

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR READ THROUGH THE BIBLE 01/11/12

1. Describe what it means to you that, in spite of your sin and unworthiness, God, In Christ, has chosen, adopted, predestined, and included you in His kingdom (Ephesians 1:1-4).
2. Review Ephesians 2:8-10. What is the relationship between grace and works in the life of a believer? (Look back also to I Corinthians 13:1-13).
3. Ephesians 3:11-13 reminds us that through Christ we may approach our heavenly Father with freedom and confidence. According to verses 14-19, what is Paul's prayer? For whom does he pray it? Paul adds that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Why not pray for the same things as Paul did for yourself and others?
4. Ephesians 4 describes the oneness God's people have in Him. What is meant by speaking the truth in love? When is it difficult for God's people to speak the truth in love? By God's grace what will be the outcome (verses 15-16)?
5. Review Ephesians 5:22-33. Why is the one-flesh union of marriage an apt metaphor for the relationship between Christ and His church? See also Ephesians 4:3-6.
6. Why is Paul's prayer request, recorded in Ephesians 6:19-20, fitting for believers of all time to ask others to pray? See also Ephesians 4:15-16.
7. What tension existing in his life does Paul describe in Philippians 1:21-23? Why do many not necessarily always experience this tension? See Matthew 24:38-39.

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