

# An Outline of Ephesians

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## \*Introduction – 1:1–2

- I. Opening Reports (1:3–23)
  - A. Initial *Praise* Report (1:3–14)
    1. Praise to God for choosing us (3–6)
    2. Praise to God for redeeming us (7–10)
    3. Praise to God for making us heirs (11–12)
    4. Praise to God for sealing us (13–14)
  - B. Initial *Prayer* Report (1:15–23)
    1. Thanksgiving (15–16a)
    2. Intercession (16b–23)
- II. New Identity in Christ (2:1–3:13)
  - A. We are a new creation (2:1–10).
    1. Drawn from amazing depths (1–3)
    2. Lifted to amazing heights (4–7)
    3. Saved by amazing grace (8–9)
    4. Empowered for amazing works (10)
  - B. We are joined together as God’s people (2:11–22).
    1. Our Past Problems (11–12)
    2. Our Current Position (13–22)
      - a. What is our new position (13)?
      - b. How was our position attained (14–18)?
      - c. What is the significance of our new position (19–22)?
  - C. We are partakers together of God’s promise (3:1–13).
    1. The substance of the mystery: *Gentiles* join God’s people through the gospel of Christ Jesus (1–6).
    2. The disclosure of the mystery: *Paul* preaches a gospel that extends unsearchable riches in Christ to Gentiles (7–13).
  - D. We can experience God’s strength for our inner being *and* spiritual awareness (3:14–21).
- III. New Lifestyle in Christ (4:1–6:20)
  - A. We must eagerly maintain unity (4:1–6).
  - B. We must use our gifts to build the church (4:7–16).
    1. Christ gives gifts to all believers (7–10).
    2. Christ gives leaders to equip believers to build the church (11–16).
  - C. We must love others by avoiding community vices and pursuing community virtues (4:17–5:2).
    1. Avoid the lifestyle of unbelievers (17–19)
    2. Assume the lifestyle of a new creation (4:20–5:2)
      - a. Foundational requirements (20–24)
        - 1) Put off your old self
        - 2) Be renewed
        - 3) Put on the new self
      - b. Lifestyle choices (4:25–5:2)
        - 1) Be honest with others (25).



- 2) Don't be angry with others (26–27).
- 3) Provide for yourself (28).
- 4) Only speak good, edifying, and appropriate words (29).
- 5) Do not make the indwelling Spirit sorrowful (30).
- 6) Avoid many dangerous sins (31).
- 7) Be kind to others (32).
- 8) Ultimately, love others as Christ does (5:1–2).

D. We must live with integrity *and* expose those who don't (5:3–14).

1. God's call to avoid immorality, impurity, and covetousness (3–5).
2. God's call to expose works of darkness (6–14).

E. We must conduct ourselves with wisdom in our homes (5:15–6:9).

1. Opening exhortation (5:15–21)
2. Specific instructions (5:22–6:9)
  - a. For Wives (5:22–24)
  - b. For Husbands (5:25–33)
  - c. For Children (6:1–3)
  - d. For Fathers (6:4)
  - e. For Slaves (6:5–8)
  - f. For Masters (6:9)

F. We must follow God's methods in dealing with evil forces (6:10–20).

1. Be strong (10)
2. Put on God's armor (11–13)
3. Stand (14–20)

*\*Conclusion – 6:21–24*

