

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS
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PART ONE

EPHESIANS 1–2 – CHOSEN

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

1. Who has God called, and how are we to respond?
2. What is holiness?
3. What blessings await the believer in Christ?
4. How might following Jesus change your life?

PART TWO

EPHESIANS 3–4 – CHERISHED

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:17b–19)

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

1. What is the mystery that Chapter 3 refers to?
2. Write down a few words from these chapters that stand out to you.
3. What does putting off the old self mean?
4. How does our behaviour translate into action towards unbelievers?

PART THREE

EPHESIANS 5–6 – COMMISSIONED

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. (Ephesians 5:3–4)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:10–11)

1. How are we supposed to act as Christians?
2. How can we tell if something in our lives isn't right?
3. What does the Bible say about relationships in our families?
4. In what way are we able to withstand temptation and attack by the Enemy? Have you had any personal experience fighting against evil in your own life?