

Otisville Church of Christ
Bible Study Guide for February 5-11, 2012
Ephesians 1-3

Sunday – Read Ephesians 1-3

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

Monday – Read Ephesians 1

1. What three reasons (three actions of God) are given why God is to be blessed?
2. What three descriptions do we have of our status "in him"?
3. What is the purpose of the promised Holy Spirit we have been sealed by?
4. How can you live to the praise of God's glory?

Prayer focus: For greater understanding of God and his plan.

Tuesday – Read Ephesians 1

1. Look at Paul's prayers in 1:15-23 and 3:14-21. How are these prayers different from how you might typically pray?
2. What three reasons does Paul give for his prayer for the believers?
3. What is the main thing Paul prays for them, and in what three ways would this work out in their lives and understanding?
4. Knowing that we have the same power at work within us that raised Christ from the dead, how can you have confidence to live differently?

Prayer focus: Follow Paul's outline and pray for another family or believer in the church.

Wednesday – Read Ephesians 2

1. In what two ways is our state apart from God described?
2. In what two ways is our role in God's plan described?
3. How did Christ bring us near and what are the results and effects of his having brought us near?
4. How does a proper understanding of the gospel help you to do good works?

Prayer focus: To understand the implications of the gospel in our relationships with God and others.

Thursday – Read Ephesians 2

1. How is our access to the Father obtained?
2. What description does Paul use to describe how the Gentiles are now included in the people of God through Christ?
3. How is the “household of God” metaphor used in this passage and what is the result of being built together?
4. What does it mean practically that the church is a dwelling place where God lives by his Spirit?

Prayer focus: For greater understanding of God and his plan.

Friday – Read Ephesians 3

1. What is the “mystery” that Paul has made known?
2. What is God's purpose in using Paul to proclaim this mystery?
3. What spiritual benefits do we have through God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus?
4. What does Paul pray for, and why does he pray for this?
5. How can you be more focused on and attuned to God's glory in your life?

Prayer focus: Thankfulness for the confidence and access we have through Jesus.

Saturday – Read Ephesians 4-6

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

Notes