A People of the Book 8-Year Curriculum Year 1, Quarter 3

A Study of Selected Texts from

Paul's Epistles,

Galatians & Ephesians

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Introduction

Paul's letter to the Galatians covers a great deal of ground. The apostle focuses on the purity of God's gospel, and draws upon several Old Testament examples to show our relationship to Him. One of the most recognizable passages in Galatians discusses the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit.

Paul's epistle to the Ephesians also covers a wide variety of topics, but they are all tied together with the thought "in Christ." It is interesting to note how many times the phrases "in Christ," "in Jesus," "in the Lord," and related pronouns are found in the book – no doubt by design of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture quotations come from the New King James Version.

Recommended Study Aids

Jerry C. Brewer, ... Unto the Churches of Galatia

James Burton Coffman, *Galatians through Colossians* (http://www.searchgodsword.org/com/bcc/)

David Lipscomb and J.W. Shepherd, Second Corinthians and Galatians

David Lipscomb and J.W. Shepherd, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians

The schedule for this class is listed below. Students are encouraged to read the texts prior to class and study the worksheets provided.

<u>Schedule</u>

- 1) July 8 The Gospel (Galatians 1)
- 2) <u>July 15</u> Corruption and Hypocrisy (Galatians 2)
- 3) July 22 Belief and Righteousness (Galatians 2-3)
- 4) July 29 Heirs of God (Galatians 3-4)
- 5) August 5 Slave or Free? (Galatians 4-5)
- 6) August 12 Freedom in Christ (Galatians 5)
- 7) August 19 Life of Godliness (Galatians 6)
- 8) August 26 Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1)
- 9) September 2 Alive in Christ (Ephesians 2)
- 10) <u>September 9</u> Confidence in Christ (Ephesians 3)
- 11) September 16 Worthy in Christ (Ephesians 4)
- 12) <u>September 23</u> Light in Christ (Ephesians 5)
- 13) <u>September 30</u> Stand in Christ (Ephesians 6)

The Gospel

Read: Galatians 1

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1)	What astonished Paul about the Galatian Christians?		
2)	What should happen to anyone who preached a gospel other than what the Galatians had learned from Paul?		
3)	From where did Paul receive the gospel that he taught to the Galatians?		
4)	What was Paul zealous for in his previous way of life?		
5)	Why did Paul go to Jerusalem after 3 years?		
Thou	ght Questions		
1)	From Paul's greeting in Galatians 1:1-5, identify at least two themes that Paul will address in detail with this letter.		
2)	The term <i>GOSPEL</i> means "good news." What are the elements of this good news? What scriptures support your view?		

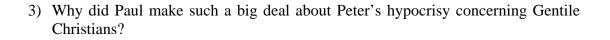
3)	What is it about this gospel that causes men to lay down their lives for its sake?
4)	According to Galatians 1:6-9, why is it important to maintain the accuracy of the gospel message?
5)	We often use the phrase "obey the gospel". What does this mean? Use your concordance to find any scriptures that deal with this idea.
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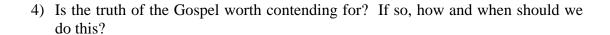
Corruption and Hypocrisy

Read: Galatians 2

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Review of the Reading		
1)	Why didn't Paul give in to the false brothers who were spying on the freedom we have in Christ?	
2)	Who gave Paul the right hand of fellowship?	
3)	Who was led astray by Peter's hypocrisy?	
4)	What would be true if righteousness could be gained through law?	
5)	What did Peter stop doing when certain men came from James?	
Thou	ght Questions	
1)	What is the effect of going beyond the simple truth of the Gospel and binding these opinions as law on other Christians? What examples of this behavior can you think of in today's religious world?	
2)	What do verses 6-9 say about the false teaching that Peter was the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church?	



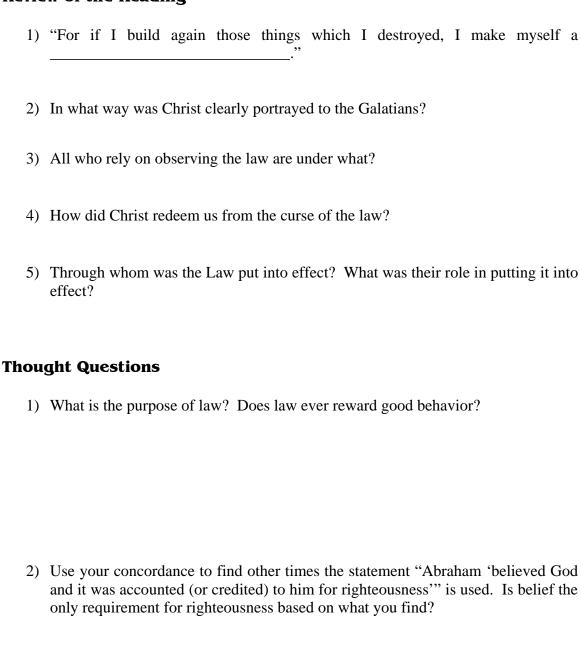


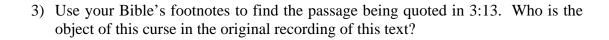
Your Questions...

