

4. What are we to do instead of stealing (4:28)? _____

5. Give an example of a corrupt communication which could come out of your mouth, and a corresponding edifying expression which could come instead (as commanded in 4:29). _____

6. Take these thoughts with you for the day, and every day, for the rest of your life!

Saturday (November 3)—**prayerfully** read Eph 4:30-32.

1. Whom are we not to grieve, and how do you suppose we can grieve Him (4:30)? _____

2. What do you suppose it means to be sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption? [I write “why do you suppose,” because the text here does not tell us; many filling out this SSSG (Sunday School Study Guide) will have studied this out before, so can answer this question, drawing from their memory banks! Others will take the time to research this further, which is nice, but not expected by this particular pastor!] _____

3. What six things are to be put away (4:31)? _____

4. With what are we to replace the six things listed in 4:31(4:32)? _____

5. Who has forgiven us, and for what reason (4:32)? _____

6. Take these thoughts with you for the day!

Sunday (November 4)—(repeat) pray for today’s discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

due November 4, 2018

**Put off, renew, put on (4:22-24)!
Ephesians 4**

Theme of Ephesians: the church

Message: Know and rejoice in our relationship to Christ **and each other** (1-3), and walk worthy of it (4-6)!

Outline 1-3 **Doctrine**, the believer's identity (delights) in Christ
4-6 **Duties**, the believer's responsibilities in Christ

Themes by chapter (more detailed outline):

- (1) Blessings of redemption
- (2) God’s plan of salvation
- (3) Paul’s ministry
- (4) Walk worthy
- (5) Walk in Spirit, and relationships
- (6) Spiritual warfare

Key verses: 1:3, 6; 4:1, 22-24; 5:18-21; 6:10-18

Intro: The church is our body here—our fellowship, most glorious! John Stott published a good commentary on Ephesians in 1979, with a great title, *God’s New Society*.

Monday (October 29)—prayerfully read and enjoy Eph 4:1-6! **THIS CHAPTER BEGINS THE “PUTTING-INTO-PRACTICE” SECTION OF EPHESIANS, AND ALSO CALLS FOR GOD’S HELP—DON’T FORGET TO KEEP ASKING FOR IT AS YOU PROCEED!**

1. What does Paul beseech the Ephesians to do (4:1)? _____

(bonus) It has been said, “When we read ‘therefore,’ we need to see what it is there for!”—so, **what is “therefore” there for?!** (See 1:1-3:21!) In other words, “therefore” means, “based on what has just been communicated, the following follows!” Summarize what Paul has written in the first three chapters, in a few brief words! _____

2. What are we to be endeavoring to keep, and what is to be our attitude as we endeavor (apply effort) to keep it (4:2-3)? _____

3. How many “one’s” does Paul list (4:4-6)? _____
4. What one thing do you think Paul is describing in this listing of “one’s”? In other words, what has all these “one’s”? _____

5. What do you suppose is the point of verse 6? _____

6. What can you apply to your life in this section (and take it with you for the day, and for the rest of your life)?! _____

Tuesday (October 30)—prayerfully read Eph 4:7-11; these verses have been interpreted in different ways by good Bible commentators!

1. What measure of grace is given every one of us (in the church) (4:7)? _____
2. What do you suppose it means “when He ascended up on high,” in verse 8? _____

3. What gifts do you suppose He gave unto men (and notice verse 8 seems to connect directly with verse 11 as the verses between them are in parenthesis)? _____

4. What does “He ... descended first into the lower parts of the earth” (verses 9-10) seem to be referring to (and notice they are parenthetical)? _____
5. Does every Christian have these gifts listed in verse 11 (kind of a trick question)? _____
6. Briefly contrast “every one” in verse 7 with “some” in verse 11!

Wednesday (October 31)—prayerfully read Eph 4:12-16, and continue following the flow of this passage—Paul has challenged believers to walk worthy of their calling, keeping their God-given unity, explaining that God gave men as gifts to the church—and now in this section, Paul explains the role of these men (who were given as gifts to the church)!

1. What is the role of these men given as gifts to the church (4:12a)?!

- 2-3. It seems that in verses 13-15 Paul lists five goals toward which the saints (saved) are being perfected (through the ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastor-teachers)—see if you can list these goals (which are signs of Christian maturity).

- 1) coming into full _____ of the faith
- 2) coming into fuller _____ of the Son of God
- 3) coming unto a _____ (mature), Christlike person (“the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”)
- 4) that we be no longer _____ (immature—tossed about...)
- 5) speaking the _____ in _____

4. What is an evidence of immaturity (being “children”) (4:14)?

5. What entity is being written about in verse 16 (whose every part is working together in love to edify itself)?! _____
6. Ephesians 4:15 contains a phrase which is a good summary of how to act which will help us grow up; can you identify that group of words (and take it with you for the day)?! _____

Thursday (November 1)—**prayerfully** read Eph 4:17-24.

1. How were these Ephesians Christians not to walk (behave) (4:17)?

2. Give two or three characteristics of unsaved Gentiles (4:18-19).

3. What great teacher does Paul identify in verses 20-21? _____
4. Where is truth to be found? _____
5. Here is a great passage which summarizes the sanctification process in three simple statements—can you see them and list them (4:22-24)? _____

6. Review these thoughts, taking them with you for the day!

Friday (November 2)—**prayerfully** read Eph 4:25-29.

1. What is to be put away, and with what is it to be replaced (4:25)?

2. Describe the anger that it is right to have (as can be inferred in 4:26)? _____
3. How do you suppose that you could give place to the devil, as mentioned in 4:27? _____
