



**GODependence**  
True freedom is being dependent on God

# NEWSLETTER

**August 2025**

## True Freedom

*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."  
(John 8:34-36)*

People think that if they can live a life according to their choice and convenience, they consider it true freedom. The definition of freedom varies from person to person. In reality, no one wants to be a slave. Yet, we see old and modern forms of slavery across the world. Sadly, like the Jews who spoke with Jesus, many people are not even ready to accept that they are in bondage.

Here, Jesus does not say about (political, economical, and social slavery) being a slave of someone else. He says about being a slave to sin. This refers to a life of sin, not a particular sin. Slavery to sin is more painful than any other slavery. Because it attacks our conscience and inner man. Those who are slaves to sin cannot be a part of God's family. Many good people are trapped in a sinful life by giving space to the temptations of sin. Concerning bad habits, people used to say that when I want to get rid of this, or If I decide, I could easily stop this. But year after year, there will be no change in them. Why?



Jesus says that a person "who sins is a slave to sin." A sinner has no free will to disobey his/her master, SIN. Of all the available drugs, no medicine could give freedom from sin. Jesus says that the son sets us free from sin. JESUS sets us free from the slavery of sin to be a servant of righteousness (Rom.6:22). How does Jesus set us free from sin? He says, "you will know the TRUTH, and the truth will set you free" (v.32). Jesus is the truth.

As we read God's truth in the Bible, we know more about Jesus. He sets us free from any bondage He sets us free from any bondage of sin. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Do you experience this freedom in your daily life? All things are possible for him. If you believe in Jesus, you can enjoy the true freedom God gives you.

**- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.**



### Our Vision

To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.



### Our Mission

GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God's Word and prayer.

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on behalf of the GODependence Team. I thank God for the opportunity to reconnect with you through this newsletter once again.

In Christian circles, the word “Blessing” is a very familiar one. However, its complete meaning is not fully understood by anyone. Its true meaning is expressed in different ways from different perspectives to each person. We read the word “Blessed” in many places in the Holy Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments including in the Sermon on the Mount of Jesus Christ.

Specifically, in the Tamil Bible, the word “**Bakkiyavan**” (Blessed) appears 84 times. Out of these, 14 references are directly connected with the Holy Scriptures. If we closely observe those 14 verses, they center around the truth expressed in Revelation 1:3 *“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*

**The Blessing of Reading:** John begins by declaring, “**Blessed is he who reads...**” This was significant in the first century, when Scriptures were read aloud to congregations. Reading the Word was an act of reverence and proclamation. Today, we have unprecedented access to the Bible—in print, digital, and audio formats—yet so often we neglect it. The blessing is not in owning a Bible, but in opening it. Every time we read, we encounter the voice of God, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. To read God’s Word faithfully is to place ourselves under the daily shower of divine blessing.

**The Blessing of Hearing:** The verse continues, “**...and those who hear the words of this prophecy...**” Hearing goes deeper than the sound of words entering our ears—it means listening with faith, attentiveness, and willingness to be shaped by what we hear. Jesus often said, “**He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**” Many listen casually, but few listen carefully. True hearing involves reverence: not treating God’s Word as ordinary, but as life-giving truth. When the Word is heard in this spirit, it convicts, comforts, and directs us. The blessing promised here is for those who don’t just hear

sermons or readings as background noise, but who absorb and treasure them.

**The Blessing of Keeping:** Finally, John says, “**...and keep those things which are written in it.**” Reading and hearing without obedience leaves us spiritually unchanged. The real test of our engagement with Scripture is whether it transforms our choices, priorities, and daily conduct. “**Keeping**” means more than memorizing; it means guarding the Word in our hearts and putting it into practice. This obedience is urgent because, as John reminds us, “**the time is near.**” God’s Word is not simply a record of the past or a forecast of the future—it is a guide for present living. Those who keep His Word find themselves ready for His coming and equipped to live faithfully in a world of compromise.

Revelation 1:3 outlines a threefold blessing: reading the Word with diligence, hearing it with faith, and keeping it with obedience. In an age of distractions, let these steps anchor us in God’s eternal truth and prepare us for His soon return.

