[3C] Which four dimensions of the love of Christ is Paul asking that we be able to comprehend? _____

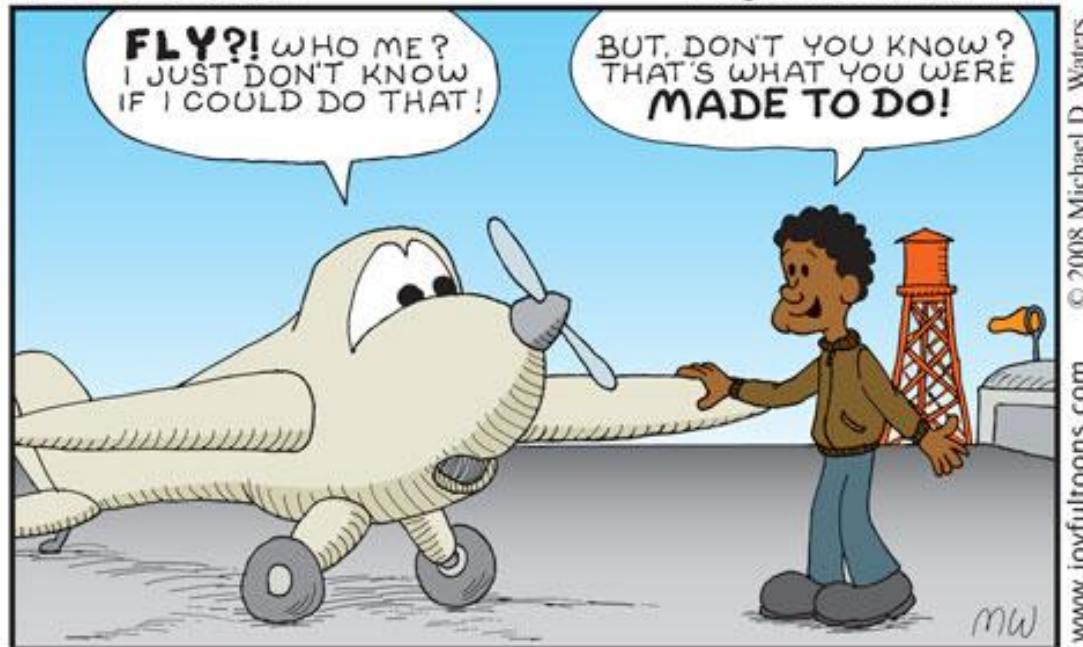
[3D] How long is there to be glory unto Him? _____

[3E] What word pictures about Jesus and the church did you find in Ephesians Chapter 3? _____

[3F] Have you ever been "strengthened with might by His Spirit" as it says in Eph 3:16? Explain.
Think & Pray _____

MADE TO FLY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 3

[3A] Who is Paul the prisoner of? of Jesus Christ [for the sake of Gentiles] Eph 3:1

[3B] In whom do we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.

Christ Jesus our Lord Eph 3:11-12

[3C] Which four dimensions of the love of Christ is Paul asking that we be able to comprehend?

breadth, and length, and depth, and height; Eph 3:18

[3D] How long is there to be glory unto Him?

throughout all ages, world without end, forever and ever, or to all generations Eph 3:21

[3E] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 3:

Jesus Christ is the Creator, we are His workmanship - Ephesians 3:9

Jesus Christ is the Message, we are messengers as well as hearers - Ephesians 3:1-12

Jesus Christ is our Strength, we are the weak. - Ephesians 3:13-16

[3F] Yes. There have many times when I was ready to give up and quit and some prayer and Bible reading turned me around. That can only be His doings. It did not come from me.

For further thought:

Eph 3:1. In what sense is Paul "the prisoner of Jesus Christ?" Why did Paul add the phrase "for you Gentiles?"

Eph 3:2. What does "dispensation of the grace of God" mean?

Eph 3:3. This verse implies that this letter is really Ephesians II because it mentions a previous letter. Why is Ephesians I not included in the New Testament?

Eph 3:4. Paul says he expects his readers to understand his knowledge by reading what he has written. Do you understand? How do you know?

Eph 3:5. How does the Spirit reveal things to men? Has the Spirit ever revealed anything to you? Explain.

Eph 3:6. Fellow heirs of what? What body?

Eph 3:7 - What does Paul mean by "gift of grace" and what does "the effectual working of his power," have to do with it. Has God made you a minister? How do you know?

Eph 3:8. If the riches of Christ are unsearchable how can anyone preach them?

Eph 3:8. When Paul says he is "less than the least of all saints" is it a statement of humility or an accurate assessment of his relative merit and worth? Why?