Belief and Righteousness

Read: Galatians 2-3

Review of the Reading





4) Why does the promise given to Abraham that all nations would be blessed through his Seed not end when the Law was fulfilled and taken out of the way by Christ?

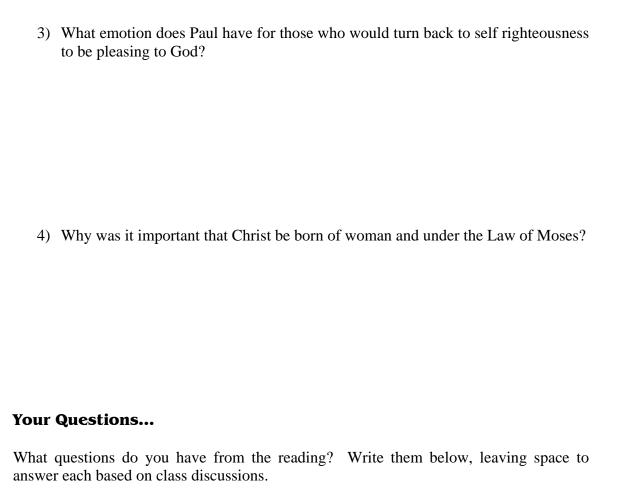
Your Questions...

Heirs of God

Read: Galatians 3-4

Review of the Reading

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1)	"But when the of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a, born under the, to redeem those who were under the
	, that we might receive the adoption as
2)	Through whom was the law put into effect?
3)	What was the law put in charge of?
4)	We are sons of God through what?
5)	"and if a son, then an of God through Christ."
Thou	ght Questions
1)	Noting the word "for" in verse 3:27, what is the logical relationship between faith and baptism?
2)	How should those who are in Christ regard those of other races, cultures and socio-economic classes?

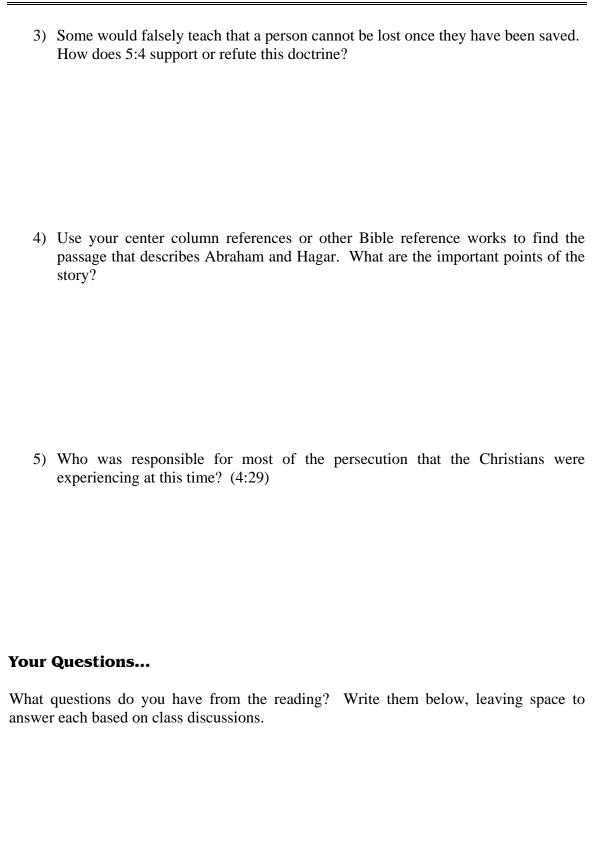


Slave or Free?

Read: Galatians 4-5

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Review of the Reading	
1)	What did Paul say he knew that the Galatians would have given him?
2)	When would Christ be of no value to the Galatians?
3)	What has value in Christ Jesus according to 5:6?
4)	How is the entire law summed up?
5)	How was Isaac born?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	What should be a warning to Christians that they are living in self righteousness rather than faith (4:15)?
2)	Use your center column references and other Bible reference works to find other times the "Jerusalem above" is used in the New Testament. What does this image represent?

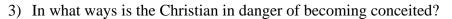


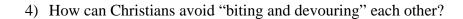
Freedom in Christ

Read: Galatians 5

Review of the Reading

1)	For what has Christ set us free?	
2)	"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but working through love."	
3)	How is the entire law summed up?	
4)	What does the flesh desire?	
5)	What is the fruit of the Spirit?	
Thought Questions		
1)	In what way was the cross of Christ offensive? What scriptures can you find to backup your answer? Is the cross still offensive today?	
2)	What things are we free from in Christ? Are there any things from which we are not free?	