By the God’s abundant grace, the 3rd family gathering of our GODependence Team was held on the 1st and 2nd of August, 2025, in Bangalore in a special way. 18 members of our team, along with their families, came together from various states for fellowship, spiritual renewal, and planning. The members who participated in this gathering have returned with fresh encouragement, and with God’s strength, they continue to dedicate themselves to their ministries. We kindly request you to remember them in your prayers.

To share your thoughts and suggestions regarding this GODependence newsletter, a survey link is provided on page 4. If you have not yet responded to this survey, we warmly request you to do so.

Continue to pray for this ministry and help to introduce its services to others. May the name of the Lord be glorified.



**In Christ’s service,  
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**



# Hypocrisy

-R. Stanley (BYM)

## 1 DEFINITION OF HYPOCRISY

### 1. Difference between Thoughts and Words

“Hypocrites!... These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honour Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Mt 15:7,8)

### 2. Difference between Words and Deeds

“Whatever they (Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites) tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do” (Mt 23:2,3)

## 2 CAUSES OF HYPOCRISY

- 1. Self-justification and fault-finding (Mt 7:4,5; Lk 6:42)
- 2. Love of public applause (Mt 23:27,28)
- 3. Covetousness (Ezek 33:31; Mt 6:24)
- 4. Stress on minor details rather than the fundamentals (Mt 23:23,24)
- 5. Undue emphasis on the external things rather than the inward life (Mt 23:25,26)

## 4 FRUITS OF HYPOCRISY

- 1. Perishing hopes (Job 8:13-15)
- 2. Temporary joy (Job 20:4-9)
- 3. Stunted spiritual growth (1 Pet 2:1,2)
- 4. Divine “WOE!” (Mt 23:13,14,15,23,25,27,29,33; 24:51)

## 3 AREAS OF HYPOCRISY

- 1. In spiritual worship (Mt 15:7-9)
- 2. In social relationships (Jer 9:8)
- 3. In religious exercises – Almsgiving, Praying, Fasting (Mt 6:2,5,16; Zech 7:5,6)
- 4. In confession and preaching (Tit 1:16; Rom 2:21-23; Psa 50:16; Mic 3:11)
- 5. In listening to God’s Word (Ezek 33:31,32)

## 5 HOW TO GET OVER HYPOCRISY

- 1. Realise God’s omniscience (Psa 139)
- 2. Fear God (2 Cor 5:10-12)
- 3. Seek purity from Above (Js 3:17).

-R. Stanley (BYM)

(Taken from his book **Little Foxes**)



### Let's Praise God:

1. For those who completed their Bible reading at the end of July 2025.
2. For those who, even in the midst of their weaknesses, are experiencing the Lord's divine healing.
3. For the GODependence family gathering held in Bangalore on August 1 & 2, 2025, which turned out to be a blessing.
4. For the children who are actively participating in the Children's Bible reading groups, enthusiastically reading Scripture and memorizing verses.
5. For the grace and strength, the Lord has granted so far to everyone involved in the GODependence ministries.



### Let's Pray:

1. For the new Bible reading groups that began in August 2025, and for all who have joined them.
2. That the members who attended the GODependence family gathering and returned with renewed zeal may continue to serve faithfully with God's strength.
3. For the upcoming GODependence Talk show planned for August 2025.
4. That the obstacles delaying the start of several Bible study groups for many months may be removed, and that the groups may begin soon.
5. That our monthly GODependence Newsletter may continue to be useful and edifying to many.



### Survey on GODependence Newsletter:

Dear Reader,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

For the past 10 months (including this one), the GODependence Newsletter has been a humble effort to encourage consistent Bible reading, share praise reports, and strengthen our fellowship through prayer and testimonies.

As we look ahead, we want to grow and improve — and **your feedback matters very much to us**. This short survey will take just a few minutes of your time but will help us serve you and others better through future issues.

Whether you've been a regular reader or just started, your honest thoughts, suggestions, and encouragement will guide us forward.

If you have not yet responded to this survey earlier, kindly do so. You can even respond in the given link, without mentioning your identity: <https://forms.gle/U7hvtAB6vmLSCFar9>

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep depending on God together!

In Christ's love,

**Editorial Team**  
GODependence Newsletter



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# GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

**BIBLE READING CHALLENGES - From 01 September 2025 onwards**

"You can't love Jesus and not love His Word." - R.C. Sproul. We, GODependence, assist you to read the whole Bible at your convenient time and speed.

