

# The Book of Ephesians Bible Study Lesson 16

## Ephesians 5:1-7 Questions

### Enthronement of Desire

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

This week's study of God's Word is going to take us deep into our hearts and guide us into God's amazing truth and the true meaning of love and devotion. Read Ephesians 5:1-7

1. In one of the sermons I read for this context of Scripture, they used the word enthronement which I thought was very fitting for what Paul is teaching us. Look up in a dictionary and write down the meaning of 'enthronement'.

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2. In Ephesians 5:3-5 Paul gives us a grave contrast of a life apart from God. Write down the words that describe this person and see if you can find additional meanings to these descriptive actions. What is it that leads a person to evil and godless activity and thoughts? Read also Romans 1:21-25

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3. Write down the meaning of idolatry.

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4. We need to ask ourselves, is there anything, ANYTHING, I need or want more than God? What are my true desires? Write it down. Remember idols can also be good and moral things, but, they can give us more joy and contentment than Christ. What do I find my pleasures in? Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-14

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5. In Ephesians 5:1-2 how does Paul tell the Christians to live?

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6. Are there contrasts when you compare verses 1-2 with verses 3-5? What kind of love and devotion is portrayed from verses 1-2, then portrayed in verses 3-4?

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So why don't we run straight to the Father and bask in the perfect love, devotion and grace He gives us through His precious Savior Jesus Christ? Do we know and trust Him enough to keep Him on the throne of our hearts? How much do we express our gratitude to Him for all He is doing for us every moment of every day 'to infinity and beyond' (Buzz Lightyear quote 😊)?

7. Paul expresses in Romans 1:21 and here in Ephesians 5:4 that practicing a heart of gratitude to God can protect us from falling into these worldly desires. Explain your thoughts on why this can work. Find Scriptures that can confirm your thoughts. What is evidence of a grateful heart?

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8. Ephesians 5:5 is such a serious warning to anyone who chooses to live their lives to satisfy themselves and not allow Christ to be on the throne to rule their hearts. Even though Jesus Christ died for all, not all will receive His atoning sacrifice to rescue and redeem them. Christ's redemption is for all who have placed their trust and lives to His care, they belong to Him. Read the following Scriptures and write a brief overview of each one.

Romans 1:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 6:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Colossians 3:1-6 \_\_\_\_\_

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**9.** Paul's contrast is very evident, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, makes us into a new creation that reflects His glory and His nature, we are His for eternity. The unsaved person only knows how to feed their own desires of the flesh, looking for anyway to satisfy their cravings and need, never content.

Understanding this contrast that Paul has given us, how can it help us to discern and guide others in the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Read John 3:3-8 for help. Find more Scriptures that would be helpful. A helpful tool is to write out your testimony of how God redeemed you, and walking in newness of life!

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**12.** Going back to Ephesians 5:1-2 If we are putting God on the throne of our hearts each day He will give us the desire to reflect His character and glory as His very own beloved children. We will rely on Christ to be able to walk in His perfect love becoming a sacrifice to our God and Father as a fragrant aroma. Read the following Scriptures and write down what they mean to you personally.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 5:5-9 \_\_\_\_\_

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