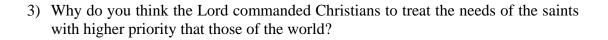
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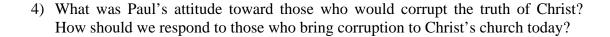
Life of Godliness

Read: Galatians 6

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1)	What kind of letters did Paul use when writing to the Galatians?
2)	Who should restore one who is caught in a trespass or sin?
3)	What should each person test?
4)	What will the person who sows to please the Spirit reap?
5)	Why did the false teachers want the Galatians to be circumcised?
Thou	ght Questions
1)	What ways can a man be deceived with regard to the outcome of his life?
2)	Why might a person become weary in doing god? How can he guard against this?



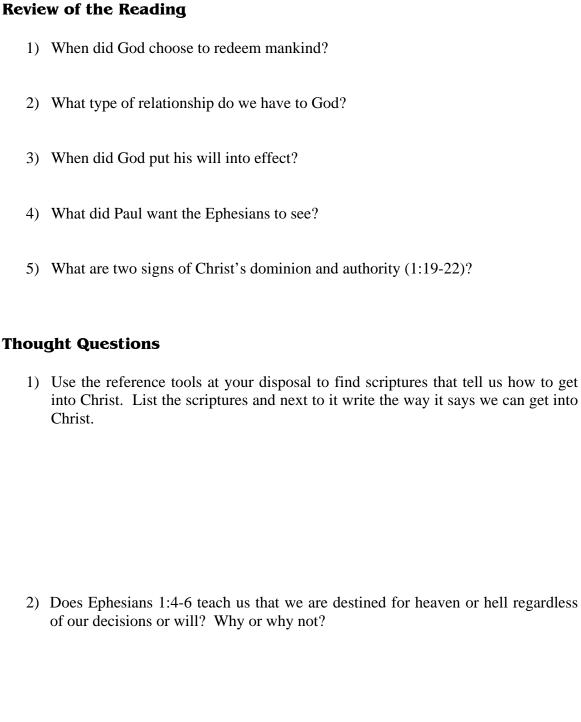


Your Questions...

Ephesians Lesson 8

Blessings in Christ

Read: Ephesians 1



Ephesians Lesson 8 3) List some ways that the church fulfills its role as Christ's body. 4) What is the hope to which God has called his people? 5) What themes does Paul address in the prayer of thanksgiving section of this letter that may show up later in this writing (Ephesians 1:15-23)? Your Questions... What questions do you have from the reading? Write them below, leaving space to answer each based on class discussions.

Ephesians Lesson 9

Alive in Christ

Read: Ephesians 2

Review of the Reading

1)	Who is at work in the sons of disobedience?
2)	Where has God seated us?
3)	"For we are His, created in Christ Jesus for, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
4)	Who is the chief cornerstone?
5)	What do all the people of the church come together to form (2:21)?
	ght Questions List some ways that a person is dead when he is apart from Christ.
2)	Does God have a purpose for each life he creates in Christ?

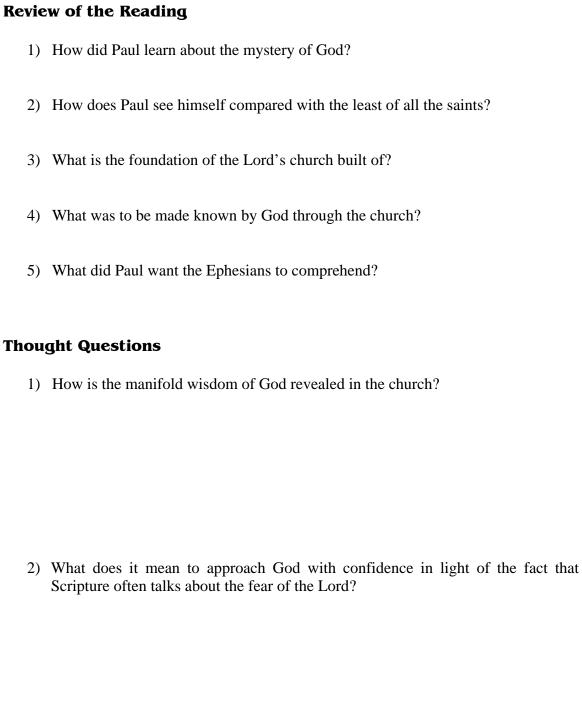
Ephesians Lesson 9 3) Rhetorical Question: What is God's purpose for your life? 4) What is the purpose of the church according to 2:21? 5) How does this congregation fulfill this purpose? **Your Questions...** What questions do you have from the reading? Write them below, leaving space to answer each based on class discussions.

