A STUDY OUTLINE OF EPHESIANS

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The Salutation (1:1-2)

- 1. From an Apostle
- 2. To true Christians
- 3. With a prayer.
- I. THE WORSHIPFUL CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GREAT SALVATION. (1:3-14)
 - Bless the Father. 1:1-6
 He Chose.
 He Adopted.
 He made Complete in Christ.
 - Bless the Son. 1:7-12 He Redeems. He provides Forgiveness. He gives Wisdom and Understanding. He consummates the Purpose of God.
 - 3. Bless the Spirit. 1:13-14 He Convicts. He Seals.

He gives a Foretaste of heaven.

- II. THE PRAYER FOR WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S SALVATION. (1:15-23)
 - **1.** For greater insight into the wisdom of God.
 - 2. For growth in our knowledge of God.
 - 3. For a better grasp of our Hope in Christ.
 - 4. For a greater trust in the power of God.
 - 5. For a greater appreciation of the position of Christ.
- III. A SALVATION ALL BY GRACE. (2:1-10)
 - The People it saves.

The Change it makes

The Generosity It reveals

The Life it enables

IV. THE NEW COVENANT PEOPLE OF GOD. (2:11-22)

Their diversity. Their unity. Their destiny.

- V. THE UNVEILING OF THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL. (3:1-13) A grace gift to Paul A revelation Had been hidden The role of the Spirit. The inclusion of Gentiles A small saint with a big assignment The cosmic sermon through the church A part of the big plan
- VI. THE PRAYER FOR THE FULLNESS. (3:14-20) The work of the Spirit in the inner man Making the heart the Home of Christ Comprehending the love of God, Overflowing with His fullness. Leads to a doxology.
- VII. LEARNING TO MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE BODY. (4:1-6)
 A walk that contributes to unity.
 A priority that seeks unity.
 Spiritual realities that make unity possible.
- VIII. LEARNING TO BENEFIT FROM THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS. (4:7-16)
 Their heavenly origin
 They equip the body.
 They enable the growth of the body.
- IX. LEARNING TO WALK LIKE A NEW CREATION. (4:17-5:2) To break away from the old life. Put on the new man Put away lying-speak the truth. Get rid of anger. Stop stealing—get an honest job. Clean up your vocabulary, and bring in healing words. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

Get rid of all bitterness. Cultivate kind speech and deeds.

- X. THINGS TO AVOID IN OUR NEW WALK. (5:3-15) Fornication. Uncleanness Covetousness. Nasty talk Avoid things that provoke the wrath of God. Walk in the Light and wisdom
 XI. LEARNING TO LIVE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SPIRIT. (5:16-6:9)
 - In worship In marriage

In family

In work

XII. LEARNING TO WIN IN THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE WITH THE WORLD OF EVIL. (6:10-20)

Know the enemy.

Put on the whole armor of God.

Take a firm stand.

And continue in prayer.

XIII. SOME CLOSING WORDS. (6:21-24)