

Ivy Baptist Church
Wednesday Bible Study
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Book of Ephesians Pt. 5 (Ephesians 4:1-16)

Ephesians Chapters 1-3 Review:

- Chapters 1-3 are DOCTRINAL. They emphasize what we should BELIEVE as Christians.
- Chapters 1-3 also help believers understand their POSITION with God and Christ.
- Chapters 1-3 help us to know the UNLIMITED spiritual riches that are ALREADY available to us as children of God.
- This “mystery” that Gentiles by faith are partakers of the SAME inheritance as the Jews is outlined in Ephesians 3.

Today’s Lesson: Ephesians 4

- Ephesians 4-6 emphasize the _____ nature of Christianity. How shall we live?
- *Ephesians 4:1-6: Life as a child of God.....*
- 1. Live according to the _____ God has ALREADY given you! (vs. 1).
- 2. Key qualities of a Christian: _____, gentleness, patience and _____. (vs. 2).
- 3. Christians should strive to live _____ lives and be united to one another (vs. 3).

The Power of ONE. (Ephesians 4:4-6)

- One body (vs. 4), One Spirit (vs. 4), One hope of our calling (vs. 4).
- One _____ (vs. 5), One _____ (vs. 5), One _____ (vs. 5).
- One God and Father of all (vs. 6)
- **Key Point: God is above all, through all and _____ all! (vs. 6).**

Group Discussion: Ephesians 4:7-16

- 1. In verse 7, Paul says that Christ gives each person certain gifts according to HIS _____.
• _____
- 2. What are the five “offices” that God gave to the church in verse 11?
• _____
• _____
• _____
- 3. According to verse 12, why were these positions given to the church? (2 reasons).
• _____
• _____
- 4. In verse 16, Paul compares the church to a “body” and he says that is important that every part of the body (the membership) does what?
• _____

Closing Points:

- As Christians we must learn how to _____ according to the POSITION that God has ALREADY GIVEN US!
- _____ in the body of Christ is extremely important! Body parts don’t function in isolation.
- God gave positions in the church (order), so that the people of God would _____ spiritually.