

Ephesians

Theme: The Unity of Christ and The Church

Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - Ephesians 1
- Monday - Ephesians 2
- Tuesday - Ephesians 3
- Wed. - Ephesians 4
- Thurs, - Ephesians 5
- Friday - Ephesians 6
- Saturday - Ephesians 1-6

Memory Verses:

- ★ Ephesians 1:3
- ★ Ephesians 2:8
- ★ Ephesians 3:20-21
- ★ Ephesians 4:1-6
- ★ Ephesians 5:15-20
- ★ Ephesians 5:22 & 25
- ★ Ephesians 6:1-4
- ★ Your choice _____

Interesting Facts

- ❖ Ephesians has 6 chapters, 155 verses 3022 words, and can be read by the average reader in about 20 minutes.
- ❖ Written by Paul from Rome in about 62 AD.
- ❖ Great theme of Christ and the Church/unity.
- ❖ The longest sentence in the New Testament is 1:3-14 on the blessings of Christ in the church.
- ❖ One of four prison epistles written by Paul from Rome.
- ❖ The book is much praised as one of the greatest books: Luther "the best and noblest book of the New Testament" and Coleridge, "The sublimest composition of man."
- ❖ So similar to Colossians that some suggest Paul wrote them the same day.
- ❖ Key idea is the riches that are in Christ Jesus in the Church.

Memorable Outline of Ephesians

Introduction: (1:1-2)

- I. The Doctrinal Part (1-3)
 - A. The Church is the body and fullness of Christ (1)
 - B. The Church is the one body (2)
 - C. The Church declares the wisdom of God (3)
- II. The Practical Part (4-6)

Conclusion: (6:23-24)

Scheme of Redemption

The Unity of the Redeemed

“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man so making peace.” (2:13-15).

What to Look for as You Read

- **How familiar the entire book is as a most quoted book.**
- **Notice the importance of submission to obtain harmony.**
- **Observe how few greetings there are at the beginning and end.**
- **The exaltation of Christ.**

Notes