

Ephesians: More Questions

Here are some additional questions for the Ephesians Bible study. Use these for personal or group study.

Chapter 1

- Can you think of someone who seems “beyond saving”? Without revealing any names, describe how you could help this person come to salvation.
- Why is it important to strike a balance between belief and behavior in your Christian walk? What happens when you have one but not the other?
- What are some ways you can support persecuted Christians in other parts of the world?

Chapter 2

- Ephesus had a reputation for magic and the occult. According to New Testament scholar Clint Arnold, “magic represented a means of harnessing spiritual power through rituals, incantations, and invocation.” Why do you think people then—and now—are drawn to magic?
- Is it ever a temptation for new believers to hang on to those things that gave them comfort before they became Christians? What are some of those “crutches” that are no longer appropriate for the believer?
- Even though he was in prison, Paul’s attitude was amazing. Think of a time when you were in a difficult place in your life. What kind of attitude did you have?

Chapter 3

- Why is it important to know Bible doctrine? (Doctrine is another word for truth.) Why is it even more important to put truth into practice?
- What is the definition of a saint? How does it feel to be a saint?
- What is your earthly identity? What is your spiritual identity?

Chapter 4

- Summarize what it means to be chosen by God.
- Summarize what it means for Jesus to purchase your freedom.
- Summarize what it means to have the Holy Spirit give you His guarantee.
- How can you be sure you’re saved?
- What is God’s overall purpose for you?

Chapter 5

- Read Paul’s prayer in 1:19-23. What can you learn about praying for others from Paul’s prayer?
- What does it mean to be saved by grace? Why do so many people think they can be saved by their works?
- How does 2:10 complete 2:8-9?

Chapter 6

- In what ways has God given you peace? How does this impact the way you get along with others?
- List three advantages to having access to the Father (2:18).
- Why is it important for Christians to get along? (See Psalm 133.)

Chapter 7

- According to 3:10-11, what is God's purpose for the church? Are you involved in a local church? Why or why not?
- Make note of the number of times Paul uses the words "love" and "peace" in 3:14-21. What can you learn from these verses?
- Read 3:20-21. How do these verses encourage you? How do they motivate you?

Chapter 8

- What are the seven aspects of unity listed in 4:4-6? How does each of these contribute to the overall unity found in Christ?
- Why does Paul compare immature believers to children?
- How does your spiritual gift (or gifts) complement the spiritual gifts of others?

Chapter 9

- Summarize the way the ungodly live. Now summarize the way the godly live. In a side-by-side comparison, which way of living is more productive?
- Which of the commands in 4:24-32 are the most difficult for you to follow? Why?
- What does it mean to have a transformed mind? What practical application does this have in your life?

Chapter 10

- What happens when Christians engage in the kind of behavior Paul describes in 5:3-5? What kind of message does that send to a watching world? How does such behavior impact a Christian's relationship with God?
- How do you find out what is pleasing to the Lord?
- What does it mean to live as a child of light? What practical things can you do to accomplish that?

Chapter 11

- How does your reverence for Christ affect how you submit to others?
- Try to find another verse in the Bible that states Jesus is God.
- Explain this sentence: *Authority doesn't mean tyranny, and submission doesn't mean inferiority.*

Chapter 12

- Have you ever struggled with submission? How can you grow in your submission to Christ?
- If you are a wife, how can your submission to your husband be more like your submission to Christ? If you are a husband, how can your love for your wife be more like Christ's love for the church?
- How can you show more love and respect to others?

Chapter 13

- Have you ever sensed that the battle around you is more spiritual than physical? Explain.
- What piece of armor is most critical to you as you fight your spiritual battles?
- How often do you ask others to pray for you? How often do you pray for others?