

## **4 June 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**

### **“The Theology of Ephesians: Christ Is Lord of All” -- Ephesians 2:13-22**

1. What is Jesus’ relationship in the Godhead? What does this relationship tell us about God (1:3)?
2. What is the Scriptural significance of Jesus being called “Lord” (1:3, 15; 4:5)?
3. What does “incarnate” mean? Where does Ephesians indicate that Jesus was incarnate?
4. What is unique about Jesus appearing as a human that is distinct from all other religions that speak about a god making an appearance in the form of a human?
5. What difference would it make if Jesus had not become incarnate?
6. What does “redemption” mean? Where is redemption obtained (1:7)?
7. What is the object of the Christian’s faith (1:13)?
8. How does the believer gain access to God? What kind of access does the believer have (3:12)?
9. Where is truth ultimately located (4:21)?
10. Why does everything in the universe hold together without disintegrating (1:10)?
11. What has been an unfortunate occurrence in the history of the Church with respect to her holding fast to Christ?
12. What twentieth century theologian spoke out against this tendency in his day? What term did he use to refer to this phenomenon?
13. What has happened to many distinctly religious organizations that were started to assist the Church and to point people to Christ? Can you name a few?
14. What types of sermons from the pulpit have been the steady diet of many in the Evangelical Church in the past generation? Are these helpful or harmful to the Church?
15. Is doctrinal preaching important and necessary? If so, why? If not, why not?
16. How would your life be different had you not come to acknowledge and follow Christ as Lord?
17. How is preaching Christ neglected or distorted today?
18. How do you react internally when the name “Jesus” is mentioned in places other than where the Church is gathered for worship or teaching?
19. What thrills you about Christ Jesus?
20. What signs might you detect should Christ no longer be preeminent and central either in your church, in your home, or in your life?