

Ephesians

Session 6

In this session, we will bring our study of this amazing letter from Paul, the Apostle, to the Church in the ancient city of Ephesus to a close. Though 2000 years old, it still speaks to us today.

The Outline of Session 6 Passage

Conclusion

Tychicus – The Delivery Person of the Letter (6:21-22)

Paul's Benediction (6:23-24)

Key "Take Away" Points from Ephesians

1. The plan and order of salvation stretches from eternity to eternity.
2. There is a physical (visible) realm and a spiritual (invisible) realm of reality.
3. Mankind without Christ is dead in sin and subject to the depravity of sinful desires and the darkness of Satan's deceptive schemes.
4. By his grace, God redeems those who trust in Christ and gives them new life.
5. The church – made up of redeemed Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles) -- is the "new humanity."
6. As followers of Christ we are called to live in a manner that is worthy of our calling, which is to walk in unity and in purity.
7. Every believer is gifted by God for works of service.

8. It is the responsibility of servant leaders of the Church to prepare God's people for the works of service for which God has called and gifted them.
9. Every believer is admonished to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
10. Spirit-filled living impacts our marriage, family and work life.
11. Spiritual warfare is a fact, but God has made provision for Christians to overcome the enemy through his truth and his Spirit.

Tychicus – The Delivery Person of the Letter – 6:21-22

Who was Tychicus – a dear brother and faithful servant?

He was a native of the province of Asia - Western Asia Minor/Turkey (Acts 20:4).

He was more than likely from Ephesus since his name is mentioned with Trophimus, the Ephesian (Acts 20:29).

He also delivered the letter to the Colossian Church and the personal letter to Philemon (Colossians 4:7-9).

Either Tychicus or Aretas is sent to Crete to replace Titus as the leader of the church in Crete when Titus rejoins Paul in Nicopolis (Titus 3:12).

Paul sent Tychicus to Ephesus during his second Roman imprisonment (2 Timothy 4:12).

What was Tychicus' assignment?

Give a report on how things are with Paul.

Encourage the Church in Ephesus.

Paul's Benediction – 6:23-24

Peace to the brothers and love with faith from God.

Peace has been a key theme of the letter.

Peace and love belong together—for peace is reconciliation and love is its source and outflow.

Faith must be connected to love.

Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Four Powerful virtues: Peace – Love – Faith – Grace

Questions for Table Conversations

1. Since studying Ephesians, has your idea of the kind of man Paul was changed? In what way?
2. Paul was a spiritual entrepreneur (Apostle). Tychicus was a gifted servant. How are both of these gifts/callings important to the Body of Christ? Are there times when one person's gift may be more important in ministry than the other?