

Ephesians Bible Study Lesson Ten

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 5:1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Ephesians Bible Study (Ephesians 5:1-14)

1. What does a mimic or imitator do?

2. How are we to mimic God in verses 1-2? What sacrifice is in view?

3. In verses 3-4 what should there not be any hint of among believers?

4. According to Dr. Constables Notes on Ephesians on page 105 what is the contrast between the practices in verses 2 and 3-4?

5. Using Dr. Constables Notes and other Biblical resources define the following?

Greed _____

Immorality _____

Filthiness or Impurity _____

Crude joking or coarse jesting _____

6. How does such behavior detract from Christian unity, maturity and stability?

7. To whom does Paul refer in verse 5? What is he contrasting?

8. What is explicit in verse 7 about unbelievers and implied about believers?

9. Ephesians 3:6 indicates who both Jews and Gentiles are in what partnership. How does that prohibit the partnership in Ephesians 5:3-7?

10. Based upon our study of Ephesians 3:6 and Ephesians 5:3-7 what is the gist of Ephesians 5:7-10?

11. Read Leviticus 19:17 and 1 Timothy 5:20. How are we to respond to the “works of darkness” in verse 11-13? What is our motivation?

12. How does this help protect the immature in the faith and caution the mature causing us to “wake up?”
