

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 2:8-9**General & Personal Letters 4-1**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

"JOINED TOGETHER IN CHRIST"
READ Ephesians 1:1-3:21

DAY 1 READ Ephesians 1:1-3:21

1. What was meaningful to you from the lesson last week?

2. As a background to Ephesians, review Acts 19 and briefly summarize Paul's . . .
 - a. . . . approach to ministry in Ephesus:

 - b. . . . encounter with opposition:

3. From today's reading in Ephesians, what was Paul's . . .
. . . desire in 1:17?
. . . declaration in 2:13?
. . . doctrine in 3:12?

DAY 2 REVIEW Ephesians 1:1-14

4. What spiritual blessings are enjoyed by Christians?
 - a. vs. 4

 - b. vs. 5

 - c. vs. 7

5. What was God's plan for "the first to hope in Christ" (Jews)?

6. a. As Gentiles heard the truth, believed and received salvation, what were they given and why?

b. Briefly share the circumstances when you first responded to the Word of truth.

7. (IN-DEPTH) Someone has asked you, "What is the Holy Spirit?" Your reply?

DAY 3 REVIEW Ephesians 1:15-2:10

8. a. Having heard of the Ephesians' _____ and _____, what was Paul's prayer for them in 1:17?
 - b. Think of special friends. How did you get to know them so well?
 - c. How do you think those principles apply to knowing God better?
9. Paul prayed that "the eyes of their hearts" might be enlightened for what three reasons?
10. a. How did God's power exalt Jesus Christ?
 - b. Write Psalm 110:1.
11. Describe what life was like for those who were dead in trespass and sin.
12. a. what did God do to make us "alive together in Christ" and why?
 - b. Write the truth of our memory verse – Ephesians 2:8-9.
13. a. Salvation accomplished! Service begins. What do you learn in verse 10?
 - b. Of the good works God has revealed for you to do so far in your Christian walk, which are the most joyful for you?

DAY 4 REVIEW Ephesians 2:11-3:6

14. Jews considered the Gentiles (uncircumcised) as heathens without what in verse 12?

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DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Ephesians 2:11-3:6

15. How did Jesus . . .
 - a. . . . destroy the barriers between Jew and Gentile?
 - b. . . . provide for reconciliation?
 - c. . . . build the foundation for the church?
16. Breaking down barriers often brings special opportunities for fellowship.
Share a biblical or personal example of a time when God's love crossed a barrier.
17. a. Paul shared "the administration of God's grace" to the Gentiles revealing what mystery in Ephesians 3:6?
 - b. Write Isaiah 45:22.

DAY 5 REVIEW Ephesians 3:7-21

18. Having been given God's grace, what was Paul to do?
19. In verse 12, Paul said we have freedom and confidence (NIV) through faith to approach God. How does this strengthen or help you?
20. Read Paul's prayer in verses 14-21 aloud for the beauty of the passage.
 - a. Why did he ask God to strengthen them?
 - b. How did he describe the love of Christ?
 - c. Through His power working in them, what is God able to do?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses . . ."
Blaise Pascal 1623-1662