

Ephesians Series

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**Spiritual Skills:
Focused on Jesus
Hebrews 12:1–2**



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Joy/Inner Happiness/Tranquility of Soul

James 1:3; John 15:11: 17:13

**Personal Love
for God
Deut. 6:5**

**Biblical Love for All;
Christian Love for
Other Believers
Lev. 19:18; Jn. 13:34, 35**

**Occupation with
Christ
Heb. 12:2; Php. 3:20**

Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny

Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:4

**Faith-Rest Drill
Prov. 3:5, 6**

**Grace Orientation
Eph. 2:8, 9
2 Pet. 3:18**

**Doctrinal
Orientation
2 Pet. 3:18**

Walking by the Spirit/Filled by the Spirit

Gal. 5:16

Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9

1. To learn to be focused on Jesus we must learn first about Who He is, and How He has loved us.

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” [NKJV]

2. Once we learn how He has loved us, then we begin to develop that reciprocal love for Him.

But to love Him, we must come to know Him.

We come to know Him because the written Word of God reveals the thinking of the living Word of God, the Logos, the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we learn how He thinks, we then learn how to live to please Him.

1 Cor. 2:16, “For ‘*who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?*’ But we have the mind of Christ.”

Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”

John 14:15, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:21, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

John 14:23, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 14:24, “ ‘He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.’ ”

What the Bible Teaches About

**Occupation with Christ
(Loving Jesus Christ,
Living for Jesus)**



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only used here in the New Testament, compound of three words: an article *toi*, another conjunction of explanation, *gar* “for,” and the usual conjunction for expressing a conclusion, *oun*, “therefore.” Such an unusual word emphasizes what follows.**

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James 1:2, “My brethren, think about all things with a mental attitude of joy when you fall into various tests,

James 1:3, “because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.” [RD expanded translation]

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Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”

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2 Tim. 1:16, “The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;”

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