



Written By Charles Willis

## **Table of Contents**

Lesson 1 - Ephesians 1:1–14
Lesson 2 - Ephesians 1:15–23
Lesson 3 - Ephesians 2:1–10
Lesson 4 - Ephesians 2:11–22
Lesson 5 - Ephesians 3:1–13
Lesson 6 - Ephesians 3:14–21
Lesson 7 - Ephesians 4:1–16
Lesson 8 - Ephesians 4:17–24
Lesson 9 - Ephesians 4:25–32
Lesson 10 - Ephesians 5:1–21
Lesson 11 - Ephesians 5:22–33

Lesson 12 - Ephesians 6:1–9

Lesson 13 - Ephesians 6:10-24

Written By: *Charles Willis* © 2016, All Rights Reserved

Scripture taken from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®, Copyright© 1960, 1962, 1963, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation. Used by permission. www.Lockman.org



- 1. Are there unfaithful saints (v.1)?
- 2. Explain "in Christ" (v.3).
- Explain how God has chosen us (v.4). Other references to consider: 1 Corinthians 1:26; Ephesians 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Peter 1:10.
- 4. How are we adopted (v.5)? How does this teach against commonly believed errors about predestination? (see also verse 11)
- 5. The "riches of His grace" (v.7) is lavished on us (v.8). Who is "us" in the context? All men?
- 6. What was God's purpose in Christ (v.9)?
- 7. Explain the phrase "fullness of times" (v.10).
- 8. From verse 13 tell how men came to be in a right relationship with God.
- 9. What assurances do we have as a result of the Holy Spirit (v.13–14)?

- 1. How are we able to be "strong in the Lord" (v.10)?
- 2. What is the purpose of wearing the gospel armor (v.11-13)?
- For each of the following traits explain what spiritual attribute we are instructed to use in order to stand firm.
   A. Gird You Loins (v.14)
  - B. Breastplate (v.14)
  - C. Shod your feet (v.15)
  - D. Shield (v.16)
  - E. Helmet (v.17)
  - F. Sword (v.17)
- 4. For what does Paul instruct us to pray (v.18–20)?
- 5. What (from this text) do we know about Tychicus?

- 1. (From last week's reading) What assurances do we have as a result of the Holy Spirit (v.13–14)?
- 2. How does "for this reason" (v.15) connect the teaching to the previous thought?
- 3. For what was Paul praying (v.15–19)?
- 4. How are these things possible (v.19–20)?
- 5. What is meant by Jesus sitting "at the right hand" in the heavenly places (v.20)?
- 6. What important principles about the church are taught (v. 21–23)?

- Who are "the sons of disobedience" (v.2)? How do these relate to "the prince of the power of the air" and "children of wrath" (v.1-3)?
- 2. How do we live "in the lusts of our flesh" (v.3)?
- 3. "By grace you have been saved" (v.5–8). A. Define "grace."
  - B. What false doctrines are you aware of which are taught from this phrase?
  - C. Does this agree with the "in Christ" phrases in chapter 1 and in 2:7?
  - D. What is meant be grace being "the gift of God" (v. 8)?
- 4. Be prepared to explain verse 9, which is sometimes said to be a contradiction with James 2:14–26.
- 5. How are we God's "workmanship" (v.10)?
- 6. What are we created for (v.10)?

- 1. What is meant by "in the Lord" (v.1)?
- 2. What reference is quoted in verses 2-3? What is "the promise"?
- 3. Explain the difference in making a child angry and "provoking a child to anger" (v.4).
- 4. In your own words explain what is meant by "bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (v.4).
- 5. How are slaves to behave toward masters (v.5-8)? What should their attitudes be?
- 6. How are masters to behave toward their slaves (v.9)? What should their attitudes be?
- 7. While we do not have slavery in our country, apply these passages to explain proper employee and employer attitudes (v.5-9).

- 1. To whom are wives to be subject (v.22, 24, 33)?
- 2. To whom are husbands to be subject (v.23,24)?
- 3. A wife's subjection is compared to what (v.22, 24)?
- Husbands are told to love their wives three times in this reading. What truth is being taugt in each instance? A. Verse 25

B. Verse 28

C. Verse 33

- 5. What does it mean that the "husband is the head of the wife" (v.23) [Consider the comparison in the text to help answer the question.]
- 6. How is a husband to "nourish" and "cherish" his wife (v.29)?

