

## EPHESIANS

### THE BLESSINGS OF OUR SALVATION (1:3-14)

#### I. God the Father Planned Our Salvation (1:3-6)

- A. He has blessed us
  - 1. The originator
  - 2. The recipients
  - 3. The nature
  - 4. The location
- B. He has chosen us
  - 1. The nature
  - 2. The object
  - 3. The sphere
  - 4. The time
  - 5. The purpose
- C. He has predestinated us
  - 1. The meaning
  - 2. The object
  - 3. The purpose
  - 4. The standard
  - 5. The goal
- D. He has accepted us
  - 1. The object
  - 2. The sphere

#### II. God the Son Paid For Our Salvation (1:7-12)

- A. He redeemed us
  - 1. The possession
  - 2. The means
- B. He forgave us
  - 1. The area
  - 2. The standard
- C. He revealed His will to us
  - 1. The sphere
  - 2. The object
  - 3. The standard
  - 4. The goal
- D. He inherited us
  - 1. The nature
  - 2. The sphere
  - 3. The standard
  - 4. The goal

#### III. God the Spirit Protects Our Salvation (1:13-14)

- A. He sealed us
  - 1. The object
  - 2. The time
  - 3. The nature
- B. He serves as the earnest
  - 1. The meaning
  - 2. The area
  - 3. The duration
  - 4. The goal

### THE PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (1:15-23)

- I. The Cause of the Prayer (1:15)
  - A. Faith in the Lord Jesus
  - B. Love for all the saints
- II. The Nature of the Prayer (1:16)
  - A. Unceasing thanks
  - B. Personal mention
- III. The Purposes of the Prayer (1:17-23)
  - A. To have spiritual insight
  - B. To know Christ
  - C. To have enlightened understanding
  - D. To know God's purpose
    - 1. The hope of His calling
    - 2. The riches of the glory of His inheritance
    - 3. The greatness of His power
      - a. In resurrection
      - b. In ascension
      - c. In dominion
      - d. In headship

### THE CONTRASTS OF SPIRITUAL POSITION (2:1-10)

- I. The Position of the Unsaved (2:1-3)
  - A. Dead in trespasses and sins
  - B. World conformist
  - C. Energized by Satan
  - D. Controlled by the flesh
  - E. Children of wrath
- II. The Attributes of God (2:4-8)
  - A. Mercy
  - B. Love
  - C. Grace
  - D. Kindness
  - E. Benevolent
- III. The Position of the Saved (2:4-10)
  - A. He loved us
  - B. He made us alive
  - C. He raised us up
  - D. He made us sit together in the heavenlies
  - E. He will exhibit us
  - F. He saved us
  - G. He has worked in us

## THE TWO LIVES (2:11-22)

### I. Life in the Past (2:11-13)

- A. Gentiles in the flesh
- B. Uncircumcision
- C. Without Christ
- D. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
- E. Strangers from the covenants of promise
- F. No hope
- G. Without God
- H. Far off

### II. Life in the Present (2:14-22)

- 1. Brought near
- 2. Oneness of Jew and Gentiles
- 3. Wall of separation broken down
- 4. Enmity abolished
- 5. Peace
- 6. Reconciliation
- 7. Access to the Father
- 8. Fellow citizens
- 9. Members of the Household of God
- 10. Built on the foundation
- 11. Growth as a living temple
- 12. Dwelling place of God

## THE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH (3:1-12)

### I. Features of the Church (3:1-5)

- A. It involves Gentiles
- B. It is the dispensation of the grace of God
- C. It was revealed to Paul
- D. It is the mystery of Christ
- E. It was not made known in past ages
- F. It has been revealed to the apostles and prophets

### II. Definition of the Church (3:6)

- A. Gentiles and Jews are fellow heirs
- B. Gentiles and Jews are in the same body
- C. Gentiles and Jews are partakers of God's promise in Christ

### III. Paul's Responsibilities (3:7-8)

- A. A minister
  - 1. By the gift of the grace of God
  - 2. By the working of God's power
- B. A preacher
  - 1. His humility
  - 2. His mission

### IV. Mission of the Church (3:10-12)

- A. To demonstrate the wisdom of God
- B. To show forth the purpose of God
- C. To have confidence before God

THE BLESSING OF PRAYER (3:13-21)

- I. Relationships in Prayer (3:13-15)
  - A. Concern for others
  - B. Submission to God the Father
  - C. Identification with believers
- II. Requests in Prayer (3:16-19)
  - a. Moral strength
    - 1. Its standard
    - 2. Its source
    - 3. Its location
  - B. Free access of Christ in our lives
    - 1. Its meaning
    - 2. Its location
    - 3. Its means
  - C. Understanding of redemptive love
    - 1. Its support
    - 2. Its dimensions
    - 3. Its experience
  - D. Fullness of God
    - 1. Its meaning
    - 2. Its means
- III. Results of Prayer (3:20-21)
  - A. Exaltation of God's power
    - 1. Its omnipotence
    - 2. Its focus
  - B. Exaltation of God's glory
    - 1. Its location
    - 2. Its means
    - 3. Its extent

THE WORTHY WALK (4:1-6)

- I. Its Basis 4:1)
  - A. The appeal of Paul
  - B. The calling of God
  - C. The responsibility of the believer
- II. Its Marks (4:2-3)
  - A. Lowliness
  - B. Gentleness
  - C. Longsuffering
  - D. Forbearance
  - E. Desire for Unity
- III. Its Oneness (4:4-6)
  - A. One body
  - B. One spirit
  - C. One hope
  - D. One Lord
  - E. One faith
  - F. One baptism
  - G. One God and Father

