

Ephesians: God's Grace for Us We Are New

1. Learn Christ by letting Christ. "...be renewed in the spirit of your mind." **Ephesians 4:23.** *Ephesians 4:17-19; Ephesians 4:20-24; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

2. Live Christ by learning Christ. "He has identified you as His own." **Ephesians 4:30.** *Ephesians 4:25-30*

5 nature attributes:

- Live Honestly-
- Live Forgiving-
- Live Generously-
- Live Encouraging-
- Live Loyal-

3. Love Christ by living Christ. "...just as God through Christ..." **Ephesians 4:32.** *Ephesians 4:31-32*

In this series "Ephesians: God's Grace to Us", we are going to SOAP our way through Ephesians. That means for our reading guide, every day there will be just a few verses from Ephesians to meditate on. We will do that by SOAPing. This works best if you have a journal, where each day you:

S- Scripture: Write out each verse

O- Observation: Write out what the verse is saying. You can use a commentary for this.

A- Application: Write out how the verse applies to my life, how does this truth impact me?

P- Prayer: Pray for God to work this truth deep into my mind and heart.

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Ephesians 5:1-2

Ephesians 5:3-4

Ephesians 5:5-6

Ephesians 5:7-10

Ephesians 5:11-14

Ephesians 5:15-17

Ephesians 5:18-21

Discussion Questions:

1. Share with one another a dark time in your life to highlight the contrast of now living in Christ.
2. Discuss the difference between learning about Christ, and learning Christ.
3. What is the main thing we need to learn Christ about?
4. Discuss the 5 nature attributes. Why is each one important to unity in the church?
5. Discuss loyalty to the Holy Spirit. How does this idea impact how you live Christ?
6. Discuss how Identity in Christ influences how well you can love others.