



## **Class 7 ~ Ephesians** **For the week of 10.9 – 10.15**

### **Videos we watched in class:**

Read Scripture Ephesians

<https://youtu.be/Y71r-T98E2Q>

Heaven and Earth

<https://youtu.be/Zy2AQIK6C5k>

### **Homework:**

**Everyday:** Pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Bible will come alive to you and will not only teach you the Gospel but will help you live your life as a follower of Christ. Ask Him for an unquenchable thirst for His word and for spending time with Him. Confess to Him any sins that are hindering you.

**Day 1** – Read Ephesians 1-2

If you have a study Bible, read the introduction to better understand the context of Paul's letter. To whom was it written? And from where did Paul write it? What was Paul's intention in writing it?

Eight years before he wrote this letter, Paul began his relationship with the Ephesians. Let's go back to Acts to remember what happened.

Acts 18:18-21

Acts 19:1 – 20:1

Acts 20:13-38

Read Ephesians 1:15-19a . Who is Paul praying for? What are the elements of his prayer? He asks two beautiful specific prayers to the Lord for these people. What are the two prayers for and what were his reasons he gave for desiring those things for them?

**Day 2** - Read Ephesians 3

Look at Ephesians 3:20-21 . How can we pray in faith when we can't know God's sovereign will for certain in advance? See also Mark 11:22-24.

How can we sort out whether our prayers are selfish or for God's glory or some mixture of both?

Some claim that if we have faith in God, He *must* answer our prayers. Why is this wrong? See Heb. 11:33-39 for help.

What is the "mystery" Paul refers to in Ephesians 1:9 and again in Ephesians 3:6? Why is that good news for us?

**Day 3** - Read Ephesians 4

Look at Ephesians 4:3 and note about being a peaceful person. How do you feel you are doing in this area? What would your friends, family and other acquaintances say?

Look up these verses for further insight:

Matthew 5:38-42

Romans 12:18

Colossians 3:13

Hebrews 12:14

**Day 4** - Read Ephesians 5

See Ephesians 5:1-2 – What does it mean to walk in the way of love? Give some practical ways to live this out in your everyday life.

**Day 5** - Read Ephesians 6

Ephesians 6:11 warns us about the wiles of the devil. Wiles are tricks or manipulations designed to deceive someone. Wiles of the devil are those clever schemes used by Satan to ensnare us through temptation, threat, or intimidation. What does Ephesians 6:11 also say for us to do? Why do we need to do this?

Some Bible versions use different words for wiles such as “devil’s schemes,” “strategies,” or “evil tricks” which actually gives us insight to the meaning. Look up this one trick of Satan we see a couple of times in Scripture. Do you

think the Devil still uses this same trick on God's people today? What can we do to combat his wiles?

Genesis 3

Luke 4:10-11, Psalm 91:11-12

Extra Credit:

We learned from our video that chapters 1-3 are a summary of the Gospel story. (part 1) ...Chapters 4-6 relate to our story and how knowing the Gospel affects it. (part 2) That is why Ephesians is called a masterpiece and a treasure! As you read it this week, think about summarizing those two parts.