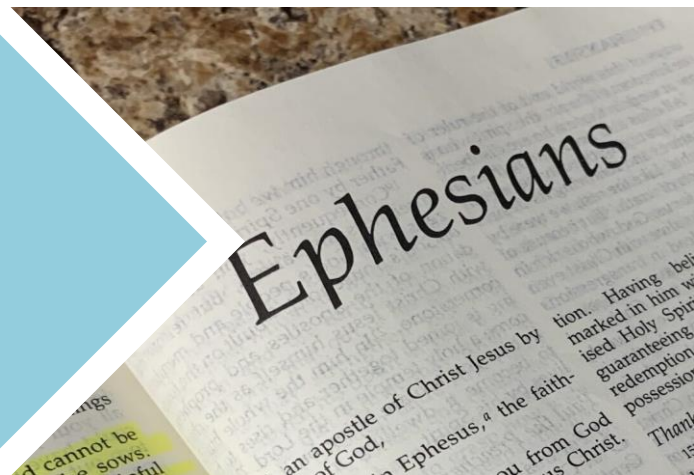




Ephesians

Ephesians functions to radically alter and reorient our vision of reality in the most comprehensive sense. The apostle Paul wants us to inhabit a new story, to take on a new and renewed set of practices, to see ourselves as part of a radically different and outrageously life-giving story of God redeeming the world in Jesus Christ.



Themes: The supremacy of God's power, unity, love, cosmic reconciliation

1:1-14 1:15-23 2:1-10 2:11-22 3:1-13 3:14-21 4:1-16 4:17-32 5:1-20 5:21-33 6:1-9 6:10-24

Pericope	Theological Focus
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:1-14	The God who abundantly blesses His people, graciously redeeming them as part of His plan to consummate all things in in the universe in Christ, is worthy of being blessed.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:15-23	The church demonstrates God's incomparable power for, as the fullness of Christ, it expresses His divine rule in this age.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2:1-10	Believers, sharing Christ's exaltation, demonstrate to the universe God's mercy, love, grace, and kindness as they undertake good works.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2:11-22	All (believing) humanity has been united in one body, the work of Christ removing the condemnation of the law, winning access to God, and building believers together into the dwelling of God in the Spirit.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:1-13	The apostle Paul's divinely empowered role in the administration of God's plan forms a paradigm for the ministry of all believers, as God is made known to the cosmos through the church.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:14-21	Believers, increasingly conformed to Christ in faith by the Spirit, and comprehending, in community, the immensity of Christ's love, glorify God who dwells in them.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:1-16	Selfless and loving exercise of grace-gifts, that leads to peaceful unity, builds up the body to the mature stature of its head, Christ.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:17-32	Believers, no longer living licentiously, are being divinely renewed into the likeness of God as they maintain unity and engage in activities that build up one another.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5:1-20	The imitation of God and Christ's selfless love call for abandonment of sexual immortality, and the adoption of a wise and worshipful lifestyle.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5:21-33	The filling by the Spirit is seen in the mutual submission of believers, and in the modeling of the husband-wife relationship after the Christ-church relationship.
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:1-9	Children obey their parents and parents gently instruct their children, and slaves obey their masters with sincerity and masters treat their slaves likewise as they both serve God—all furthering unity and promising reward.
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:10-24	Victory against supernatural foes in achieved by divine empowerment in the form of God's armor (commitment and dependence upon God) and by Spirit-driven prayer.