

“THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS”
EPHESIANS 1:1 – 6:24
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Paul begins the letter to the Ephesians by saying that he is “an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.” Do you know what your role is in the body of Christ? Have you sought the Lord about this? Are you playing your role well?
2. The thesis of the letter to the Ephesians, if you will, is found in 1:3 which says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” Peruse chapters 1 – 3 and articulate the ways in which God has blessed us in Christ.
3. Based on all that Paul has taught in Ephesians 1 – 3, he says this in 4:1: “I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.” Peruse 4:2 – 6:9 and identify the specific behaviors Paul calls for in these chapters.
4. Having completed the last two exercises, do you see that God has indeed blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ? Do you see that the call for holiness in chapters 4 – 6 is based on all that God has done for us in Christ, that our behavior is to be an overflow of our gratefulness to God?
5. Ephesians 6:10-20 constitute a call to war and imply that pursuing the holiness described in the preceding chapters will take just that. Having learned much about the armor of God in recent months, are you putting it on every day? Are you fighting with the strength of Christ against our mortal enemies? How can you grow in obedience at this point?
6. What aspects of Ephesians have touched your life the most over the last several years? What is the Lord calling you to do to apply these things to your daily life?