**The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:**

👤 "Before joining the GODependence challenges, whenever I tried to read the entire Bible on my own, I was not able to complete it fully. But by the Lord's grace and through this Bible reading plan, I have now been able to finish reading the whole Bible seven times. I am so joyful." – R. Parameshwari

👤 "As I keep reading the Bible, I feel an even greater eagerness to continue reading it. God has given me such a longing. For this, I sincerely thank God first, and also all the brothers and sisters in the GODependence group." – D.H. Jeba Selvi

👤 "I always had the desire to read the whole Bible now, just as

I did during my youth, but I could not. With the method you provided, it became simple to read the entire Bible within a month." – R. Jenita Abirami

Do you need any assistance to sustain your Bible Reading efforts? If yes, GODependence invites you to join one of the "Bible Reading Challenges" that start from 01 September 2025 onward.

## Its Special Features are:

- ✳ Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- ✳ Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
- ✳ Bible Reading Portion is given daily on the previous night.
- ✳ Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.
- ✳ Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.
- ✳ If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!
- ✳ User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- ✳ Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (\*Conditions apply).

👉 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient Duration plan and Language group and inform us of your decision along with your Name (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +91 95255 95265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>.

Thank you. God bless you. 🙏

- Team GODependence

\*\*\* 🙏 This message can be shared with all your family members, relatives, Christian friends, and Church members so that they also may get into the habit of reading the Bible in a regular manner!



The poster features the GODependence logo at the top left with the tagline "True freedom is being dependent on God". The title "BIBLE READING CHALLENGES" is prominently displayed in a green banner. Below this, a quote by R.C. Sproul is shown next to an image of a Bible with a red heart-shaped ribbon. The start date "01 September 2025 onwards" is highlighted in a green pill. Three bullet points with star icons list the benefits: joining a reading plan, starting at one's own convenience, and scanning a QR code to join. The QR code is located on the right side. At the bottom, a WhatsApp contact number (+91 95255 95265) and a format for sending a message are provided, along with the website URL.

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*You can't love Jesus and not love His Word. – R.C. Sproul*

**01 September 2025 onwards**

- ✳ Join one of our Bible reading plans
- ✳ Start reading at your own convenience
- ✳ Scan the QR code to Join

For more information: **GODependence**  
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Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format:  
<Your Name> <Age> <Plan Duration> <Language Group>  
[www.godependence.com/brc](https://wa.me/919525595265)



### From the given pictures find the verses of Ephesians

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## GOdependence Social Media sites



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Where is the life of a human being contained?**  
For centuries this remained a mystery.

In the US in the 18th century it was believed that bad blood is the cause of several diseases. They believed that bloodletting would cure diseases. When the former American President George Washington was sick, forty percent of his blood was extracted on 14th December 1799 as a part of the medical procedure.

The Bible has revealed where the life of a human being is contained. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood." (Leviticus 17:11, Bible). This was written around 1430 BC. How could the author know this medical fact so accurately? It is because the Creator of mankind instilled this knowledge in the writer's mind.

The Bible presents knowledge that surpassed the time of its writing. Do you want to read this amazing book called Bible?



But he said, "Where did it fall? When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in three and made the iron float." 2 Kings 6:5-7

**Did you know that the prophet Elisha made an iron axe head float on water?**  
(2 Kings 6:5-7)

Did you know that the tree of life, which first appeared in the Garden of Eden, reappears in the New Jerusalem, bearing twelve kinds of fruit every month? - Revelation 22:2

In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month.

Revelation 22:2



## Last month let's play Bible game-9 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -9 the correct answers

### Let's Play Bible Game -9

#### Correct Answers

From the given pictures find the verses

- 1) Galatians 5:22
- 2) Galatians 2:9
- 3) Galatians 2:20
- 4) Galatians 3:3
- 5) Galatians 3:28
- 6) Galatians 4:10
- 7) Galatians 4:19
- 8) Galatians 5:14
- 9) Galatians 6:9
- 10) Galatians 6:2

Scripture:  
Galatians

### Bible Crossword Puzzle -9

#### Correct Answers

##### Across

- 4 Love (Galatians 5:22)
- 5 Leaven (Galatians 5:9)
- 6 Crucified (Galatians 2:20)
- 9 Guardian (Galatians 3:24)