## THE GIFTS OF BELIEVERS (4:7-16)

- I. Their Source (4:7-10)
  - A. The distribution
  - B. The prediction
  - C. The explanation
- II. Their Description (4:11-16)
  - A. Their names
    - 1. Apostles
    - 2. Prophets
    - 3. Evangelists
    - 4. Pastor-teachers
  - B. Their purpose
    - 1. Equipping of the saints
    - 2. Work of the ministry
    - 3. Edifying of the body of Christ
  - C. Their results
    - 1. Unity of the faith
    - 2. Knowledge of the Son of God
    - 3. Maturity
    - 4. Christlikeness
    - 5. Stability
    - 6. Growth in submission to Christ
    - 7. Mutual care and edification

## THE NEW MORALITY (4:17-24)

- I. A Different Walk (4:17-19)
  - A. Futility of their mind
  - B. Understanding darkened
  - C. Alienated
  - D. Ignorance
  - E. Blindness
  - F. Being past feeling
  - G. Lewdness
  - H. Uncleanliness
- II. A Different Wisdom (4:20-21)
  - A. Learned Christ
  - B. Heard Him
  - C. Taught by Him
  - D. Truth in Him
- III. A Different Wardrobe (4:22-24)
  - A. Put off the old man
    - 1. Its behavior
    - 2. Its name
  - B. Be renewed
    - 1. Its means
    - 2. Its location
  - C. Put on the new man
    - 1. Its source
    - 2. Its sphere

## THE NEW APPEARANCE (4:25-32)

- I. The Principle (4:22-24)
  - A. The contrasts
    - 1. Old man
    - 2. New man
  - B. The Commands
    - 1. Put off
    - 2. Be renewed
    - 3. Put on
- II. The Practice (4:25-32)
  - A. Truth
    - 1. The command
    - 2. The reason
  - B. Righteous anger
    - 1. The commands
    - 2. The limitation
  - C. Labor
    - 1. The command
    - 2. The purpose
  - D. Speech
    - 1. The command
    - 2. The goal
  - E. Yieldedness to the Holy Spirit
    - 1. Negative aspects
    - 2. Positive aspects

## THE GODLY WALK (5:1-21)

- I. Walk in Love (5:1-7)
  - A. It is sacrificial
    - 1. Its pattern
    - 2. Its sweetness
  - B. It is pure
    - 1. In action
    - 2. In speech
  - C. It is thankful
  - D. It is separated
    - 1. From sins
    - 2. From sinners
- II. Walk in Light (5:8-14)
  - A. It manifests a new nature
    - 1. The old position
    - 2. The new position
  - B. It produces fruit
    - 1. Its source
    - 2. Its description
  - C. It pleases the Lord
  - D. It repudiates darkness
    - 1. The commands
    - 2. The features
  - E. It is sensitive to Christ

### III. Walk in wisdom (5:15-17)

- A. With carefulness
- B. With mental perception
- C. With social alertness
- D. With moral choices

### IV. Walk in the Holy Spirit (5:18-21)

- A. The command
  - 1. Negative contrast
  - 2. Positive control
- B. The marks
  - 1. Encouragement
  - 2. Joy and worship
  - 3. Thanksgiving
  - 4. Submission and humility

## THE WALK IN THE HOME (5:22-6:9)

### I. Wives (5:22-24)

- A. The command
- B. The explanation
  - 1. As an act of submission to the Lord
  - 2. Acknowledges functional headship of the husband
  - 3. Acknowledges the headship of Christ over the church
  - 4. Shows the redemptive nature of our relationship to Christ

### II. Husbands (5:25-33)

- A. Love as Christ loved
  - 1. It is sacrificial
  - 2. It is sanctifying
  - 3. It is permanent
- B. Love as you love your self
  - 1. Shows understanding of self
  - 2. Shows understanding of marital oneness
  - 3. Shows understanding of oneness in Christ
  - 4. Shows creative purpose of marriage

### III. Children (6:1-3)

- A. Obey
  - 1. The objects
  - 2. The reason
- B. Honor
  - 1. The Biblical basis
  - 2. The personal value

### IV. Parents (6:4)

- A. Do not provoke
  - 1. The objects
  - 2. The result
- B. Bring them up
  - 1. The basis
  - 2. The sphere

V. Servants (6:5-8)

- A. The command to obedience
- B. The attitudes in obedience
  - 1. With fear and trembling
  - 2. In sincerity of heart
  - 3. To Christ
  - 4. Not with eyeservice
  - 5. As slaves of Christ
  - 6. Doing the will of God
  - 7. With goodwill
  - 8. With anticipation of divine reward

VI. Masters (6:9)

- A. The command
- B. The attitude

THE WARFARE OF THE BELIEVER (6:10-20)

I. Our Opposition (6:11-12)

- A. The devil
- B. The wicked spiritual forces

II. Our Means of Victory (6:10-20)

- A. Be strong
  - 1. In the Lord
  - 2. In the power of His might
- B. Put on
  - 1. The command
  - 2. The object
  - 3. The purpose
  - 4. The reason
- C. Take up
  - 1. The command
  - 2. The object
  - 3. The purpose
- D. Stand
  - 1. Girdle of truth
  - 2. Breastplate of righteousness
  - 3. Shoes of peace
  - 4. Shield of faith
  - 5. Helmet of salvation
  - 6. Sword of the Spirit
  - 7. Prayer
  - 8. Vigilance