Ephesians Lesson 10

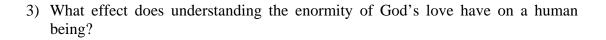
Confidence in Christ

Read: Ephesians 3

Review of the Reading



Ephesians Lesson 10



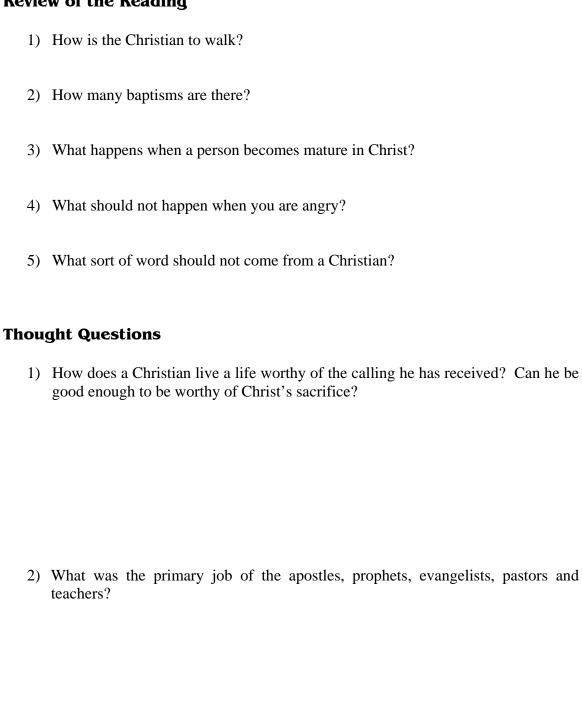
Your Questions...

Ephesians Lesson 11

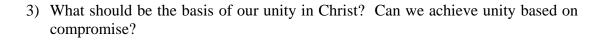
Worthy in Christ

Read: Ephesians 4

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Ephesians Lesson 11



4) How does a person mature in Christ? How can a Christian know that he is growing in Christ?

Your Questions...

Ephesians Lesson 12

Light in Christ

Read: Ephesians 5

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Review of the Reading	
1)	What type of offering was Christ to God?
2)	What comes on those who are disobedient?
3)	What makes everything visible?
4)	What three types of songs are Christians to sing to one another and to God?
5)	What can a Christian stand against when he has put on the full armor of God?
	ght Questions
1)	The whole burnt offering described in Leviticus 1:1-17 was a pleasing aroma to God that signified his people's complete devotion and submission to God. How did Christ fulfill this pattern in his sacrifice?
2)	Describe the music mentioned in this text. Was it in an assembly or private?
	Who was the audience of the music? What instrument is being played?

Ephesians

Lesson 12

3) What is the two part significance of "washing of water by the word."?

Water = _____ Word = _____

4) Describe a marriage that lives up to the pattern given in this text. Will the wife have anything to fear by submitting? Will the husband fail to receive any good thing from his wife?

5) What does Paul mean in 5:15 when he says "...the days are evil"?

Your Questions...

Ephesians Lesson 13

Stand in Christ

Read: Ephesians 6

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Review of the Reading		
1)	Bondservants/slaves should obey their masters with what kind of heart?	
2)	Why should a Christian put on the full armor of God?	
3)	What did Paul want the Ephesians to pray about for him?	
4)	Who is our struggle against?	
5)	What will the Lord reward everyone for?	
	ght Questions	
1)	How should a father raise his children? What are real examples of this in practice?	
2)	How should a Christian work in his vocation? Why?	
3)	From what perspective should the Christian view life and its struggles? Are our	
	struggles physical or spiritual?	

4) How does the armor of God enable us to stand in a world that is hostile to Christ? 5) How can this congregation be more effective in our prayers? 6) What difference does prayer make in spreading the gospel? **Your Questions...** What questions do you have from the reading? Write them below, leaving space to answer each based on class discussions.

Lesson 13

Ephesians

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	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
2007	Matthew	Genesis	Galatians & Ephesians	Isaiah
2008	Exodus	I & II Timothy, Titus	Hebrews	Minor Prophets I (Hosea-Obadiah)
2009	Mark	Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	Romans	Jeremiah and Lamentations
2010	l and II Thessalonians	Joshua, Judges, Ruth	James, I & II Peter	Minor Prophets II (Jonah-Habakkuk)
2011	Luke	Samuel, Kings, Chronicles	I, II, III John & Jude	Daniel
2012	Acts	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	I Corinthians	Minor Prophets III (Zephaniah-Malachi)
2013	John	Job	II Corinthians	Psalms
2014	Philippians, Colossians & Philemon	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	Revelation	Ezekiel

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