

Study Questions
Ephesians Part 16
Sunday June 7th 2009

1). Eph 6:10 ¶ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

a). Eph 1:19 *and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

b). What does our scripture from Ephesians 1 teach us about ‘the power of His might’?

c). Why can fruit worthy of the Kingdom only be produced in the spirit?

d). What connection do you make between producing fruit and the spiritual warfare?

e). How would both of these be connected with walking worthy of our calling?

f). What are the implications here for our everyday lives?

g). What part of your day/life is most vulnerable to the wiles of the devil?

h). How important is it then to stay in the word, and how much do we need each other?

i). What is the foundation upon which the present kingdom under Satan is built?

j). Where then is his primary point of contact with us?

k). What are you learning in all of this?

2). *1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, & which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

a). Explain as fully as you can all that this scripture reveals to us.

3). If the kingdom under Satan is founded on pride what then is necessary on our part to defeat his kingdom that the resurrection of Christ has made possible?

a). Why don't we like this?

b). What does Moses cleansing of the camp of Israel and Christ's cleansing of the Temple teach us in relation to this?

4). There is nothing in Christ's crucifixion that to the natural eye looks like victory – why is that?

a). 1Pe 2:22 *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";*
23 *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did*
not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

b). How do you explain His meekness in this situation?

c). How are these 2 scriptures connected? - 1Pe 2:21 *For to this you were*
called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should
follow His steps:

Mt 5:5 *Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.*

d). What does this require of us?

e). What do we find difficult in this?

5). Ro 12:19 *Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for*
it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If
your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing
you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

a). What does v19 require us to do?

b). Who would our enemy in v20 be?

c). Using only these verses, what would being overcome by evil look like?

d). And what would overcoming evil with good look like?

- e). How is it possible for us to have the mindset to do this?
- f). What would be our greatest struggle in putting this into practice?
- g). What would our choosing not to do so really be saying?

6). Let's try to make some connections.

a). How do we apply what we are learning about the spiritual warfare to the way we conduct our relationships within marriage, within the family, within the workplace and within the church?

b). Read Ephesians Chapter 4 – what else do we see here that would also fit our application?

c). What is the central focus of a). and b). ?

7). From what we have looked at in the Ephesians Part 16 message what do you think courage looks like?

a). What does strength look like?

b). What does overcoming the world, the flesh and the devil look like?

c). How much of a radical departure from what we thought to be true is what we have seen in the scriptures?

8). Considering all we have learned, what do you think it looks like to put on the whole armor of God?

a). How close are you to accomplishing this?

b). What do you think remains the biggest chink in your armor?

9). Final thoughts, comments, questions?