Eph 3:9. Compare "God, who created all things by Jesus Christ" with John 1:1-5. What light does the gospel passage throw on this one in Ephesians?

Eph 3:10. Who are "the principalities and powers in the heavenly places?" Where are the "heavenly places?" How can the church cause these "principalities and powers" to know the "manifold wisdom of God?" What is the "manifold wisdom of God?"

Eph 3:11. What is His eternal purpose? What does it mean to purpose something in someone else?

Eph 3:12. Boldness to do what? Access to what or whom? Do you have "access with confidence by the faith of Him?" How do you know? How is our boldness to approach God related to Christ Jesus our Lord?

Eph 3:13: How could Paul's tribulations be the glory of the reader?

Eph 3:14: What is the cause of Paul's bowing his knee?

Eph 3:15: Whose family? How can a family be in both the heaven and the earth? What name does this family have? Who is included in the "whole family?" Are you part of this family? How do you know?

Eph 3:16-19 Paul prays for five things for his readers: (A) Spiritual strength (B) Indwelling of Christ (C) Foundation of love (D) Comprehension and knowledge of the love of Christ (E) Fullness of God filling us. If you could only have three of these things which three would they be? Why?

Eph 3:17. Do you have Christ dwelling in your heart? How do you know?

Eph 3:18 - Comprehension happens within the mind. How can it be done "with all saints"? Why did Paul put the phrase "with all the saints" into this sentence? What does it add to the meaning?

Eph 3:19 - How can Paul pray that we know that which passeth knowledge? Isn't that a contradiction? How can we be filled with the fulness of God? Isn't that putting the infinite into the finite?

Eph 3:20. Did Paul mean "according to the power that worketh in us" to be understood as a limitation to what can be done for us or as an indication of there being no limits? Why?

Eph 3:21 - What does the phrase "world without end" add to the meaning of the verse ?

Read Ephesians Chapter 4 and answer these questions:

[4A] How many Spirits are there? _____

[4B] How many Lords are there? _____

[4C] How many Gods are there? _____

[4D] What are the five kinds of people given for the perfecting of the saints.

_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____,

[4E] How are we to speak the truth? _____

[4F] In what are we to be renewed? _____

[4G] We are not to allow our anger to cause us to do what? _____

[4H] What did God do, for the sake of, or in, Christ? _____

[4I] What word pictures about Jesus and the church did you find in Ephesians Chapter 4?

[4J] In Eph 4:11-13 it lists some offices or jobs in His church. Where do you fit in?

Think & Pray _____

For further thought:

Eph 4:1 - How do you "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called"? How do you know to which vocation you have been called?

Eph 4:1: What is your "vocation wherewith" you were called? How do you know?

Eph 4:2 - How do you walk in lowliness? in meekness? with longsuffering?

Eph 4:3: If you saw someone keeping "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" what would they be doing?

Eph 4:4 - What does "one hope of your calling" mean? How are you "called in" it?

Eph 4:5. Some take "one faith" to mean that there is only one denomination or system of beliefs that is true to the Bible. Others take it to mean that there is no distinction between Christians based on whether they are Jews or Gentiles, slaves or masters, males or females, etc. (Compare with Gal 3:28 & Col 3:11) Others have different interpretations. What do you think it means? Why?

Eph 4:7. Does "according to the measure of the gift of Christ" mean there is a limit on the grace we receive?

Eph 4:8 - Who "saith" what to whom? Who ascended up on high? What does "on high" mean? What is meant by "led captivity captive"? What gifts were given unto men? Why?

Eph 4:9 - What is meant by "lower parts of the earth"? If you were to go to the "lower parts of the earth" what would you find? It says that he descended before he ascended. What is it talking about?

Eph 4:10 - Explain "far above all heavens." Isn't heaven as high as you can go?

Eph 4:11 Compare this verse with 1 Corinthians 12:28 & Ephesians 2:20. How do these other verses change your understanding of Ephesians 4:11?

Eph 4:11-12 What is the difference between apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers? How do each of these five offices contribute to each of these three purposes?

Eph 4:13 How long do you think it will take for you to reach the goal of perfection? Explain.

