

Knowing Our Standing **“IN CHRIST”**

*A Study of the
Epistle of Ephesians
While reflecting on the
Epistle of Colossians*

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Ephesians 1:3

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Class Instructions

Class preparation:

Before meeting as a group and listening to the class lectures, the following class preparation will be required.

First: read the introduction to the book of Ephesians (Page 1) and Colossians (Pages 23-24) in your booklet.

Second: using the Ephesian's outline in the booklet as your guide, read the book of Ephesians and Colossians (only where the booklet cross-references Colossians... *see note below) and mediate on their glorious truths.

**Note: An example of the Colossians cross-reference (COL CR) found on page 4 in the booklet:*

COL CR - 1:9-14, AN INITIAL PRAYER FOR WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, FRUITFULNESS & STRENGTH

COL CR - 1:15-20, A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE GLORY & PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

*GOD'S IMAGE - FIRST IN ORDER - CREATOR OF ALL THINGS - HE IS GOD - HEAD OF THE CHURCH -
RESURRECTION - SUPREME OVER ALL THINGS - FULLY GOD - RECONCILER - PEACE MAKER - SACRIFICE*

That would mean that Colossians 1:9-14 & 1:15-20 would be read along with that section.

Third: when you have completed reading Ephesians and the Colossians cross-references, go back and create the questions and answers to the section of scripture noted above the Q & A. (An example would be from page 3 of the booklet. You are to form two questions along with their answers pertaining to the above Ephesians 1:1-14 outline section).

- A. Ponder the biblical text of the above referenced outline section (Colossians also).
- B. Form two important questions pertaining to that specific text. (*Imagine that you are the teacher and you are forming essential test questions for a class*). You will need to be able to give good reason as to how or why you formed your questions.
- C. Thoughtfully wisely answer your own questions.
- D. Your questions & answers will be discussed in small groups with your fellow students, after listening to that section of lectures.

Fourth: Memorize the two prayers of Paul's in Ephesians: 1:18–20 and 3:14-19. Pray these prayers for yourself, your family, your brothers and sisters and your church family.

The purpose of this prep work is to give you a better understanding of Ephesians, which will help you in listening to the lectures and an overall comprehension.

May you be richly blessed as you meditate on this wonderful letter of Paul's!

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