



Ephesian
Sermon 13

Ephesians 6:5-24

Sermon Study Guide
December 29th, 2019

Opening:

This week, we will complete our study as we wrap up the letter to the Ephesians. We have titled our study in Ephesians, “Becoming the Church.” The Apostle Paul has been challenging us, as well as 1st century Christians, to function like Christ both as individuals and as church bodies, which now exist across the world.

Review:

Chapter 1

We have every **spiritual blessing** as God’s chosen, predestined children. We are **lavished with the riches of His grace** and **sealed with His Holy Spirit** as a guarantee of our inheritance.

Chapter 2 and 3

Though we were dead in our sin, **God made us alive spiritually** when we believed in Him – by grace we have been saved. We Gentiles, who were at one time separated from God, were made a **new man** with the Jews, as the church is made up of both Jews and Gentiles who believe in Jesus. By faith, we can experience **Christ dwelling in our hearts.**

Chapter 4

We learned that when Christ ascended to the Father, **He gave spiritual gifts to men and women.**

- a) gifted people – apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers
- b) manifestation gifts for all people

As we, the members of the body, **employ our gifts and abilities**, the body of Christ grows and matures. Also, there are behaviors that represent our **“old self”** that need to be **“put off”**, and behaviors that represent our **“new self”** that need to be **“put on.”**

Chapter 5

We learned of the importance of **sexual purity among believers** and of God's way for the **marriage relationship** to function.

Chapter 6

We learned about the importance of the **parent/child relationship**.

All of these truths help us to **“Become the Church.”**

Now, let's pick up where we left off in Ephesians 6:5, as we briefly look at the employer/employee relationship, and then look at the greatest threat to our “Becoming the Church” - Spiritual Warfare.

Read Ephesians 6:5-9

- As you apply Paul's teachings in chapter six to your work environment, what will you do differently this week?

As a follower of Jesus, you should be a great employee!

- Do the same standards apply to the boss?

Now, as we conclude this letter, we will look at the spiritual battle we face as followers of Christ. We are to use all of our **spiritual resources** to protect ourselves and to fight off any and every attack from the evil one.

Read Ephesians 6:10 – 18

- Why are we to put on the whole armor of God? (6:10-11)
- It is not a human enemy that we fight in our quest to “become the church.” What or whom do we fight against?
- From Ephesians 1:19-21, where is Christ now? How powerful is Christ?
- How does knowing this instill hope in our Christian walk and journey?
- What is it important to know when we encounter the evil forces? What is available for the believer? (Ephesians 6:10-11)

- How are we to use all of our spiritual resources to withstand in the evil day and what is our goal in the battles we fight? (6:13)

Although we are assured of victory, we must engage in the struggle until Christ returns, because Satan is constantly battling against all who are on the Lord's side. We need supernatural power to defeat Satan. God has provided this by giving us his Holy Spirit within us and his armor surrounding us.

From Ephesians 6:14-20 list the armor of God and what each part is used for? Which parts are used for defensive and offensive purposes?



- With what attitudes should we face these forces?
- How does prayer fit into this battle? (6:18)
- What was Paul meaning when he said that he is an ambassador in chains? (6:19-20)

- How do the words *peace, love, faith, and grace* sum up Paul's teaching in this letter? How do these words apply to you in your current situation (6:21-24)?

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