

Going deeper

This section is rightly used to teach husbands how to behave within marriage. Yet, it is also important as providing a picture of the church as married to Christ.

Read Ephesians 5:24-33

4. What has Christ done for us his church out of love? How does this relate to the passage from Hebrews?
5. In verse 31 Paul quotes Genesis 2:24, a key verse in the Bible for understanding marriage and sex (cf. Mk. 10:5-9; 1 Cor. 6:16-19). What kind of unity is expressed in marriage? How does this help us understand the union we have with Christ as Christians?
6. What are the key instructions for husbands and wives that Paul draws out. How do these instructions flow from the idea of marital union?
7. As Christians we are united to Christ as a wife to a husband. In what ways does this encourage us and in what ways does it challenge us?
8. This idea of union with Christ flows throughout the letter of Ephesians. Look at 1:3-14. Can you find all the times we are described as 'in Christ', 'through Jesus Christ', 'in him' etc. and list what we have 'in him'?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 12th November 2017**

Growth Team News

Not tried a Growth Team yet? Do join one to find both stronger friendships with fellow Christians and a deeper understanding of what we study on Sundays. This term we are focussing on the key ideas of the Reformation.

Explore Groups are still open for those who want something different to Growth Teams or can't make any of the Growth Team times. Why not try one this week?



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Christ Alone

Hebrews 10:11-18 (page 1208)

Space to take notes on the talk

Medieval Catholicism: _____

The Mass: _____

Priests: _____

Saints: _____

The Reformers: _____

- _____ alone
- _____ alone

_____ on Christ:

Communion: _____

Clergy: _____

Saints: _____

Starter question

- ❖ (Other than Jesus) Which people do you most want to remember in your life?

Responding to the talk

1. What fact or idea particularly surprised you in Sunday's talk?
2. Read Hebrews 10:10-14
 - a. How does the writer describe the role of priests in the Jewish temple?
 - b. How are we to understand the temple sacrifices commanded in the Old Testament? (cf. Heb. 10:1-4)
 - c. In what ways is Jesus different to the other Priests?
 - d. Why does the writer tell us that Jesus "sat down at the right hand of God"? (cf. Psalm 110)
 - e. What has Jesus's sacrifice achieved for us?
3. Read Hebrews 10:15-18 (A bit harder than normal, skip if you like!)
 - a. Compare 10:16 with 9:14. What has Christ's sacrifice cleansed? What does this enable us to do?
 - b. What did the priests of the old covenant need to cleanse with the blood of sacrifices? (9:22)
 - c. What did Christ cleanse with His sacrifice? (9:23-24, 28)
 - d. How is this cleansing related to 10:17? How do you feel about the fact that God has cleansed all record of your sins?
 - e. Why do you think the writer highlighted these two parts of the quote from Jeremiah that he made in full in 8:7-12?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

8. What do people sometimes think they need to add to what Jesus has done to be 'perfect' for God?
9. Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all that we have because of him.