##### Down

- 1 Peter (Galatians 2:11)
- 2 Command (Galatians 5:14)
- 3 Bewitched (Galatians 3:1)
- 7 Labor (Galatians 4:19)
- 8 Law (Galatians 5:18)
- 9 Greek (Galatians 3:28)





# GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025



**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**1 Month Bible Reading Challenge**

- Ma Corazon D Ollado
- Christy Prabhakar
- IVAN S JEYARAJ
- IVAN S JEYARAJ
- K. Lediakingsly
- M.Ravi
- P Letishia
- R Padmavathi
- R. Jenita abirami
- Sam W
- Shunmugiah.M
- Viji selvin

*Congratulations!*

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Prize & Certificate will be send to them in due time

**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**2 Months Bible Reading Challenge**

- Anitha Pauline
- Sivalakshmi
- D.Helen mercy
- P.Jamunarani
- P.Pavithra
- Paul Chandra Raja G J

*Congratulations!*

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**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**3 Months Bible Reading Challenge**

- ROKKAM MALLISWARI
- MUTHU STEPHEN M
- G.JEYA SUTHA PERCIYA
- P. JOSIBAI SAROJINI

*Congratulations!*

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**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**4 Months Bible Reading Challenge**

- JOHN KONKI
- D.H. Jeba Selvi
- Josephine Lilly
- Malini Gunasekaran

*Congratulations!*

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**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**6 Months Bible Reading Challenge**

- Anasuya
- A Amudha
- A Susila
- Maryvanaja. J
- Mrs.Rosy Kirubakaran
- R. Parameshwari
- Valarmathi Mihavel
- I Armstrong Joseph

*Congratulations!*

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**GODependence Bible Reading Challenges**  
**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 31 July 2025**  
**1 Year Bible Reading Challenge**

- Ivana Natalia M
- Pauline M
- J. Lourdhu mary
- J. Lourdhu mary
- S.Daisy Arputham
- S.glory Selvarani
- Thara Varghese

*Congratulations!*

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# Tabitha

**"Always Doing Good and Helping the Poor"**

**(ACTS 9:36-42)**

Here we read a heart-touching story of a woman named Tabitha, who lived in Joppa. The Bible does not say whether she was a widow or a spinster. She was a disciple of Jesus Christ who was always doing good and helping the poor.

When Tabitha died, the Apostle Peter was urged to go to her house. When he arrived, all the widows stood around him, crying and showing the robes and other clothing she had made for them. Peter sent them out of the room, turned to the dead woman, and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then Tabitha came back to life. Seeing this, many people believed in Jesus Christ.

## How does Tabitha inspire us today?

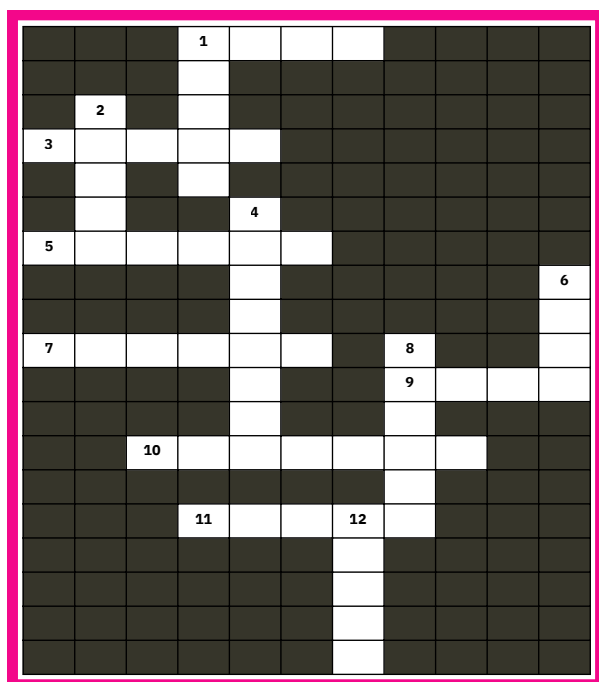
- Tabitha had the resources to buy the cloth required for making the garments.