- 1. Who were the "circumcision" and who was the "uncircumcision" (v.11)?
- 2. What is significant about the use of "NOW" in the context of verse 13?
- 3. In verse 15 is "abolishing in His flesh the enmity" and "thus establishing peace" referring to the same thing? If not, please explain the difference.
- 4. How were these reconciled (v.16)? How do we gain "access... to the father" (v.18)?
- 5. Of what are we now "citizens" (v.19)?
- 6. What is the importance of Jesus being "the cornerstone" (v.20)? What was the "foundation of the apostles and prophets" (v.20)?
- 7. What is the "building" that is referred to (v.21-22)?
- 8. "Growing" and "being built" seem to emphasize what about believers (v.21-22)?

- Where do we read about "the stewardship of God's grace" (v.2) which was given to Paul for the Gentiles?
- 2. What blessing do we have in the written word that men at the start of the church did not enjoy (v.3–6)? How should this impact our faith when compared with theirs?
- 3. Why did Paul consider himself the "least of all saints" (v.8)?
- 4. Define "unfathomable" (v.8) and give the meaning in the context.
- 5. What does the phrase "administration of the mystery" mean (v.9)?
- 6. What part does the church hold in distributing the truth (v.10)?
- 7. How do we gain access to God (v.11-12)?

- Lesson 10
- 1. Why are we to walk in love (v.2)? To what degree are we to walk in love?
- 2. What is not to be named among saints (v.3). Are they?
- 3. Why are the traits in verse 4 which are "not fitting"?
- 4. How does one become a "son of disobedience" (v.6)? What does this phrase mean?
- 5. Why are we to "not be partakers with them" (v.7–10)?
- 6. Instead what are we to do about these things (v.11–14)?
- 7. For a third time in the epistle Paul relates Christian living to a "walk." How does he describe our walk in verses 15–16?
- 8. What is the comparison in verse 18?
- 9. How do we "make melody in our heart" (v.19)?
- 10. How are we to "give thanks" (v.20)? Does this apply to all prayers?

- 1. Explain how the principles of verses 26-27 are typically violated.
- 2. What does verse 28 teach about the use of our money?
- 3. List three forms of "unwholesome words" (v.29). What importance should be attached to the phrase "according to the need of the moment"?
- 4. How do we "grieve the Holy Spirit of God" (v.30)?
- 5. What does it mean to be "sealed for the day of redemption" (v.30)?
- 6. Define (from v.31): A. Wrath
  - B. Anger

C. Clamour

D. Slander

- E. Malice
- 7. What is the standard of our forgiveness (v.32)?

- Lesson 6
- 1. Though inspired, what is Paul's view and understanding of God (v.14–15)?
- 2. What is Paul's prayer and desire for the Ephesians (v.16-19)? [Try to explain the meaning of some of these phrases]
  A. Strengthened with power through His spirit in the inner man (v.16)
  - B. Christ may dwell in your hearts, through faith (v.17)
  - C. Being rooted and grounded in love (v.17)
  - D. Comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth,

and know the love of Christ (v.18-19)

- E. That you may be filled up to all the fullness of God (v.19)
- 3. How much more can God do than we ask or think (v.20)?
- 4. What is the power that works within us (v.20)?
- 5. What does Paul attest God is able to do (v.20)?
- 6. How does God receive glory: A. In the church (v.21)
  - B. In Christ (v.21)

- 1. What is the "worthy manner" we are called to walk (v.1-3)?
- 2. From the seven points of unity in verses 4–6, list the points which religious groups are not united on.
- 3. What was the measure of Christ's gift (v.7)?
- 4. From verses 8–10:
  - a) What is the "lower parts of the earth" to which Jesus descended?
  - b) How does Jesus "fill all things"?
- 5. For what are the saints equipped (v.12)? How does this equipping occur?
- 6. Does verse 13 speak of the same things or different things in the various phrases? If different, please explain.
- 7. What is the result of the equipping of the saints (v.14)?
- 8. List three aspects of Christ which we are to grow up in (v.15).
- 9. How does verse 16 describe the function of the church?

1. Define: A. Futility (v.17)

B. Sensuality (v.19)

C. Impurity (v.19)

D. Greediness (v.19)

- 2. How do the Gentiles walk which we are not to mimic (v.17–19)?
- 3. Why are these gentiles excluded from the life of God (v.18)?
- 4. What does it mean when it says we did not "learn Christ"? What needs to be "heard" and "taught" that we need to "learn"? (v.20–21)
- 5. What about the "old self" are we to "lay aside" (v.22)?
- 6. What about the "new self" are we to "put on" (v.23)?
- 7. How is the "new self...created in righteousness and holiness of the truth"? (v.24)