

“Therefore” Sermon Series & Reading Plan

Journeying through Ephesians as We Move into Our New Building

DATES: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 • ONE CHAPTER PER WEEK

Welcome! Paul focuses more on the nature and unity of the church in Ephesians than in any other epistle—making it an ideal study as we transition into our new church building. This 6-week daily reading plan covers one chapter of Ephesians each week, bridging Christian belief (Chapters 1–3) with Christian behavior (Chapters 4–6).

Week 1: The Blessing of Our New Identity in Christ

Focus: Ephesians 1

Sunday, Sept 6	Ephesians 1:1–3	<i>How does remembering your identity as “faithful in Christ Jesus” shape your view of yourself today?</i>
Monday, Sept 7	Ephesians 1:4–6	<i>What does it mean to your heart to know you were chosen by God to be holy and blameless?</i>
Tuesday, Sept 8	Ephesians 1:7–10	<i>In what areas of your life do you most need to experience the riches of God’s grace and forgiveness?</i>
Wednesday, Sept 9	Ephesians 1:11–14	<i>How does being “sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” give you confidence for the future?</i>
Thursday, Sept 10	Ephesians 1:15–18	<i>Pause and pray Paul’s prayer for yourself: ask God to give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation.</i>
Friday, Sept 11	Ephesians 1:19–23	<i>How does it impact your week to know that Christ rules over all things for the sake of the Church?</i>
Saturday, Sept 12	Ephesians 1:1–23	<i>Looking back over Chapter 1, what truth about your spiritual wealth do you want to carry into tomorrow’s worship?</i>

Week 2: Brought Together in the New Temple

Focus: Ephesians 2

Sunday, Sept 13	Ephesians 2:1–3	<i>How does remembering where God rescued you from deepen your gratitude today?</i>
Monday, Sept 14	Ephesians 2:4–7	<i>Why is it vital to remember that salvation is entirely God’s initiative fueled by His “great love”?</i>
Tuesday, Sept 15	Ephesians 2:8–10	<i>How does viewing yourself as God’s “workmanship” created for good works change your daily routines?</i>
Wednesday, Sept 16	Ephesians 2:11–13	<i>In what ways have you personally experienced being “brought near” by the blood of Christ?</i>
Thursday, Sept 17	Ephesians 2:14–18	<i>Are there any invisible “walls” of hostility in your relationships that Christ is calling you to dismantle?</i>
Friday, Sept 18	Ephesians 2:19–22	<i>As our church moves into a new building, what does it mean to be part of a living “dwelling place for God”?</i>
Saturday, Sept 19	Ephesians 2:1–22	<i>How does Chapter 2 bridge the gap between individual salvation and corporate unity within the body?</i>

Week 3: The Mystery Revealed to the Church		Focus: Ephesians 3
Sunday, Sept 20	Ephesians 3:1–4	<i>How does Paul's joy in suffering for the gospel challenge your own perspective on hardship?</i>
Monday, Sept 21	Ephesians 3:5–7	<i>What does it mean to you to be a "fellow heir" of God's promises?</i>
Tuesday, Sept 22	Ephesians 3:8–10	<i>How does God use the local church to display His wisdom to the surrounding world?</i>
Wednesday, Sept 23	Ephesians 3:11–13	<i>Because of Christ, we have confident access to God. How does this invite you to pray more fearlessly?</i>
Thursday, Sept 24	Ephesians 3:14–16	<i>Where do you need the Holy Spirit to strengthen you with power in your inner being right now?</i>
Friday, Sept 25	Ephesians 3:17–21	<i>Ponder the "width, length, height, and depth" of Christ's love. How does that fill you today?</i>
Saturday, Sept 26	Ephesians 3:1–21	<i>How does Paul's doxology (verses 20–21) inspire your faith as our church steps into this new chapter?</i>

Week 4: Walking Worthy in Unity and Holiness		Focus: Ephesians 4
Sunday, Sept 27	Ephesians 4:1–3	<i>What specific attitude (humility, gentleness, patience) do you most need to practice with others this week?</i>
Monday, Sept 28	Ephesians 4:4–6	<i>How does focusing on our "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" help bridge differences among believers?</i>
Tuesday, Sept 29	Ephesians 4:7–12	<i>How is God calling you to use your unique gifts to build up the body of Christ?</i>
Wednesday, Sept 30	Ephesians 4:13–16	<i>What does spiritual maturity look like in your interactions with other believers?</i>
Thursday, Oct 1	Ephesians 4:17–24	<i>Is there an old habit or mindset ("the old self") that you need to put off today?</i>
Friday, Oct 2	Ephesians 4:25–32	<i>How can your words be used today to "build others up according to their needs"?</i>
Saturday, Oct 3	Ephesians 4:1–32	<i>How does true Christian behavior naturally flow out of our shared Christian identity?</i>

Week 5: Walking in Light and Love		Focus: Ephesians 5
Sunday, Oct 4	Ephesians 5:1–2	<i>In what practical way can you imitate God's sacrificial love today?</i>
Monday, Oct 5	Ephesians 5:3–7	<i>What does it mean for your life choices to reflect being a "child of light"?</i>
Tuesday, Oct 6	Ephesians 5:8–14	<i>Where is God prompting you to "awake" and let the light of Christ shine into a dark situation?</i>
Wednesday, Oct 7	Ephesians 5:15–20	<i>What does it look like to "make the most of every opportunity" and be filled with the Spirit?</i>
Thursday, Oct 8	Ephesians 5:21–24	<i>How does mutual submission out of reverence for Christ transform your closest relationships?</i>
Friday, Oct 9	Ephesians 5:25–33	<i>How does Christ's selfless love and care for the Church set the standard for human relationships?</i>
Saturday, Oct 10	Ephesians 5:1–33	<i>How does walking in light and love change the atmosphere of both our homes and our church community?</i>

Week 6: Standing Firm in Spiritual Warfare		Focus: Ephesians 6
Sunday, Oct 11	Ephesians 6:1–4	<i>How can families cultivate an environment of mutual respect, encouragement, and grace?</i>
Monday, Oct 12	Ephesians 6:5–9	<i>How does working "heartily, as for the Lord and not for human masters" change your daily work ethic?</i>
Tuesday, Oct 13	Ephesians 6:10–12	<i>Remind yourself who the true enemy is: how does this perspective change how you handle conflict?</i>
Wednesday, Oct 14	Ephesians 6:13–15	<i>Are you currently putting on the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and shoes of peace?</i>
Thursday, Oct 15	Ephesians 6:16–17	<i>How do the shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit protect you from discouragement?</i>
Friday, Oct 16	Ephesians 6:18–24	<i>Who are the specific people you need to lift up in persistent prayer today?</i>
Saturday, Oct 17	Ephesians 6:1–24	<i>As we conclude our journey through Ephesians and step into our new building, how are you equipped to stand firm together?</i>

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think... to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." — Ephesians 3:20–21