

Ephesians Study Questions

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"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Eph. 4:4-6 (ESV)

1. What is the "reason" for St. Paul's thanks and prayers?

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Verses 15-16

2. What elements or characteristics of this prayer seem to speak most profoundly to you?

3. What does Paul's prayer reveal about him, the Ephesians, and God?

4. Why do you think Paul is remembering them in this manner?

5. How do you pray for others? What steps or process do you go through to pray effectively?

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Verses 17-18

1. Why Pray for a spirit of wisdom? Revelation?
2. What does it mean to have the "eyes of your hearts enlightened"?
3. Paul writes, "that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you". Who is the "he" to whom Paul is referring and what is "the hope" of which he speaks?
4. What are "the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints" to which the Apostle is referring, to whom are they offered and how might they be exhibited in your life?
5. What is "the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe"? Whose power and how is it manifested?

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6. How does one know that he or she has been called by God?

Verses 17-18

7. To what is God presently calling you?

8. How does Paul describe Jesus in this section (verses 17-23) and how are Christ's status and power portrayed? How or why is this important?

9. Look at verses 17-23 and use the chart outlining who each pronoun is referencing. In other words, fill in each pronoun with the proper subject or name to whom Paul is referring.

Verses 19-23

Verse #

Pronoun

Person Referenced

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Verses 19-23

10. What is the significance of Christ being...?
- Raised from the dead?
 - "Being seated at his right hand in the heavenly places?"
 - "Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion"?
 - "Above every name that is named"?
11. How are these concepts foundational for orthodox Christian belief?
12. Why might having "all things placed under [Christ's] feet" and His being "Head over all things" is important for us as Christians? How does this inform or challenge your faith?

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Verses 22-23

13. Why do you think Paul describes the Church as the "Body of Christ" and why do you think he uses this metaphor and what does it signify?

14. How is being filled with the fullness of Christ paramount for believers? What does it look like or how is it manifested?
(Hint: John 15:1-11; Romans 12; 2 Cor. 4:7-18; Galatians 5:16-26; Phil. 4:4-9, 2 Tim. 1:3-14; etc.)

15. How is the fullness of Christ evident in your life?

By Grace Through Faith Chapter 2:1-10

1. In Verses 1-7, Paul contrasts two ways of life. What are they and what distinguishes one from the other?

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6. Who do you think each of the follow are and on what do you base your answer?

a. The prince of the power of the air?

b. The spirit that is now at work?

Verses 2-3

c. The sons of disobedience?

d. Children of wrath?

e. The rest of mankind?

7. What key concepts might the Apostle Paul convey with his description of the aforementioned?

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13. What does Paul say about humanity's role in salvation? What is God's?

14. What is the place do "works" have in relation to being saved, according to Paul?

15. What is the purpose of "good works" in the Christian life?

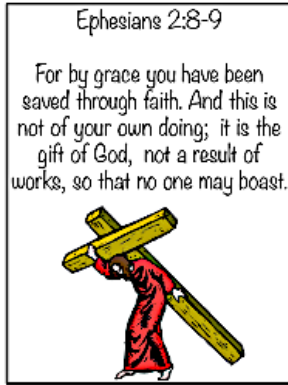
16. What kind of feelings or response do you have knowing that you are?

a. Saved by grace?

b. His workmanship? (What does this mean?)

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c. Created in Christ for good works?

1. What is your key insight you gained from Paul's thanksgiving, prayer and/or his discussion of grace and faith?

Session Summary

2. What is one specific action you take based on what you read in this section and how will it further the Kingdom of God?

3. What is one thing you could share with someone else about the God's grace and how would you do it?