

## EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4

Read Ephesians ch 4 (v1-6) (v7-16) (v17-24) (25-32)

While Ephesians does not seek to address any fault existing at the time, v1-3 have Paul urging the saints to Christlike behaviour

Q. What does it mean in v3 to “Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”?

In v4-6 we once again have a passage featuring the trinity

Q. In V4 Paul says that there is one body and one Spirit. He then goes on to say we have, “One hope in your calling”. What does he mean by this?

Q. What does he say about Jesus?

Q. What does he say about God the Father?

Q. How do the three members of the Godhead operate together in the church?

In v8 Paul quotes David’s prophetic words in Psalm 68.18. (Read this verse)

The final statement is, “You have received gifts among men”. (other versions have “You have received gifts from men”.) Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, changes this to, “And gave gifts to men”.

Q. What might be the reason for this?

Q. The gifts Jesus gives are people: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. What do each of these do in the church?

Q. In v12 & 13, what does Paul give as the overriding reasons for these people to be added to the church?

Q. What danger does the church face (v14)?

Read Acts 20.29-30 , 2Peter 2.1-3 and Jude 4

Q. How might these men, who are given by Christ to the church deal with this danger?

Read Revelation 2.1-6 Any comments?

Q. In v17-19 Paul gives a thumbnail picture of the ungodly. What sorts of behaviour do they show?

Q. By contrast, in v22, Paul talks about the Christian life. What strong advice does he give?

Q. What does he mean by, "The old man", and how do we put it off?

Q. How might you be renewed in the spirit of your mind?

Read Romans 12.2

Q>How might this take place?

Q. What advice does Paul give for Christian living (V25-32)?

Q> How might we grieve the Spirit (v30)?

Q. What does v32 say about forgiveness?

Read Matthew 6.14,15      Any comments?