

# college bible study: ephesians

Notes on Session 2 – June 12, 2007

## Review

Authorship: This letter was most likely written by \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_ while he was in \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome.

Recipients: Even though the letter is called Ephesians, it's very likely that it was intended to be \_\_\_\_\_ among many churches in the region of Asia Minor, where Ephesus was located.

Purpose: The letter is not \_\_\_\_\_ in nature, but rather written to explain the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian faith and how those beliefs should impact the lives of their followers. The letter is clearly divided into two sections:

1. the \_\_\_\_\_ part (ch. 1-3)
2. the \_\_\_\_\_ part (ch. 4-6)

Three themes:

1. \_\_\_\_\_'s gift of salvation for all people, regardless of race.
2. The victory of \_\_\_\_\_ over the "powers in the heavenly realms."
3. The unity of the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Notice the role of the \_\_\_\_\_ in these themes.)

## Bible Study Principles:

1. If the \_\_\_\_\_ sense \_\_\_\_\_ sense seek no other \_\_\_\_\_ at all lest you get \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look for words and concepts that are repeated throughout a chapter or book and use that as a starting point for asking questions.

## Chapter 1

This chapter (vs. 4-5) focuses on the essence of our faith – the fact that

- a. God \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- b. God \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- c. God \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Paul refers to this as “the Good News that God saves you” (vs. 13)

How did God make it possible for me to be a part of His family?

- a. Romans 3:23 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Romans 6:23 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. 1 Peter 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Ephesians 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- e. John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Romans 10:8-13 \_\_\_\_\_

References to TIME

- I. Read vs. 3-14. Make note of all the references to time as it relates to God’s plan for salvation.

What did you discover? Why does it matter when God came up with His plan



Discussion/Prayer Time

1. What about your big take-aways from this chapter?
2. How can the truths of this chapter impact your prayer life and attitude toward God and life?