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 4

[4A] How many Spirits are there? One Eph 4:4

[4B] How many Lords are there? One Eph 4:5

[4C] How many Gods are there? One Eph 4:6

[4D] What are the five kinds of people given for the perfecting of the saints.

apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers Eph 4:11

[4E] How are we to speak the truth? in love Eph 4:15

[4F] In what are we to be renewed? Spirit of your mind. Eph 4:23

[4G] We are not to allow our anger to cause us to do what? sin Eph 4:26

[4H] What did God do, for the sake of, or in, Christ. He forgave us. Eph 4:32

[4I] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 4:

Jesus Christ is both the Teacher & Lesson, we are the Learners - Ephesians 4:20

Jesus Christ is the Gift and the Giver, we are the recipients. - Ephesians 4:7-9

Jesus Christ is the Forgiver, we are the forgiven. - Ephesians 4:22-32

Jesus Christ is the Head, we are His body - Ephesians 4:4 and 4:15-16

[4J] I am a teacher. I preach from time to time, either as fill in for my pastor or in the jail ministry. I once even had the privilege of preaching to some congregations of a missionary in Mexico. I have led some people to Christ, which is the work of an evangelist. But I am mostly and primarily a teacher. I'm not trying to boast. I'm trying to get you to see that just because you are one of these it does not relieve you of the responsibility of the others when God puts you in a place where something else is needed.

For further thought:

Eph 4:14 - What is a "wind of doctrine"? Who are those who "lie in wait to deceive"?

Eph 4:15. How does "speaking the truth in love" help us "grow up into" Christ?

Eph 4:17-19. Compare these verses with Genesis 6:5 and Exodus 32:7-8. How are people today like they were in the past and how are they different?

Eph 4:18. What is the difference, if any, between a darkened understanding, a blind heart, and ignorance?

Eph 4:19. If you saw someone working "all uncleanness with greediness" what exactly would you be seeing them do? Give several examples. If you were "past feeling" how would you know it?

Eph 4:21. Jesus is not known to have gone to Ephesus or even Asia Minor. How could the Ephesians have been taught by Him or heard him?

Eph 4:22. What are "deceitful lusts" and how do you get rid of them?

Eph 4:22. What does "concerning the former conversation" mean?

Eph 4:22-24. Compare with Ephesians 2:14-16. When these two passages are taken together what do they tell you about what Paul means by the terms "old man" and "new man?"

Eph 4:23. Have you been "renewed in the spirit of your mind?" How do you know?

Eph 4:24. What does it mean to "put on the new man?"

Eph 4:25. "Wherefore" indicates that what follows is connected to what was said before. How is this passage related to the previous passage?

Eph 4:25. Why are we to speak the truth to our neighbors? What does "members of one of another" mean?

Eph 4:26. How can we prevent the sun from going down on our wrath?

Eph 4:27. How can we keep from giving "place" to the devil?

Eph 4:28. Why are former thieves to labor instead?

Eph 4:29. What does "corrupt communication" mean?

Eph 4:30. The last time you said something that ministered grace unto your listeners what did you say?

Eph 4:30: What does "sealed unto the day of redemption" mean?

Eph 4:30: How do we grieve the Holy Spirit of God?

Eph 4:31: What is "clamor" and why should we avoid doing it?

Eph 4:31: What is "evil speaking" and why should we avoid doing it?

Read Ephesians Chapter 5 and answer these questions:

[5A] In what are we to walk? _____

[5B] Instead of sinning and doing what is inconvenient, we are to do what instead? _____

[5C] With what are we not to have fellowship or participate? _____

[5D] Why are we to redeem or make the most of the time? _____

[5E] What are we to do instead of getting drunk? _____

[5F] For what are we to give thanks? _____

[5G] To whom are we to submit ourselves or be subject to? _____

[5H] For whom did Christ give Himself? _____

[5I] When people get married what do they become in the sight of God? _____

[5J] What word pictures about Jesus and the church did you find in Ephesians Chapter 5?

[5K] Ephesians 5:21 says to subject or submit ourselves to each other. Some people see this as introductory to the passage about marriage which follows, and therefore means that husbands are supposed to be obedient to their wives. Other people see it as a more general statement that Christians are supposed to love one another. Others have other interpretations. How do you see it?

Think & Pray _____

SHINE THE LIGHT

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Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.

— EPHESIANS 5:11-14 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 5

[5A] In what are we to walk? in love Eph 5:2

[5B] Instead of sinning and doing what is inconvenient, we are to do what instead? Give thanks Eph 5:4

[5C] With what are we *not* to have fellowship or participate?

the unfruitful works or deeds of darkness Eph 5:11

[5D] Why are we to redeem or make the most of the time? Because the days are evil Eph 5:16

[5E] What are we to do instead of getting drunk. Be filled with the Spirit Eph 5:18

[5F] For what are we to give thanks? All things Eph 5:20

[5G] To whom are we to submit ourselves or be subject to? Each other Eph 5:21

[5H] For whom did Christ give Himself? The Church Eph 5:25

[5I] When people get married what do they become in the sight of God? One flesh Eph 5:31

[5J] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 5:

Jesus Christ is the Savior, we are the saved. - Ephesians 5:2-5

Jesus Christ is the Guiding Light, we are the lost guided by Him - Ephesians 5:8-15

Jesus Christ is the Husband, we are His wife - Ephesians 5:21-33, especially 5:32

Jesus Christ is the Lover, we are the loved. - Ephesians 5:25-29

[5K] I believe Ephesians 5:21 is talking about mutual submission. This opinion has more to do with experience than Bible study, although I believe this idea can be shown in other Bible passages. I've been married 41 years in 2013. Most of the time she does exactly what I tell her to do, and I do exactly what she tells me to do. It works.

