

Ephesians chapter 1 questions

Read through the entire book of Ephesians.

As you read and begin your study, pray and implore the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you study. Be sure to ask, "What does it say about God/Jesus/the Holy Spirit in these verses?". "What has He done?". "What pleases Him?". List some of these as you read chapter 1.

Using a Study Bible or Bible handbook, answer the following:

Who wrote the book of Ephesians?

To whom was the book written?

When was the book written?

Why was it written? (what's the purpose?)

In what literary style was it written?

What are the major themes?

1). What does it mean to be a saint? (v.1)

2). How are grace and peace related? (v.2). Why are they central in the Christian message?

3). According to 1:3-14, what are the spiritual blessings we have in Christ?

4). How and why should these blessings lead us to praise God the Father as Paul does in v.3? What phrase is repeated in v.6, v.12, and v.14?

5). According to v.10, what is God's ultimate goal? (See also Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:19-20; Rev. 5:11-13; and Eph. 1:20-23).

6). In v.15-23, Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving. For what did he give thanks (v.15-16)? What did Paul pray that the recipients of his letter would come to know increasingly and deeply? (v.17-19).

7). What in the passage (v.15-23) taught you the most about prayer? How would you outline or describe Paul's model of prayer as found in these verses?

8). Why should this passage (v.15-23) give us hope?