

Topic: Pauline Epistles Bible Questions: Epistle to the Ephesians

Introduction:

The following questions are meant to be straight forward taking answers from exactly the way the passage in your King James Bible is worded. If you are unsure of the answer to any question it is suggested that you leave the question to return at a later time after you continue with other of the questions. You will also find some items for "Discussion": it is recommended that you think about the "Discussion" items on your own to be ready for group discussion.

Paul teaches the Ephesians...

- The believer is a sealed purchased possession unto a particular day. Eph. 1:13-14
- That he prays of three specifics desires he has of them. Eph. 1:17-18
- Paul identifies three specific periods. Eph. 2:2, 7, 13
- Paul teaches where the body of Christ has been made to sit. Eph. 2:6
- Paul and the "middle wall of partition": what has happened to it and when. Eph. 2:14
- The body of Christ and the two groups that compose it. Eph. 2:15, 19
- Paul: of the dispensations made known to him, and how. Eph. 3:2-3
- Paul: the need for "unity", and the motivation to forgive one another. Eph. 4:3, 32
- Paul describes the composition of the believer's new body. Eph. 5:29-30
- Paul: the "whole amour of God"; what will "quench the fiery darts of the wicked". Eph. 6

Epistle to the Ephesians:

Chapter 1

1. Paul was "an apostle of Jesus Christ" by whose will? Eph. 1:1
2. Paul, in verses 3-14 identifies 10 spiritual blessing unique to the Body of Christ and one blessing the Body shares with Kingdom believers: see how many of these spiritual blessings you can identify along with the one shared with Kingdom believers.
3. When were those, the body of Christ to whom Paul is writing, "chosen in him"? Eph. 1:4
4. What is God's will that he shall perform in the "dispensation of the fulness of times"? Eph. 1:9-10
5. Paul writes further concerning the "dispensation of the fulness of times". What is it that has been "predestinated" for the believer to obtain? Eph. 1:10-12 (Hint: the answer follows the colon punctuation mark of verse 11)
6. After one had heard the "the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation" and believed, what happened next? Eph. 1:13
7. What is the purpose of the seal (v. 13) towards "our inheritance"? Eph. 1:14
8. Paul prayed that "...the Father of glory..." give:

- a. "...the spirit of _____"?
 - b. "...and revelation in the _____ of him..."?
 - c. and that "...the eyes of your _____ being enlightened..."?
Eph. 1:17-18
9. "...when he raised him from the dead..." where was Christ then set? Eph. 1:20
 10. How "far above" was Christ set, and for how long? Eph. 1:21
 11. What has been put "...under his feet...", and what is he "...the head over..."? Eph. 1:22

Chapter 2

12. In "time past" how did [the Ephesians] walk? Eph.2:2
13. Paul writes, "Even when we were dead in sins..." something happened. What has God done, why, and to what future intent? Eph. 2:4-7
14. How is an individual saved? Eph. 2:8-9
15. Whose "workmanship" is the believer? Eph. 2:10
16. Paul writes [the Ephesians] had "no _____", and were in "time past" without whom? Eph. 2:12
17. "But now" in Christ Jesus [the Ephesians] who at one time were "far off are made..._____". By what means did this happen? Eph.2:13
18. What has been "broken down"? Eph. 2:14

Discussion: How does the Apostle Paul's instruction to the Body in Colossians 2:14-18 compare to Moses' instruction to Israel in Leviticus 20:22-24?

19. Paul writes that Christ "...abolished in his flesh the enmity...", which is "the law of commandments contained in ordinances" to "make in himself"..."one new man". What two components make up this "one new man"? Eph. 2:15-16
(Hint: see Romans 10:12 and review Galatians 3:24 for the purpose of the Law.)

Discussion: Based on what Paul writes of the formation of the Body of Christ in Ephesians 2:15, would you think that Paul would later refer to the Body as an "it", a "she" or "he"?

In what gender sense does God refer to Israel: as male, or female? Consider Ezekiel 13:16, Ezekiel 36:17, Hosea 3:1, Amos 5:1-2

20. "Now therefore..." they were "no more strangers and foreigners..." but had become "_____...with the saints", and "of the household..._____"? Eph. 2:19

21. Who is the “chief corner stone” of the foundation upon which the apostles and prophets are built? Eph. 2:20

Discussion: Can you recall ‘who laid the foundation’ to which believers of the gospel preached by Paul are the building? (Hint: 1Corinthians 3:10)

Challenge question: Paul describes a “building fitly framed together” growing as a separated temple in the Lord in whom the [Ephesian] believers were “also builded together for an habitation of God...”. What two dispensations of believers are being “fitly framed together”? (Hint: Romans 15:8, Luke 12:32 and those being addressed by Paul in Ephesians 2:22)

Chapter 3

22. How was “the dispensation of the grace of God” made known to the apostle Paul? Eph. 3:2-3
23. What was “the dispensation of the grace of God” before it was made know to Paul? Eph. 3:3
24. In “other ages” the “mystery” (verse 4) was not known, but is “now revealed” to his “holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit”. Who does Paul reveal that “should be fellowheirs, and of the same body...”? Eph. 3:5-6
25. How is this “same body” explained in Eph. 2:15, and is it the same as the body of believers found in Jerusalem (Acts 2:46-47)?
- a. Years after Acts 2, what did Peter think of including Gentiles? Acts 10:28
 - b. Again, years after Acts 2 to whom did the Jews limit their outreach? Acts 11:19
26. How long had “the fellowship of the mystery” been hid in God? Eph. 3:9
27. By whose faith does the believer “have boldness and access with confidence”? Eph. 3:12
28. Paul prays that “the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” grant believers “to be strengthened with might by his Spirit” where? Eph. 3:14-16
29. God “is able to do exceeding abundantly above _____” Eph. 3:20

Chapter 4

30. The believer is to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called...endeavouring to keep _____” Eph. 4:1-3
31. “There is one body, and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith...”. What does Paul write concerning “baptism” and “God”? Eph. 4:4-6

32. For what purpose did God give “some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers”? Eph. 4:11-14
33. How are [the Ephesian] believers to walk? Eph. 4:17-19
34. What is the believer to “put off”? Eph. 4:22
35. What is the believer to “put on”? Eph. 4:23-25
36. Paul writes that the believer should “neither give place to the devil”; what things does he list? Eph. 4:27-29
37. The believer is instructed to “grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption”. What does Paul then list as that which should “be put away from you”? Eph. 4:30-31
38. How are believers to act “one to another”, and for what reason? Eph. 4:32

Chapter 5

39. Find, and summarize what Paul writes should be the “walk” of the believer in Ephesians 5:1-16 (See especially verses 2, 8, and 15)
40. What point does Paul make in verse 7 of his instruction in verses 3-6? Eph. 5:3-7
41. Where is the believer to “have no fellowship”, and for what reason? Eph. 5:11-12
42. What does Paul instruct regarding the “giving of thanks”? Eph. 5:20
43. What does Paul three times instruct husbands regarding their own wives? Eph. 5:25-33
44. Concerning the Body of Christ, Paul writes “we are members of his body, and of his _____, and of his _____.” Eph. 5:30
45. What is a husband to do, and how is his wife to respond? Eph. 5:33

Chapter 6

46. What is the purpose of putting on “...the whole armour of God...”? Eph. 6:11-13
47. What is to be used to “quench the fiery darts of the wicked”? Eph. 6:16
48. How does Paul end his epistle...what does he wish the Ephesians to know of him, and for what purpose? Eph. 6:21-22

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