

# **PROJECT “B.4”**

## **Discussion Questions: Ephesians**

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### **Ephesians 1**

1. What are some of the ways in which God has blessed those of us whom He has adopted as sons and daughters?
2. What was Paul’s response upon learning of the reality of the faith of the Ephesians?
3. Paul describes Jesus as “head over all things in the church, which is His body” – what does he mean by this?

### **Ephesians 2**

4. What is the evidence that each of us is dead in our “trespasses and sins” before the Lord quickens us at the moment of salvation?
5. What role do we play in our salvation?
6. Paul speaks of Jesus bringing reconciliation to Jews and Gentiles. How did He do this? What is the intended result?

### **Ephesians 3**

7. What is the nature of the mystery that God revealed to Paul? Do you think Paul is “bragging” by explaining this to us?
8. What was Paul’s perspective on the tribulation that he was experiencing?
9. What was Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians before pausing for a brief benediction half-way through this letter?

### **Ephesians 4**

10. Paul comes back to the analogy of the body for a description of the church. What is his purpose in doing so?

11. What does Paul mean when he encourages the Ephesians that they no longer “walk as the Gentiles walk”?
12. How would you summarize the various “commandments” that Paul gives in v. 25-32?

### **Ephesians 5**

13. Paul next moves to an analogy of light and darkness for describing the Christian life. How is this analogy helpful?
14. What does it mean to be “filled with the Spirit” (v. 18)?
15. In yet another analogy, Paul mixes theology with some practical marital advice as he portrays Jesus as the husband of the bride (His church). What are the practical implications for the way we should be living?

### **Ephesians 6**

16. What over-riding principles should guide our intra-family and inter-personal relationships?
17. What is the “full armor of God”? Why do we need it?
18. What was Paul’s closing prayer request to the Ephesians? How should we model this in our own lives?