



Sunday School Study Plan for June 2023 with Mrs. Birdie Clifton and Deacon Ivy Foster  
Theme for Four Weeks (June 4, 11, 18, and 25)  
Studies of Ephesians  
“Seeking Understanding of the Body of Christ, the Church”

**Week 1: Chosen for a Reason**  
**Ephesians 1**

Guiding Questions:

1. Who were the recipients of Paul’s letter and where was he when he wrote it? (1:1)
2. Name some of the blessings that Paul told the believers they had through Jesus Christ and discuss them. 1:3-14
3. Why is Paul thankful to God for the Ephesians and what can we learn from that? 1:15-16
4. What was Jesus Christ's position of authority? 1:20-22
5. What illustration does Paul use to explain the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Church? 1:23

**Week 2: Saving Grace**  
**Ephesians 2**

Guiding Questions:

1. Describe the kind of situation the Christians were in before they met Jesus 2:1-3
2. What did God do to us when we were dead sinners and why?
3. What does “saved by grace” mean to you personally, and how do you as a Christian respond to this grace?
4. What was God’s purpose for creating us, saving us and what is our role if any?
5. Explain what Paul means when he uses the analogy Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of God’s household.

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

1. READ TEXT FOR THE WEEK
2. USE A STUDY APPROACH TO RE-READ TEXT FOR PERSONAL AND BIBLICAL CONNECTIONS
  - A. CONSIDER 3 INSIGHTS, 2 SIGNIFICANT VERSES, AND ONE KEY WORD FOR DISCUSSION
  - B. USE BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON TEXT TO GIVE CONTEXT OR BACKGROUND
  - C. REVIEW VARIED TRANSLATIONS TO COMPARE MEANINGS
3. CONNECT LESSONS TO SERMONS FROM PAST DECADES AND LAST SEVERAL MONTHS

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### **Week 3: Walking in Unity and Worthiness** **Ephesians 3-6**

#### Guiding Questions:

1. How did Paul convince the believers of the importance of unity?
2. Name and describe the ministry roles that Jesus gave to the believers of the church. What is their purpose?
3. What was the situation of the Gentiles before they believed in Jesus?
4. How did Paul confront the Christian Gentiles?
5. What were two commands that Paul gave to all believers and why were the commands necessary?
6. Discuss what Paul said about believers that were filled with the Holy Spirit.

### **Week 4: Being Strong in the Lord Everyday** **Ephesians 3-6**

#### Guiding Questions

1. What are the responsibilities of Christians in their household as they battle the evil forces and how can anyone pray on all occasions?
2. Talk about the responsibilities of parents and children as it relates to respect and honor.
3. Explain the biblical Christian household roles of the husband and wife as Paul referenced the roles. Why is it difficult to keep the reference of Paul in the right context today?
4. Name the armor Paul says Christians should wear.
5. What is the purpose of the whole armor of God and why is it dangerous to not have it all during battle with the enemy?
6. Name the different elements of the whole armor of God and explain what is the function of each piece.
7. What does Paul say Christians must include with this armor?
8. Why is there no armor on the back and why should we never run from the enemy?
9. Paul asked for one thing from the Ephesian believers, what was it and why did he ask it?