

AN OUTLINE OF THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

I. Section One: Paul Teaches About Christ (Chapters 1 to 3).

- A. The Father's work in Christ is explained – 1:3-14.
- B. Paul prays that the Ephesians can see this work – 1:15-21.
- C. Paul explains what good works in Christ are – 2:1-10.
- D. Paul discusses the unity of all under Christ's Lordship – 2:11-22.
- E. Paul gives special attention to the Father's purpose for the Gentiles – 3:1-13.
- F. Paul again prays for the "mystery" and work of Christ to be revealed to all who read – 3:14-21.

II. Section Two: Paul Teaches About Christ's Church (Chapters 4 to 6).

- A. Believers should walk in a manner worthy of their calling.
 - 1. Working to maintain unity in the Body – 4:1-6.
 - 2. Allowing the functional gifts to train God's people – 4:7-16.
 - 3. Walking not in futility, but in renewal, of mind – 4:17-24.
 - 4. Being kind to one another – 4:25-32.
- B. Believers should be imitators of God by:
 - 1. Walking in love – 5:1-7.
 - 2. Walking in light – 5:8-14.
 - 3. Walking in wisdom – 5:15-21.
- C. Believers should represent God in all major relationships as:
 - 1. Wives submit to husbands – 5:22-24.
 - 2. Husbands love wives – 5:25-33.
 - 3. Children obey parents – 6:1-4.
 - 4. Bondservants obey masters – 6:5-9.
- D. Believers should be strong in the Lord by:
 - 1. Taking up the whole armor of God – 6:10-20.
 - 2. Maintaining their love for God – 6:21-24.