

## Lesson 14 – Ephesians Study Summary

### Lesson 1 – Ephesians 1:1-14                      Make Your Choice: Circumcision or New Creation

- Q2 – God predestined us to be “whole” and “blameless” before the foundation of the world.
- Q4 – God chose us to be saved because He knew we would put our faith in Jesus. Salvation is for the whosoever (John 3:16); people are not born saved or damned, but to choose for themselves.
- Q6, 10, 11 – God the Holy Spirit seals (marks) Christians as God’s own children. We are under God’s protection, and the Holy Spirit’s sealing is God’s guarantee of our future with Him.

### Lesson 2 – Ephesians 1:15-23                      A Thanksgiving Prayer

- Q3, 8 – Believers are the Father’s gift of inheritance to Jesus, and the Church is Jesus’ body in this world - -- hearing, seeing and serving.
- Q4 – A correct understanding of Jesus is necessary to serve as His witness and ambassador.

### Lesson 3 – Ephesians 2:1-10                      God: Rich in Mercy!

- Q1, 2 – All Christians have the same background: we were dead in our trespasses and sins, living according to our passions and desires in body and mind. We were children of disobedience and wrath.
- Q5, 6 – Salvation is by “grace alone,” God’s gift in response to our personal faith. It is undeserved acceptance, kindness and forgiveness so that we do NOT pay the penalty for our own sin.
- Q9 – Salvation is NOT in response to works. No one may say to God, “I deserve to be here.” But God expects every Christian to do good works that He specifically prepares for them to do AFTER being saved. Good works demonstrate our obedience to, and love for, God.

### Lesson 4 – Ephesians 2:11-22                      Christians: No Longer Divided as Jews or Gentiles

- Q3 – Before salvation, Gentiles (us...) were without hope or God in this world.
- Q5 – God sent Jesus to be the peace between Jews and Gentiles, breaking down the dividing wall of hostility that exists among nations and peoples.
- Q9 – Jesus may be rejected by most people (and the Jews), but He is God’s Cornerstone (foundation), chosen and precious to the Father. Through Him, Gentiles are now God’s people, too!

### Lesson 5 – Ephesians 3:1-12                      A Godly Mystery Revealed

- Q2 – God saved Paul to make him the apostle to the Gentiles. Gentiles are fellow-heirs with Jews.
- Q8 – Through Jesus we have gained direct and full access to God --- without any fear of reprisal.

### Lesson 6 – Ephesians 3:13 – 4:6                      We are Loved and in God’s Family: Live Worthily!

- Q3, 4 – God’s love is grand and immense. It is more important and valuable for Christians to express God’s love to others in this earthly life, rather than just gather Bible knowledge to themselves.
- Q5 – God can do so much more for us than we can imagine, ask, or think!
- Q6, 7 – Christians are challenged to “live worthy” of the calling God has given us, being humble, gentle, and patient with one another. Be eager to seek and find unity in the Holy Spirit.
- Q8 – There is one: Body, Spirit, Hope, Lord, Faith, Baptism, God and Father. Know what these are.

### Lesson 7 – Ephesians 4:7-16                      Grow Up in Jesus and Use Your Gift

- Q1 – God’s gift to all mankind is salvation through Jesus. Its value is immeasurable.
- Q4 – Paul identifies 5 leadership gifts for Christ’s Church: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds, and Teachers. Today, apostles and evangelists plant churches and share the Gospel with the unsaved. Prophets, shepherds and teachers work in and develop local churches.
- Q5 – The purpose of gifting is to: 1) equip God’s saints; 2) build up Christ’s Body (the Church); 3) help the Church unify in faith and knowledge of Jesus; 4) develop maturity that does not waiver among varying worldly opinions or errant biblical teachings.
- Q6 – Want to measure your faith and obedience with another? Only compare yourself to Jesus.
- Q8 – Christ’s Body grows when “each part” is working properly. We must use our gifts!

Lesson 8 – Ephesians 4:17-24                      Put Off Your Darkened Past Life

- Q1-4 – No longer walk (live) as unbelievers do; no longer think like they do in the futility of their minds. They live with darkened minds due to their intentional ignorance of God and their intentional callous hearts (being unyielding to God).
- Q9 – Have you heard the Truth about Jesus? Then: 1) Put off your old self; 2) Let God renew (change) your thinking from this conversion point forward; and 3) Put on your new God-created life!
- Q10 – God makes personal change possible. Once saved, we cannot continue living as we always have. A changed life is expected and reflects being “born again.”

Lesson 9 – Ephesians 4:25-5:2                      Real Evidence of a Redeemed Life

- Q1, 5 – Believers should be truth-tellers, in love (kindness), and have no association with filthy speech, foolish talk or crude joking.
- Q2, 3 – Anger is not always bad if it is righteous anger. But people sometimes nurse their anger and give Satan a foothold to lead them into more sin.
- Q4, 8 – Believers should work honest jobs and share with others needing help. We are to show kindness, compassion and forgiveness to one another because Jesus gives these responses to us.
- Q6 – It is possible to grieve the Holy Spirit through rebellion, blasphemy, lying, squelching the Spirit’s voice speaking to us, and deliberately sinning after being saved.

Lesson 10 – Ephesians 5:3-21                      MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME...because the days are evil!

- Q1, 2 – Sexual immorality should never be named among Christian people. No sexually immoral person will inherit Christ’s Kingdom.
- Q5 – Christians ought not to be partners with people living disobediently to God. We are to “expose” deeds of darkness by exposing them to God’s light.
- Q8 – Christians should submit to one another out of reverence to Jesus. Become a servant to everyone!

Lesson 11 – Ephesians 5:22-6:4                      Christian Family Dynamics

- Q1-3 – Women are to submit to their own husbands, so they need to ask themselves if they will do this with the man they plan to marry --- BEFORE marrying. In addition to difficult/painful childbirth the curse of The Fall in Genesis 3 is that women will desire to take over their husband’s decision-making role in the family.
- Q5, 6 – Husbands are required to live sacrificially for their wives, as Jesus did for the Church. They must embrace the Golden Rule to treat her as they would themselves, graciously give her all things, and lead her in life to unblemished holiness before the Lord.
- Q9 – Children are to obey their parents, and fathers are cautioned not to exasperate their kids.

Lesson 12 – Ephesians 6:5-9, 21-24                      Working as a Slave --- Working as a Minister

- Q1-3 – Christians are always to work with sincere hearts, working as for Jesus, and not as men-pleasers.
- Q6 – Christian employers should serve their employees, showing kindness and support. God will treat employer and employee equally; He shows no favoritism or partiality.

Lesson 13 – Ephesians 6:10-20                      Armor for Spiritual Battles

- Q3 – Spiritual battles are not against “flesh and blood,” and may involve foes like Satan, gov’t leaders, influential (powerful) people, cultural standards and practices, and forces of evil we cannot see.
- Q4 – To fight spiritual battles, Christians call upon God’s truth, righteousness, Gospel testimonies, faith, our salvation experience, God’s Word, and praying through the Holy Spirit.
- Q5 – Be alert. Persevere (don’t give up). Stand firm until everything is done. Always pray!
- Q6 – God’s divine power destroys all strongholds, arguments and opinions raised up against Him. We need to control how we let our minds roam, and let God help us take all thoughts captive.