- She also had the skill to make garments. She could have made a lot of money by selling them, but instead, she gave them to widows, who were helpless and vulnerable in those days. Tabitha challenges us to use our resources and skills to help the poor and needy.
- While we spend our money on our needs, we should also remember the less privileged people in our society. Let's remember the words of Lord Jesus Christ quoted by Apostle Paul in Acts 20:35, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

*Are we ready to understand the needs of the poor and help them?*

**- Bro. A. R. Peter, Palakad, Kerala.**

## Bible Crossword Puzzle - 10



## Scripture Portion: Ephesians

### Across

- 1 The one who penned the letter to the Ephesians
- 3 By \_\_\_ are you saved through faith not from yourselves.
- 5 Praying always with all kinds of \_\_\_.
- 7 Be filled with the \_\_\_.
- 9 There is one body and one Spirit just as you were called to one \_\_\_
- 10 The \_\_\_ of Christ was made known to Paul by revelation.
- 11 Take up the shield of \_\_\_ to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one

### Down

- 1 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of \_\_\_
- 2 Put on the whole \_\_\_ of God to stand against the devil
- 4 Christ is the cornerstone; formerly outsiders, now fellow citizens with God's people.
- 6 Rooted and grounded in \_\_\_
- 8 To Him be glory in the \_\_\_ and in Christ Jesus.
- 12 Speak the \_\_\_ in love, growing into Christ.



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
- You can use the Bible to find the answers

- Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 05/09/2025.
- The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter



## Bible Reading Challenges

*6 Plans in 10\* Languages*

### Reading Planner

\*OUR BIBLE READING CHALLENGES START ON THE **FIRST DAY** OF **EVERY MONTH**.

#### 1 MONTH READING CHALLENGE

Every day 45 chapters

*Reading time*

2 hours 30 mins

#### 2 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 22 chapters

*Reading time*

1 hour 30 mins

#### 3 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 15 chapters

*Reading time*

60 minutes

**You can choose a convenient plan**

#### 4 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day  
11 chapters

*Reading time*

45 minutes

#### 6 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day  
7 or 8 chapters

*Reading time*

25 minutes

#### 1 YEAR READING CHALLENGE

Every day  
3 or 4 chapters

*Reading time*

15 minutes

**Why delay? Join today!**

**Contact:**  **+965 6596 2559**

*Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format:*

*<Your Name> <Age> <Plan Duration> <Language Group>.*

*\*You can join any reading plan that fits your desire and language.*

*\*Our reading plans are available in English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali languages.*

### Your name, hometown, family, Christian background & upbringing:

Praise be to the holy name of the Lord. My name is Christi Prabhakar. My husband's name is Prabhakar. I have two sons. .

### On average, how many times have you read the entire Holy Bible? How many times have you read it through GODependence Bible reading?

I have read the Bible twice through GODependence. This time, the Lord gave me the grace to finish reading it. I wanted to read the Bible properly and consistently. For that, I wanted to read it as soon as I got this plan. The Lord helped me through this.

### How did the GODependence group's plan help you finish reading?

They send it to you via WhatsApp every day, which helps you plan how much time you need each day. It also helps you finish reading according to that plan.

### What obstacles have you encountered while reading the Holy Bible? How did you overcome them?

The obstacles are that sometimes we are not able to read because we are going out or visiting relatives, so I would sit for a long time at night and finish reading. The Lord helped me finish reading it. Similarly, when reading many chapters, the Lord helped me to read and understand the kings or a specific thing continuously. It was sometimes difficult to read the prophetic books continuously, but the Lord helped me understand them as I read them over and over again.

### Finally, what would you like to say to the Tamil Christian world in a few sentences about the Holy Scriptures and the importance of reading it?

Christians must read the Bible. First, the Bible is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Therefore, if we live without the Bible, we will be seen as walking in darkness. The Bible is our joy. Just as David says, "If it were not for it, I would have been drowned in my sorrow," so too, no matter how many hardships, difficulties, and tribulations come into our lives, the joy that comes to our hearts through reading the Bible at that time will never fade. When the Lord comes, He will judge us by this Scripture. If we know what it contains, we will walk according to it, and it will give us grace to stand before the Lord with joy and courage. I have read it twice through GODependence. I am currently reading it for the third time. I thank the Lord for the good opportunity He has given me. I would like to express my gratitude to GODependence. Thank you very much.

