

Study in Ephesians, Part 50 “Ephesians: the Epilogue”

* As we wrap up our study, the question that came to my mind as I approached this message is, what knowledge have we gained?

- ✓ We know that Paul had taken _____
_____ in his life.
- ✓ It was after his _____ missionary trip that he was arrested and put in prison in Rome.
- ✓ While in prison, Tychicus of Ephesus comes to visit Paul. Paul had stayed in Ephesus for _____ preaching and teaching with great effectiveness and knew Tychicus. (See Acts 19:1-20)
- ✓ Out of a heart of love, Paul writes a letter of _____ to the believers in Ephesus.
- ✓ In this letter, Paul has referred to the church as:
 - The _____ of Christ
 - A _____
 - A _____
 - A _____
- ✓ We have seen some of Paul's major themes as he wrote to the believers...

* *God's* _____:

God is in _____, and according to his eternal loving plan, he directs, carries out and sustains our salvation.

Take Note...

- ✓ When we respond to Christ's love by trusting in Him, His _____ becomes our _____.

* *Christ the* _____:

Christ is exalted as the focal point of the universe, and the focus of history. Jesus is the _____ of the body, the church. He is the _____ and _____ of all creation.

Take Note...

✓ Because Christ is central or to be first, or above all things, His power must be _____ in our lives. This means we must place our _____ and _____ under His control.

* *Living* _____:

Paul loves the church, the body of Christ! And He reminds us that the body of Christ, the church, must be under Christ's _____! It is to be a living, _____ body, a _____. God has gifted individual believers with special _____ to _____ up the local body.

Take Note...

✓ You and I are a part of the body of believers if we are "in Christ", and we must live in _____ union with Him. (We cannot live disconnected from the body and stay alive).

✓ Our conduct must be consistent with this living relationship. We have a vital _____ between us, Christ, His body (the church).

* *New* _____:

Because of God's great love for us, Christ paid our penalty for sin and forgave us. This means we have been reconciled – or brought near to God through Christ. We have been brought into a new _____, and we are to treat each other as family members.

Take Note...

✓ In Christ, we are one family, so there should be no _____, no _____ between us. We all belong to Christ, His body, and we must learn to live in harmony with one another.

* *Christian* _____:

Paul calls us to be wise and to understand that with the _____ and _____ of being a part of God's family, there are also _____. We have been challenged to a "new" standard – established by God.

Take Note...

✓ God has provided us the _____ _____ to enable us to live according to this new standard (God's plan). To make this happen, we must _____ our selfish, self-centered desires and wants, and draw upon the _____ God provides. As we _____ our will to Christ, He will empower us!

Key Verses in Ephesians:

Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 1:17-18

Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 3:17-18

Ephesians 4:4-6, Ephesians 5:1-2

Ephesians 5:21, Ephesians 6: 10-11

Pieces of the Armor of God:

Piece of Armor:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Use:

- _____
- _____
- Readiness to spread the _____
- _____
- _____
- The Spirit / the _____ of _____
- _____ God's power through us!

My Statement of Faith in the Battle...

1. I'm believing God!
2. God is who He says He is!
3. God can do what He says He can do!
4. I am who God says I am!
5. I can do all things through Christ!
6. God's Word is alive and active in me!
7. I'm trusting God above all else!
8. I'm believing God!

* *"Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love."*

Ephesians 6:23-24 (NIV)

Question #1: Who are the people who are to love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love?

Question #2: What is an undying love?

Answer to #1: The "who" is the saints, that is those who are alive and "_____"
Christ.

Answer to #2: A _____, _____, _____ —
_____ for God,
and the body of Christ (the church), your brothers and sisters in
Christ.