For further thought:

Eph 5: 1: How are we to follow God? Why?

Eph 5: 2: Do you "walk in love?" How do you know?

Eph 5: 3-4. Paul calls this list of sins unbecoming for saints and inconvenient. Why did he choose these two words rather than words like evil, wicked, etc.?

Eph 5: 4. Jesting is listed as something we should avoid doing? What is it? Why shouldn't we do it? Compare with Proverbs 26:18-19.

Eph 5: 6. To what does "because of these things" refer? What does "children of disobedience" mean?

Eph 5: 7. To whom does "them" refer in this verse? What does it mean to not be partakers with them?

Eph 5: 8. How were we sometimes darkness? In what sense are we now "light in the Lord?" How do you know?

Eph 5: 9. What does the word "all" add to the meaning of this verse?

Eph 5: 10. How can we prove what is acceptable to the Lord?

Eph 5: 11. Are we to reprove the works of darkness or the people who do those works? Why?

Eph 5: 12. How can we reprove what is done in secret without speaking about it?

Eph 5: 18. Does "speaking to yourselves" mean to literally talk to yourself or what?

Eph 5: 18. What does "be filled with the Spirit" mean? Is it a suggestion, command or invitation?

Eph 5: 19-21. Paul lists four things to do in order to be filled with the Spirit: speaking, singing, thanksgiving, and submitting. Describe how you do each of these in your life.

Eph 5: 20. Why does it say "God and the Father" instead of "God the Father?"

Eph 5: 22. Why did Paul include the words "your own" in this verse?

Eph 5: 23-25. What does "body" mean in this context? The church is subject unto Christ because He is our Savior. Why is it a good idea for a wife to be subject to her husband? How can a husband "give himself?"

Eph 5: 26. What does "washing of water by the word" mean?

Eph 5: 27. How can the church have a spot or wrinkle? Is the church holy and without blemish?

Eph 5: 28. How is a husband loving his wife the same as loving himself?

Eph 5: 29. Don't people who commit suicide hate their own flesh?

Eph 5: 30. Why does Paul mention three things of which we are members?

Eph 5: 31. In what sense is a married couple one flesh? What does "this cause" mean?

Eph 5: 32. What is a great mystery?

Read Ephesians Chapter 6 and answer these questions:

[6A] What are fathers not supposed to do with their children? _____

[6B] To whom are we to be obedient? _____

[6C] What is required to be able to stand against the wiles, schemes, or trickery, of the devil??

[6D] What is the "sword of the Spirit?" _____

[6E] How often are we to pray? _____

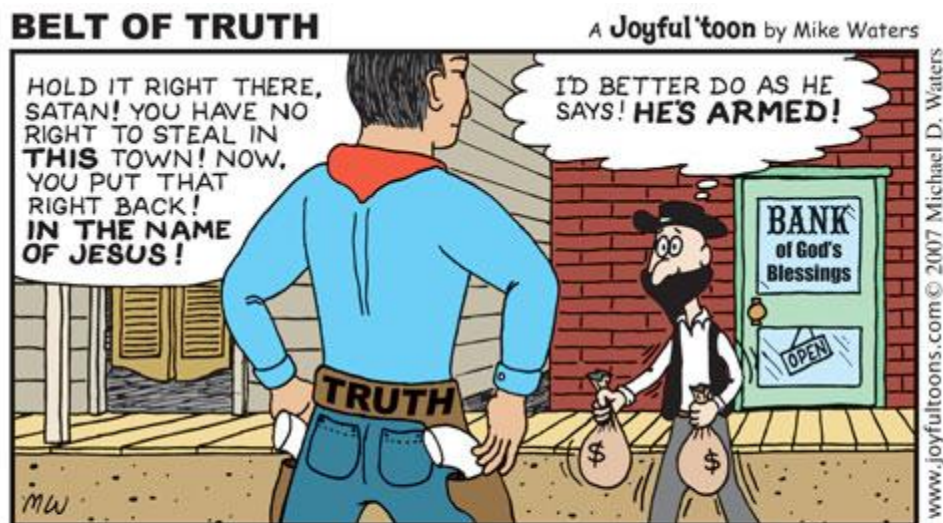
[6F] From what source do peace and love come? _____

[6G] What word pictures about Jesus and the church did you find in Ephesians Chapter 6?

