

Ephesians Bible Study Lesson Eight

Directions

You will need a study group for this Bible Study on Ephesians. Pick a few people with whom you can get together and go over the lessons. You may need to compare notes with one another to find the answers.

The answers to all the questions will either be in Notes On The Ephesians 2019 Edition by Dr. Thomas Constable (<https://planobiblechapel.org/constable-notes/>)

You will need a journal or notebook or means of writing down what you are learning and how it is impacting your life as a result.

Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians Bible Study (Ephesians 4:7-16)

1. According to what proportion is grace given in verse 7?

2. What are the gifts mentioned in verses 7-8?

3. To whom are these gifts given and for what purpose?

4. According to Dr. Constable's Notes (p. 86) what is the means by which Christians preserve the unity of the body of Christ spoken of in verse 1-6?

5. Read Judges 5:12 (background is Judges chapter 4), Psalm 68:15-18, and Ephesians 4:7-10 who are the captives and what does God give them?

6. Read Acts 1:6-8 and John 1:14 why was it necessary for Christ to descend before he could ascend? What is meant by him descending? What is meant by him ascending?

7. According to Dr. Constables notes, page 89-90, what is one of the gifts that Christ, The Victor, gives to the Church?

8. Who were the apostles and what was their duty?

9. What is the difference between how Christians today get their spiritual knowledge versus the Early Church prior to the Canon of Scripture being codified?

10. What were evangelists and how did they equip the body of Christ?

11. Compare and contrast the ministries of evangelist and that of pastor/teachers. How are they similar? How are they different? How does each help equip the body of Christ?

12. According to verses 12-14 for what three purposes have these gifts been given to the body of Christ?

13. According to page 94 of Dr. Constables Notes, why are gifts given to the body of Christ?

14. What happens in verse 16 when each part is working properly?

15. Are you familiar with how you are specifically gifted to benefit the body of Christ and reach others for Him? If not, would you be interested in finding out how you are gifted and can further serve?
