

Questions

Ephesians – introduction and overview (28/2/2021)

- 1) The Ephesian church was established during Paul's Third Missionary Journey (Acts 19), the church flourished for some time but a generation later (35 to 40 years), a message from the Lord warned that, "***you have forsaken your first love***" (Revelation 2:4). What is "first love" and how to lose it? How can a church like PBC avoid making a similar mistake?
- 2) Since there is no particular error, heresy or any specific problem detected in the Ephesian church, what prompted Paul to write the Letter to the Ephesians? Can you find similar phenomenon in churches today that needs correction?
- 3) State some of the findings to support Paul as the author for the Book of Ephesians. Why it is so important for us to know the authors of the Books in New Testaments?
- 4) Paul commanded us to live lives worthy of his calling (Eph 4:1). Do you know God's calling for your life? Is God's calling for you burdensome? What are the practical ways you should live your life in response to God's abundant blessing you have received?

- 5) Paul said God has made us rich through Christ Jesus (Eph 1: 3; 3:16-19). Describe what are the “spiritual riches” Paul has in mind. What are some of the practical ways to utilize these resources for the benefits of others both inside and outside the church?
- 6) We have been saved, not only for our personal benefits alone but also to fulfil God’s ultimate purpose of bringing all things in the universe together under Christ (Eph1: 10; 2:10). Explain the contradiction of Paul’s teaching against some prosperity Gospel preachers who suggest that after you have believed in Jesus, you are free to do whatever things you like since God’s grace is sufficient to cover all sins.
- 7) Our church theme for 2021 is “live the life”. Suggest some practical ways how you may embrace Paul’s four exhortations to the Ephesians on the unity of the Body of Christ to fulfil PBC’s goal.
- i) Walk in unity (Eph 4: 1-16)
 - ii) Walk in purity (Eph 4:17-5:17)
 - iii) Walk in harmony (Eph 5: 21 - 6:9)
 - iv) Walk in victory (Eph 6: 10-20)

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