CLICK THE FOLLOWING YOUTUBE LINKS TO SEE MORE TESTIMONIES There is no age limit for reading the Bible



BRO. JABEZ JEFFREY SMITH



# Introduction to the Bible - Ephesians

## Ephesians

**Time Written:** A.D. 60–A.D. 62

**Time Events Took Place:** A.D. 60

**Author of the Book:** Apostle Paul

**Book Genre:** Epistles

### Book Introduction

- The letter to the Ephesians contains excellent thoughts within it. It gives us beautiful images about the church. God's plan is not only for mankind, but also heavenly beings are to unite with God in Christ – this high thought is expressed in this letter. It also gives excellent teachings about family life. It is closely related to the letter to the Colossians. Many consider it as the twin of the Colossians letter.

### Context and Purpose

- Paul, writing from the Roman prison, thought the readers were those who longed for Christian maturity. To strengthen and confirm the purpose and plan of God given, Ephesians helps believers to affirm their faith. The purpose of this letter is to confirm a church that has matured.

### Key Verses

Eph 1:3, Eph 2:8–10, Eph 4:4–6, Eph 5:21, Eph 6:10–11

### Summary of the Book

- In this letter, Paul the apostle teaches about our relationship with Christ. Though many teach from this book, they often skip the basic instructions and directly go to the final chapter. That chapter stresses the war of the saints or spiritual warfare. However, to gain full benefit from the contents of this letter, we must begin from the first chapter. First, Christians must fully understand that God has called us as His people. Next, our present state and life must be trained and strengthened. Through human teachings, we are sometimes tossed back and forth. Paul's writing contains three main divisions: (1) Chapters 1 to 3 introduce the plans of God's salvation. (2) Chapters 4 and 5 present the conduct in our current life. (3) Chapter 6 discusses the details of our daily spiritual warfare. In the first part of the letter, the author emphasizes the unity – Theological God chose His people in love, and through His Son Jesus Christ they are forgiven and redeemed from sin, and they are sealed by God's Holy Spirit (chapters 1–3). In the second part, the readers are encouraged by the author to reflect their unity with Christ in their daily life. Christian social love and family love must reflect this unity, says the writer. This letter contains many metaphors. We see the church depicted as a body, as a building, as a bride, Christ as the head, cornerstone, and bridegroom. Living in Christ is taught in multiple ways. God's grace is emphasized. All things are fought on the basis of Christ's love, suffering, forgiveness, grace, and holiness.

### Jesus Christ in the Book

- "Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Eph 3:6). This was a mystery entirely hidden in the Old Testament from the saints (Eph 3:5, 9). The Israelites who were followers of God always believed that only they were the chosen people of God (Deut 7:6). In this new covenant, accepting the Gentiles as equal was very difficult for them. This caused many theological debates among Jewish and Gentile believers. Paul also speaks about the mystery "the Church is the bride of Christ," an idea that was once considered symbolic in the Old Testament.

### Application

- More than any other book in the Bible, Ephesians emphasizes internal life application and proper conduct in Christian living. Many, instead of "theology," like to discuss only "practical" matters. But Paul teaches that Ephesians is about practical theology. In practice, to fulfill God's will in our lives, we must first understand based on biblical doctrine who we are in Christ.

### Book Outline

1. Introduction and Greeting – 1:1–2
2. Christ and the Church – 1:3–3:21
3. Christian New Life – 4:1–6:20
4. Final Greetings and Conclusion – 6:21–24



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Collection: Bro. Darwin Nesakumar A



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## GODependence Team 3rd Family Get-together - 01 & 02 August 2025

By the grace of God, the 3rd Family Get-together of our GODependence Team went on well on 01 & 02 August 2025 at Visthar Campus in Bangalore.

18 of our GODependence Team members from various states came together along with the family members. It was a blessed time of fellowship, spiritual renewal and planning.

More Details will be given in the next month issue.



GODependence Team 3rd Family Get-together on 01 & 02 August 2025 @ Visthar Campus, Bangalore

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## GODependence Talkshow - August 2025

Topic: Turning Media into a Tool for our Children's Future

(A live session offering guidance on understanding how media shapes our lives and influences our Children's future and how to set healthy boundaries. Both students and their parents can participate in this interactive event, where they will receive answers to their questions and gain insights through discussion.)

Date: 24 August 2025 Sunday Evening 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm IST



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## Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from September 2025

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) we had planned to restart and to conduct them continuously will happen from September 2025 only.

Notifications and details on the training will be sent in the Bible Reading Challenge groups in August 2025.



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