

## The Book of Ephesians

### Key Verse:

#### Ephesians 4:13-15

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

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### Outline

#### I. Relationship with Jesus Christ our Saviour (Ephesians 1)

##### A. Introduction (Ephesians 1:1-3)

##### B. Realize God's **goal** for us – **Get Saved and follow Him** (Ephesians 1:4-8)

1. His **Predetermined** plan – **Become His Child** (Ephesians 1:4-5)

2. His **Persuasive** Argument – **He's done so much for me** (Ephesians 1:6-8)

##### C. Recognize God's **Will** for us – **We know His will** (Ephesians 1:9-14)

1. His **Mysterious Will** Exposed – **He's coming to get what's His** (Ephesians 1:9-10)

2. His **Managed Job** for us – **Praise of His Glory** (Ephesians 1:11-14)

##### D. **Repeat** – **God's Work for us** (Ephesians 1:15-23)

1. Love the Christian brethren (Ephesians 1:15-16)

2. Learn and Reveal His **Truth** (Ephesians 1:17-23)

a. Testify of His **goodness** (Ephesians 1:17-18)

b. Testify of His **Greatness** (Ephesians 1:19-23)

#### II. Relationship of the Christian with Sin and the flesh (Ephesians 2)

##### A. The Christian's **Confidence** (Ephesians 2:1-3)

1. Our **Lonely** Past (Ephesians 2:2)

2. Our **Lost** Behaviour (Ephesians 2:3)

##### B. The Christian's **Circumvention** – **Escape** Plan (Ephesians 2:4-17)

1. Escape from **Infinite** World (Ephesians 2:4-9)

2. Escape from The **Finite** World (**we live in today**) (Ephesians 2:10-17)

##### C. The Christian's **Conservation** (Ephesians 2:18-22)

1. Access to God's **Holy Spirit (Prayer)** (Ephesians 2:18-19)
2. Our New **Foundation (The Bible)** (Ephesians 2:20)
3. Our New Found **Purpose (To Be God's House)** (Ephesians 2:21-22)

### III. Relationship of the Jew and Gentile Christians (Family) (Ephesians 3)

- A. A Lowly **Prisoner**, Paul the **Jewish** leader, Preacher to the **Gentiles** (Ephesians 3:1-5)
  1. We are to be **managers** for Him (Ephesians 3:2)
  2. We are to **reveal** what He's told us (Ephesians 3:3)
  3. We are to allow God's **Holy Spirit** to help all of us understand (Ephesians 3:4-5)
- B. A Link **Unbreakable** - All Men(**Gentiles**) are the **Same** (Ephesians 3:6-8)
  1. God's **Promise** in the Bible (Ephesians 3:6)
  2. God's **gift** – watching Him **work** through us (Ephesians 3:7)
  3. God's **Method** – preaching (Ephesians 3:8)
- C. A Living Commission - Reach **all** Men - The **key** verses (Ephesians 3:9-12)
  1. God's Unreal mystery is for **all** to be used (Ephesians 3:9)
  2. God's Unbelievable **Power** (Ephesians 3:9-11)
  3. God gives Unexplainable **boldness** (Ephesians 3:12)
- D. A Longsuffering Promise (Ephesians 3:13-21)
  1. **DON'T QUIT** – HE'S IN **CHARGE!!!** (Ephesians 3:13)
  2. **Submit** to Him (Ephesians 3:14)
  3. Grafted into His **family** - **We are F-A-M-I-L-Y!!!** (Ephesians 3:15)
  4. Granted His **Strength** by faith (Ephesians 3:16-21)

### IV. Relationship of the Church with Christ and His **Leadership** (Ephesians 4)

- A. Unify in Work (Ephesians 4:1-12)
  1. Everyone who is **saved** has a God given **Job** to do – **DO IT!** (Ephesians 3:1-6)
  2. Our Gifts are for His **glory** (Ephesians 4:7)
  3. The Gifts are **available** because **He got** them for us (Ephesians 4:8-11)
  4. The **purpose** of the gifts (Ephesians 4:12)
- B. Unify in the **Faith** (Ephesians 4:13-16)
  1. Goal – to be like Jesus (Ephesians 4:13)
  2. Grow up (Ephesians 4:14)
  3. Gather the Truth (Ephesians 4:15-16)
- C. Unify in **Behavior** (Ephesians 4:17-32)
  1. Don't be like **everyone else** – **given to gratification of one's desires; acknowledging of no restraints** (Ephesians 4:17-20)
  2. Follow the **Truth** (Ephesians 4:21-24)
- D. Unify in **Communication** (Ephesians 4:25-32)
  1. Be **Honest** (Ephesians 4:25)
  2. Control your **temper** (Ephesians 4:26-27)
  3. Don't **take** what's not **yours** (Ephesians 4:28)

