

# EPHESIANS

## Introduction

Many scholars think Ephesians is the Apostle Paul's most profound epistle! WHY?  
Because of its majestic description of God's eternal plans for His church and His people!

DATE	LESSON	QUESTIONS TO PROVOKE THOUGHT
12/19/21	Ephesians 1:1-14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Do you believe God foreordained individuals to be saved before the world began?</li><li>2. Is that fair or reasonable?</li><li>3. If you don't believe individuals were chosen, then what did God choose?</li><li>4. After all, Paul said He chose something!</li></ol>
12/26/21	Ephesians 1:15-23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. People today often say they believe in God, but not necessarily in Jesus!<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. What is it about Jesus that turns some people "off"?</li><li>b. Miracles? The resurrection? Jesus looked too much like an ordinary man?</li></ol></li><li>2. Do such people have the option of accepting God, and rejecting Jesus?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. YES? Why? / NO? Why not?</li><li>b. If we remove Jesus, what would we lose, according to today's lesson?</li></ol></li></ol>
1/2/22	Ephesians 2:1-10	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>How</u> did God choose US? (Why didn't everybody receive the "gift"?)</li><li>2. If our choosing was a gift (and not by works), why must we do good works?</li></ol>
1/9/22	Ephesians 2:11-22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why do you think Paul taught so much about the "dividing wall"?</li><li>2. Why didn't Paul just ignore the wall as "out of date", and not worth discussing?</li></ol>
1/16/22	Ephesians 3:1-13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What was Paul's mystery he wanted to share with the Ephesians?</li><li>2. What made the mystery difficult to understand? How had his readers missed it?</li></ol>
1/23/22	Ephesians 3:14-21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In your opinion, why did Paul pause his message to include his personal prayer?</li><li>2. Christ dwelling in our hearts sounds mysterious, <u>but how</u> does he do that?</li></ol>
1/30/22	Ephesians 4:1-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How did Paul say the Ephesians (and we) could have unity in the church?</li><li>2. Why haven't all religious people found unity in religion? (Your OPINION PLEASE?)</li></ol>
2/6/22	Ephesians 4:7-16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Do you think the church still has ALL the "gifts" mentioned in this lesson?</li><li>2. If we have them, where are they?</li><li>3. If we don't have them, have we reached what Paul calls "maturity"? (4:13)</li></ol>
2/13/22	Ephesians 4:17-32	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why did Paul pause here to inject practical life applications of his teaching?</li><li>2. Does true doctrinal truth always have practical life applications?</li></ol>
2/20/22	Ephesians 5:1-14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Paul commands "no fellowship" with darkness, but rather "reprove" them? (5:11) (How can we evangelize the lost if we shun them and scold them for their behavior?)</li><li>2. Most Christians avoid the "big" sins Paul lists!</li><li>3. Do we have trouble with smaller sins; "foolish talking, coarse joking out of place"?</li></ol>

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2/27/22	Ephesians 5:15-20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does one “make the most of every opportunity” when the days are evil?</li> <li>Singing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this private singing to yourself or public worship of the church?</li> <li>Singing directed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the “one another” spoken to in the singing?</li> <li>Whose heart is making melody?</li> <li>Who is not physically present but still hears singing?</li> </ol> </li> <li>What does wine have to do with singing?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3/6/22	Ephesians 5:21-33	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Husbands &amp; Wives – SUBMITTING</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can two people <u>both submit</u> to one another? (Isn’t that contradictory?)</li> <li>Must a wife submit to her husband “<u>as unto the Lord</u>” (vs.22) <u>in everything??</u> (vs. 24)</li> <li>Is the husband really the head of the wife? Any limitations to that? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church (vs. 25)</li> <li>Love wives as husband loves his own body (vs. 28)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>Why do you think Paul mixed husband-wife relationship with the Christ and the church relationship?</li> </ol>
3/13/22	Ephesians 6:1-4	<p><u>Parents &amp; Children</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did Paul mean: “Children, obey your parents <u>in the Lord</u>”? Stop at what age?</li> <li>What “promise” do children have for this obedience?</li> <li>Can fathers always keep from provoking their kids to wrath? What’s the solution?</li> </ol>
3/20/22	Ephesians 6:5-9	<p><u>Servants &amp; Masters</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Servants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don’t pretend to serve...actually sincerely serve!</li> <li>Why did God think that was right? Any exceptions to this rule?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Masters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did God tell masters to do?</li> <li>What was the reason for that instruction?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3/27/22	Ephesians 6:10-24	<p><u>The whole armor of God</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why do you think Paul used the “SOLDIER” analogy? (Any insight from vs. 20?)</li> <li>What insight did the use of “ARMOR” reveal to Ephesians about the Christian life?</li> </ol>

