Bible Study Guide for Ephesians 1

Day 1 – Overview

1. Ephesians is the first of four epistles written from Paul's prison cell in Rome. The purpose of this letter was to express Paul's great desire to see unity in the body of Christ…the Church. His concern was that there not be a Jewish Church and a Gentile Church but that the body of believers be one…Jew and Gentile together.

   The first three chapters of Ephesians speak of the Christian's position in Christ, while the last three speak of his practice or walk as a believer

   Read **Ephesians 1**, especially noticing what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

2. To understand the background of the church at Ephesus, read **Acts 19:21-41** and **20:16-38** from The Living Bible, if possible.
   a. Where did Paul teach and what was his message. **Acts 20:18-21**

   b. What evidence is there that Paul's message made an impact on the lives of the Ephesian people? **Acts 19:17-20**, and **24-29**.

Day 2 – Ephesians 1:1-6

1. After Paul's salutation in **vvs. 1 and 2**, the first chapter of Ephesians tells the wonderful story of how and why we are Christians. Paul describes it as being the work of the Trinity. In **Ephesians 1:3-6** we see the Father's part in our redemption; in **vvs. 7-12**, the Son's part; and in **vvs. 13, 14** the work of the Holy Spirit. Study this carefully.

2. In the salutation, Paul greets those who are in Ephesus. **Vvs. 1, 2**.
   a. How does Paul describe himself?

   b. How does he address the Ephesian Christians?

   c. What is his wish for them?

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