

Lesson 10 The book of Ephesians

Paul to Rome

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The Roman Empire

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The first study: “The Grand Canyon of the Scriptures” “以弗所書：聖經中的大峽谷”

Theme verses: Eph 1:22-23 (also 2:19, 3:10)

Part One: “I am in Christ” “我在基督裡面”

- 1:3-14 God’s grandiose design for His people revealed (The heavenly blessings)
- 1:15-23 A believer’s innermost prayer (Pray for our “spiritual perception”)
- 2:1-10 A believer’s heavenly position – “Sit” (The amazing grace of our salvation)
- 2:11-22 A believer’s privilege on earth (Become a member of God’s household)
- 3:1-21 God’s mystery of Unity revealed (Church: God’s way to reach the whole world)

Part Two: “Christ is in me” “基督在我裡面”

- 4:1-16 “Walk” : “Don’t just sit there, walk your talk!”
- 4:17-28 “Walk” : Moving on – A believer’s self-examination
- 5:1-21 “Walk” : Living a God-centered life (Instead of a self-centered life)
- 5:22-33 The purpose of the institution of marriage revealed
- 6:1-9 “Walk”: Every day is for training!!
- 6:10-20 “Stand”: Be steadfast in our walk

Second study of Ephesians

A simplified study from the perspective of believer’s role

“Christian’s Three Basic Postures” (Taken from Watchman Nee’s *Sit, Walk Stand*)

- I. Sit 2:6 (also ch 1)
 - 1. It is a position
 - 2. It is a pre-requisite
- II. Walk
 - 1. For good works 2:10
 - 2. In love 4:1-2, 5:1-2
- III. Stand 6:11-19
 - 1. It is inevitable
 - 2. It demands responsibility v18

Third study of Ephesians:

From the perspective of the **Palace** of Christ (Henrietta Mears’ *What the Bible is All About*)

- I. The reception room ch 1
 - 1. Our blessings in Christ
 - 2. Our spiritual understanding

- II. The worship room ch 2
 - 1. We are alive in Christ
 - 2. We are His work
- III. The throne room ch 3
 - 1. The mystery revealed
 - 2. Bow down before Him
- IV. The treasure room ch 4
 - 1. Spiritual gifts
 - 2. New man
- V. The oratory room ch 5
 - 1. Learning
 - 2. Submit to one another
- VI. The armor room ch 6
 - 1. Put on the full armor
 - 2. Prayers

Fourth Study of Ephesians Taken from Ray Stedman's *Body Life*

(The Church is God's mystery revealed Eph 3:10)

- I. Church is the most powerful force on earth
 - 1. The true and false churches and Christians
 - 2. The wheat and tare of the last days
- II. The church's highest priority 4:1-3
 - 1. Believers will have a worthy walk
 - 2. To manifest the praise of God's glory 1:5,12
- III. Unity, not union!! 4:3
 - 1. The Three-in-One unity 4:4-6
 - 2. One Spirit – the power of the church
- IV. All God's children have gifts
 - 1. The indwelling Spirit
 - 2. And "charis" (grace)
- V. Power and grace must go together
 - 1. Gift is different from talent
 - 2. This power is the resurrection power
- VI. Shaping up the saints 4:12
 - 1. Special gifts are to develop the believers (church)
 - 2. Specific evangelist gift is to help non-believers
- VII. The ministries of the church
 - 1. To evangelize
 - 2. To proclaim/teach
 - 3. To pray
- VIII. The goal is maturity 4:13-16
 - 1. Believers will be Christ-like
 - 2. The fullness of Christ 4:13
- IX. Impact
 - 1. Church is to do what other groups cannot do
 - 2. This is discipleship!!