

QT Questions — for Ephesians

*May I encourage you, whenever you are reading familiar passages of God's word, please slow down your reading. Your mind will instinctively want to take you to a mindset "I know this" and thus, gloss over it quickly. So, whenever you are reading familiar passages, think there's a STOP sign. Stop, and slowly read. Read prayerfully for our God to reveal more of His truth. And in humility, our God delights to open the chamber of His truth more, revealing amazing truths that we have yet to discover.

Eph 1 (1/12)

1. In 1:4-5, when and how and why did God begin His plan to save His people; what do you learn about our God through such salvation; how do you view your salvation?
2. In 1:3-14, all Three Persons of the Trinity are involved in the salvation of His people —can you explain the role of each of the Three Persons; how does this apply to your life?
3. In 1:15, the manner of approaching Christ and God's people are slightly different— how are they different; applying them to our lives, how must we approach Christ and God's people; how can we better live in such ways?
4. In 1:18-21, as Paul prays for the eyes of the heart of God's people to open, what are the things he prays for us to see; are you able to see these things in your life; will you pray for these things to be more real in your life?

Eph 2 (1/13)

1. In 2:1-3, how does God's word describe the state of a person who is not in Christ; how is that applicable in our world where we see plenty of people who are alive and well, though they clearly profess to not believe in Jesus as their Savior?
2. In 2:4-10, what happened to the dead people; how could such a thing happen; how are such people to live?
3. In 2:11-18, what's the difference between people in Christ and out; what was God's purpose for these people; how is this truth applicable to us?
4. In 2:19-22, what is the new relationship with other believers; how is God relevant in this relationship; how can you live for God's glory in your role in this relationship with other believers?

Eph 3 (1/14)

1. In 3:1, Paul called himself a prisoner of Christ—why would he do that (please see where he wrote this epistle); besides literally, in what other ways did Paul consider himself a prisoner of Christ; how can we apply this to us?
2. In 3:2-6, Paul repeats the word mystery three times—what is the mystery Paul is speaking of; today we might not think it is that mysterious, so can you explain why it would be treated so during this time; how does this apply to us?
3. In 3:10, what is the church called; in what ways would the church be able to live out this description; how can we as His church live this out?
4. In 3:14-21, will you take the time to pray this prayer that Paul prayed; what is Paul praying for; what do you want to learn from such prayer?

- When we accepted the call to come to LCCM, this is the prayer we also prayed and meditated for us and for you. May our gracious God bless each of us to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Eph 4 (1/15)

1. In 4:1-6, how does Paul describe a life worthy of the calling for God's people; which are areas you struggle with; which are areas you are learning to grow more?
2. In 4:6-16, Paul focuses on God's gifts that build up the body of Christ—what are some of those gifts you see here; how has God used His gifts to build you; what is the ultimate picture God wants to build in His church and is this picture being formed more in you?
3. In 4:17-31, Paul insists that God's people must abandon the ways that has nothing to do with Christ—can you name some of those ways; what are some of those ways God has blessed you to abandon; what are some of the ways you have not abandoned yet?
4. In 4:32, God knows true forgiveness for the people who have hurt us deeply is not possible by ourselves, yet despite our inability, still God calls us to forgive—who are some of the people you are unable to forgive (you can use a pseudonym to refer to these people); but most importantly, how does God call us to forgive—what needs to happen in us, in order for true forgiveness to overflow through us?

Eph 5 (1/17)

1. In 5:1-2, God's word exhorts His people to follow God's example as dearly loved children—will you reflect and describe how you are dearly loved child (stay here a while or all day, it's ok to not do any other questions); how are His children to love; how would loving like that look like in your life today?
2. In 5:3-20, we are taught, to not be deceived with empty words, and to find out what pleases the Lord—what are some of the ways you have been or maybe even still are deceived with empty words; what does this passage say that pleases the Lord?
3. In 5:21, we are taught to submit—to whom should we submit; why are we called to submit; how is this applicable in your life?
4. In 5:22-33, God teaches us about marriage and the roles of the husbands and the wives—as a husband or a wife, what and why has God ordained your role to your spouse; ultimately, who should be displayed through your marriage?
 - Our marriage and the roles of the spouses are one of the most directest way to point to Christ and His bride. That is why, there's probably no greater joy or greater misery than our relationship with our spouse. In humble obedience to our God, we will savor His most delightfulness. On the other hand, the devil will attack most severely our marriages, precisely because it is God's greatest area of blessing and joy. The greater the joy from God, the greater the pain the devil tries to inflict. So, please, humbly pray, and intentionally and purposefully with attitude and motive and heart align with our God's holiness, let's seek to OBEY our God JOYFULLY. May our God bless each of our hearts to delight to obey our God joyfully.

Eph 6 (1/18)

1. In 6:1-4, we are given the roles of the family members, for the children and for the fathers (which can easily be translated as parents)—what command does God give you as a child to your parents and how can you better obey when your parents commands does not seem to agree with you; what command does God give you as a parent and how can you better assist your children to be instructed in the Lord?
2. In 6:5-9, we are given the roles of slaves and masters, or employees and employers (though not the same, but we can learn the principles here)—so, as an employee, what's the heart to have with your employers (or your boss); how should you treat the employees (or those under you); in both treatments, who should you have your central focus and why?
3. In 6:10-12, what is the attitude and action for God's people to have; why would such attitude be required; shining this attitude to your life, how are you living in light of such command?
4. In 6:13-20, we are commanded to put on the full armor of God—which armors have you learned to put on well, how; which armors do you have trouble putting on, why?