[6H] Ephesians 6:1 says "Children, obey your parents *in the Lord* .." Does it mean your physical parents or some people who are mentoring you in the faith? If it means physical parents does it mean to obey them even after you become an adult? If it is talking about spiritual mentors what are the limits of their authority over you, if any?

Think & Pray _____

What did you learn in this course about Ephesians that you hope you remember forever?



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

- EPHESIANS 6: 13,14 NIV

----- ANSWERS -----

Ephesians Chapter 6

[6A] What are fathers *not* supposed to do with their children? Provoke them to wrath or anger Eph 6:4

[6B] To whom are we to be obedient? our masters according to the flesh Eph 6:5

[6C] What is required to be able to stand against the wiles, schemes, or trickery, of the devil?
the whole armor of God Eph 6:11

[6D] What is the "sword of the Spirit?" the word of God Eph 6:17

[6E] How often are we to pray? Always or at all times Eph 6:18

[6F] From what source do peace and love come? God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 6:23

[6G] Word pictures about Jesus and the church from chapter 6:

Jesus Christ is one with God the Father, we are God's children - Ephesians 6:1-4

Jesus Christ is the Gospel Message, we are messengers and hearers - Ephesians 6:19-24

Jesus Christ is our Strength, we are His soldiers. - Ephesians 6:10-20

Jesus Christ is our Master, we are His servants. - Ephesians 6:5-9

[6H] I believe Eph 6:4 makes it clear it is talking about physical parents. I think as long as your parents are providing for you, you should obey them regardless of your age. Once you are paying ALL of your bills obedience is no longer required, but you should continue to respect them and seek their advice. I don't think the Bible is explicit on this point, but the behavior of Biblical people seems to support it.

For further thought:

Eph 6:1-3. Is Ephesians 6:1-3 better understood by also reading Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16?

Eph 6:4. If you were to watch a father raising his children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" what exactly would you see him doing and saying? How does one provoke a child to wrath?

Eph 6:5. It also implies we are to be obedient to Christ with "singleness of heart." What does "singleness of heart" mean? How can you tell if you have it?

Eph 6:7. What is the difference between just "doing service" and "with good will doing service?"

Eph 6:8. There is a popular saying today that "you can't out give God." Radio and TV personalities are fond of using it when they are asking for donations. Does this verse confirm this saying? Why or why not?

Eph 6:9. What does Paul mean when he says our Master in heaven does not have "respect of persons?"

Eph 6:10. What are the sources of our strength? How do they make their way from their source to us?

Eph 6:11. Give some examples of "the wiles of the devil." How can spiritual armor be effective against these?

Eph 6:11-17. Compare with Hebrews 4:12, 2 Corinthians 6:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:8 and Isaiah 59:15-20. What light do these other passages shine on this passage in Ephesians?

Eph 6:12. Explain what each of these terms mean in the context of this verse: principalities, powers, rulers, darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places.

Eph 6:13. What is the "evil day?" When is the "evil day?" How will spiritual armor be effective in such a day?

Eph 6:14. Are you wearing a breast plate of righteousness right now? How do you know?

Eph 6:14. Is Ephesians 6:14 clarified by what Isaiah 11:5 and Isaiah 59:17 say?

Eph 6:15. What does "preparation of the gospel of peace" mean? Why does Paul associate this with something worn on the feet? What does a comparison of this verses and Isa 52:7 reveal?

Eph 6:16. What are some examples of "fiery darts of the wicked?" How does faith "quench" them?

Eph 6:17. Is there something about salvation that makes it particularly suitable for being a helmet? Could it be thought of as guarding the mind? If so, how does salvation guard the mind? Does Isaiah 59:17 help?

Eph 6:17. Some people seem to consider it an important point that the only item that is mentioned that is a aggressive or attacking weapon is the sword. Do you agree that this important? Why or why not?

Eph 6:18. Does Paul literally mean to always pray or does he mean that when we pray we are to always pray in the Spirit? What is meant by "watching ... for all saints?"

Eph 6:19. Paul asks his readers to pray for him to be effective in ministering the gospel. Do you pray for ministers of the gospel? Which ones? How often?

Eph 6:22. If Paul were to send Tychicus to you to comfort your heart, what would Tychicus need to do or say to give you comfort?

Eph 6:24. Do you "love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity?" How do you know?