

# The Book of Ephesians

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## Morning Devotions

In your devotions this morning, read **Psalm 62**. As you read, talk to the Lord about the content of this psalm. When you have finished, go back and find one or two verses and meditate prayerfully on them.

## Morning Study

Yesterday we read the book of Ephesians in one sitting. This was an important step in developing a student's heart toward the Word of God. During your study with the Online Bible College, you will be reading many of the books of the Bible in one sitting (although some of the longer ones will be broken up into sections).

In this morning's study, we continue to soak in the book of Ephesians. In a moment, we will read it all the way through again, but before we do, let's have a look at the core message of the book.

As you read Ephesians, you will discover that one word repeats itself over and over again. Did you pick it up on your first read through? That word is "one" (read **Ephesians 1:10; 2:14-18; 3:6; 4:4-5**). And you will find that there is a climax that Paul is building up to. The whole of the book was written to make this one statement. Before we read the book again, let's look at this key passage:

### Read Ephesians 2:14-22

Paul was writing to a mixed readership of Jew and Gentile. He moves from the individual blessings of the New Covenant (**1:3-2:10**) to the corporate blessings of the New Covenant (**2:11-4:16**), which have resulted because God has created out of both Jew and Gentile "one new man" (**2:14-15**), "one body" (**2:16; 3:6**) and "one temple" (**2:21-22**) in which God dwells by his Spirit.

So let's read through the whole book again (yes, in one sitting!). Our purpose this time is get a better feel of what Paul is saying, how he moves from your salvation as an individual to the purpose of God in his Church as a whole, from your position in Christ to the active stand we take together against all opposition to the Gospel. Notice these shifts of focus, and the unfolding of this "mystery" that God's glory and purpose is being revealed, firstly, in you as an individual and, secondly, in us together as the Body of Christ.

# MEMORY VERSE

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!