4. Watch your **talk** (**It can grieve the Holy Spirit**) (Ephesians 4:29-31)
5. Be **Kind** (Ephesians 4:32)

## V. Relationship of the Husband with the Wife and Jesus with the Church - The Ultimate Picture of **Salvation** (Ephesians 5)

### A. **Follow** God (Ephesians 5:1-17)

1. Walk in **Love** (Ephesians 5:2-7)
  - a. Don't allow **bad** behavior or **bad** living be **spoken** (Ephesians 5:3-6)
  - b. Don't **join** them! (Ephesians 5:7)
2. Walk as Children of **Light** (Ephesians 5:8-17)
  - a. Don't **fellowship** with the bad (Ephesians 5:11-12)
  - b. Christ's **Light** will **expose** them (Ephesians 5:13-14)
  - c. Walk **Cautiously** and **Carefully** (Ephesians 5:15-17)

### B. Be Filled with the **Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18)

1. How? (Ephesians 5:19-20)
  - a. **Reading** the Bible out loud (Ephesians 5:19a)
  - b. Singing **Melodiously** (Ephesians 5:19b)
  - c. Giving **thanks** (Ephesians 5:20)
2. Why? (Ephesians 5:21-33)
  - a. Teaches **Submission** – Allow Him to **Lead** You (Ephesians 5:21)
  - b. Provides Ownership – Allow Him to **Own** You (Ephesians 5:22-33) (Grants protection, provision, prosperity and peace)
    - 1) Wives/Church **submit** (Ephesians 5:22-24)
    - 2) Husbands/Christ **Love** – Allow Him to Love You! (Ephesians 5:25-33)
      - a) Creates an atmosphere for **sanctification** (Ephesians 5:26)
      - b) Creates an atmosphere for **Cleanliness** (Ephesians 5:27)
      - c) Creates the image of oneness “**one flesh**” (Ephesians 5:28-33)

## VI. Relationship of the Christian with the rest of the **world**

### A. Parent/Child Relationship (Ephesians 6:1-4)

1. Children **Obey** (Ephesians 6:1)
2. Children **Honour** (Ephesians 6:2-3)
3. Father's **Provoke** not (Ephesians 6:4a)
4. Father's Lead, **Spiritually** (Ephesians 6:4b)

### B. Employer/Employee Relationship (Ephesians 6:5-9)

1. Servants **Obey & Honor** (Ephesians 6:5)
2. Serve **Christ** your **master** (Ephesians 6:6-7)
3. The **Master** gets whatever he has from **God** (Ephesians 6:8)
4. Masters – remember **Jesus** is Watching (Ephesians 6:9)

### C. Christain/Devil Relationship (Ephesians 6:10-18)

1. Be Strong - to receive **strength** (Ephesians 6:10)
2. Put On - (to clothe **one's self**) (Ephesians 6:11-12)

3. **Withstand** - to set one's self against, **resist**, oppose (Ephesians 6:13a)
4. **Stand** - to cause or make to **stand** (Ephesians 6:13b-14a)
  - a. Lions girt about with **truth** (Ephesians 6:14b)
  - b. Breastplate of **righteousness** (Ephesians 6:14c)
  - c. Feet shod with the preparation of the **gospel** of peace; (Ephesians 6:15)
  - d. The shield of faith, (Ephesians 6:16)
    - 1) Faith in God and His teachings
    - 2) Faithfulness in the doing of right
  - e. The helmet of **salvation** (Ephesians 6:17a)
  - f. The **Sword** of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17b)
  - g. Praying **always** (Ephesians 6:18a)
  - h. Watching (Ephesians 6:18b)