

# Small Group Notes

Sermon: 26 March 2023



## EPHESIANS

### **Ephesians 6:1-9**

# SCRIPTURE

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## OVERVIEW

Ephesians 6 1-9 can be hard to understand, and in places a misunderstanding of what Paul meant can be shocking. What is perhaps more shocking is that Paul emphasised that starting a personal revolution by daily submitting our lives to be imitators of the Father's love for us, expressed most clearly by what Jesus won for us at the cross, is a higher priority than overthrowing the dominant culture and starting a social and cultural revolution.

## QUESTIONS

1. Do we skip over difficult verses - or make the time to explore them and understand how they apply to our lives? How are we making sure we grow in Holy Spirit revelation of the meaning of scriptures and in maturity to understand their contemporary application?
2. In what ways did Paul want to ensure we aren't short changed in our understanding of what it means to be truly free?
3. In what way can Paul's encouragement to do everything as unto Christ, change the daily grind of routine, work, or study, from a prison to a place of destiny?
4. We can sing to Jesus "I am who he says I am!", but are we confident in knowing who he says we are? How helpful would it be and how much would it impact our daily

lives if we spent more time meditating and really believing that we are who he says we are?

If you are willing to find your identity in God - Psalm 139 can be our freedom song. The following verses are good verses to meditate on as we grow in our understanding and knowledge that we really are who He says we are.

- No longer a slave, but an heir  
Galatians 4:7
- God's workmanship  
Ephesians 2:10
- a child of God  
1 John 3:1-2
- completely forgiven and cleansed from the past  
1 John 1:9
- loved by God the Father  
John 16:27
- a temple for his Holy Spirit  
1 Corinthians 3:16
- the light of the world  
Matthew 5:14
- heirs to the riches of God's Kingdom  
Romans 8:17
- a new creation  
2 Corinthians 5:17
- Jesus' friend  
John 15:15
- free from condemnation  
Romans 8:1

- a citizen of heaven  
Philippians 3:20
- protected from the Devil  
1 John 5:18
- seated with Christ in heaven  
Ephesians 2:6
- able to do all things through Christ who  
strengthens you  
Philippians 4:13
- utterly secure in God's hands  
Philippians 1:6