

# C.R.O.S.S



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## July Study: Book of Ephesians

The focus of study for Sunday School during the month of July will be the book of Ephesians. Unlike other epistles written to specific churches, this epistle does not deal with specific problems in a local congregation. Instead, Paul addressed great themes that pertain to the Christian's position in Christ, as a member of the body of Christ, the church. It was written to encourage believers to walk as fruitful followers of Christ and to serve in unity and love.

*Getting to Know Ephesians:*

Author: Paul

Date: Written about 60-62 A.D.

Key personalities: Apostle Paul and Tychicus

Theme: The Believer's Riches In Christ

Key Verse: Ephesians 3:1 - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,"*

Purpose: To remind Christians of their spiritual blessings in Christ and to exhort Christians to have a "walk" worthy of their calling

Sunday School:  
8:15 – 9:30 a.m.  
Classes for everyone!



## Annual Camp Central Cookout!



Join us on July 23 for the Annual Cookout! It's a day of food, fun and relaxation! If you plan to attend please R.S.V.P. to Dea. Byron Earley by July 17. Everyone is invited to attend.

# COOKOUT!

*Camp Central is located on a beautiful country 69.5 acre camp located on the south slope of Little Mountain in Bethel Township, Lebanon, P.A. The camp is owned and operated by the Central Baptist Association.*

## Scriptures of the Month

1 **Chronicles 29:13** – Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name...

1 **Peter 2:9** – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light..

### Praise the Lord!

As we conclude our study of prayer using materials from the movie, "War Room," let us apply what we have learned. One application should be praying with expressions of gratitude from appreciative hearts.

As the scriptures for the month of July remind us, thankful hearts utter exclamations of praise to God. Philippians 4:6 tells us that our prayers and supplications should be made with thanksgiving. Prayers that include praise tell God we love Him and that we trust and believe He will give us what is asked for when it is in accordance with His will.

Psalm 100 tells us to "enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." When we enter our prayer closets, praying with expressions of thanksgiving in our hearts and the sacrifice of praise from our lips, we glorify God for who He is and offer thanks in advance for the answer to our petitions.

Praise the Lord!

### Great VBS!



Thanks to Roseann Stewart, Radee Skipworth and all the volunteers who did a marvelous job helping the kids **submerge** themselves in God's Word! Job well done!

## I'm Free!

As we celebrate Independence Day as a nation, let us also reflect on our freedom in Christ. Freedom for us as Christians means we are free from the *penalty of sin* by our faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23). It also means we are liberated from the *power of sin* in our lives by that same faith (Romans 6:5).

### Liberty in His Word:

Galatians 5:13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only [use] not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

John 8:36 - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Corinthians 3:17 - Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty.

*I'm free, praise the Lord, I'm free.  
No longer bound, no more chains holding me,  
My soul is resting, it's another blessing,  
Praise the Lord, hallelujah! I'm free!*

Let us stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1)! Let us use our freedom in Christ to glorify God!



## Food For Thought!

“If you were another person, would you be friends with you?”

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“The mind is like television. When it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound.”

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“Some people don't put their best foot forward until they get the other one in hot water.”

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“Too many of us speak twice before we think once.”

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“A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.”

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE



### Ephesians Quiz – Based on King James Version

1. According to Ephesians, what are believers "sealed with"?
2. What is God rich in, according to Ephesians 2?
3. Why does Ephesians say that one person should forgive another person?
4. How does Ephesians say husbands should love their wives?
5. What does Ephesians describe as the first commandment with promise?
6. What are the various church roles Paul describes for serving in the body of Christ?
7. Whom does he say Christians should imitate as "dearly loved children"?
8. What did Paul tell the Ephesians they needed to stand against the wiles of the devil?
9. Finish the phrase: feet shod with \_\_\_\_\_
10. Finish the phrase: take the helmet of \_\_\_\_\_



## GOT JOKES!

Children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Christian school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Someone had written a note and placed it next to the apples. It read, “Take only one. God is watching.” At the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written her own note and placed it next to the cookies. It read, “Take all you want. God is watching the apples.”

### Children's Letters to God

From Lucy: Dear God, are you really invisible, or is that a trick?

From Anita: Dear God, did you mean for the giraffe to look like that, or was it an accident?

From Tim: Dear God, thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy

### Test Your Knowledge Answers

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| 1. Ephesians 1:13 | 6. Ephesians 4:11-13 |
| 2. Ephesians 2:4  | 7. Ephesians 5:1     |
| 3. Ephesians 4:32 | 8. Ephesians 6:11    |
| 4. Ephesians 5:25 | 9. Ephesians 6:15    |
| 5. Ephesians 6:2  | 10. Ephesians 6:17   |