

## Ephesians - Summary

- I. Paul wrote this epistle while in prison in Rome ([Acts 28:16](#)) in AD 62. (Other prison Epistles are Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.)
- II. Ephesians was delivered by Tychicus as a circular letter to the churches in the Roman Province of Asia (including Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamon, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.)
- III. It was sent to correct Christians who were in a backslidden condition and to show them the need of spiritual growth and development.
- IV. This book has been referred to as the “Queen of the Epistles!” Scholars hold this book as the highest reach of New Testament thought. When John Know was dying, he constantly read sermons written by John Calvin on the book of Ephesians.
- V. This book is a wonderful book for Christians today.
- VI. This book reveals the church as God’s masterpiece. ([Ephesians 2:10](#))
  1. A mystery not revealed in the Old Testament.
  2. It is more wonderful than any temple made with hands.
  3. This masterpiece is constructed of living stones, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (Study [Ephesians 2:20-22](#))
  4. It is the body of Christ in the world – to walk as He would walk if He were personally walking here in the flesh.
  5. The bible reveals that we are His BODY on earth new.
  6. We do wrestle against the wiles of the devil. ([Ephesians 1:22](#); [4:1](#); [6:11-12](#)) We are not, however, without ample provisions for continuous triumph and victory.
  7. Someday the Body (Church) will leave the world and be presented to Christ as His Bride. ([Ephesians 5:25-32](#))
- VII. If a saved person chooses to be estranged from God – disunity, disharmony, negative, non-perceptive – THIS IS NOT GOD’S PLAN, WILL or INTENTION!

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VIII. This book is both doctrinal and practical.

IX. From a doctrinal viewpoint, we see in the first 3 chapters the church described as the body ([chapter 1](#)); as the temple ([chapter 2](#)) and the mystery ([chapter 3](#)).

- [Chapter 1](#) – the body. Our Heavenly Father planned the Church. ([1:3-6](#)) The Son of God paid the price of redemption. ([1:7-12](#)) The Holy Spirit protects the Church. ([1:13, 14](#))
- [Chapter 2](#) – The Church is presented as a TEMPLE. There is outstanding MATERIAL for construction. ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#)) When God builds, He uses His materials, not ours. Please note: the method or procedure of construction – there was a Sin Wall in [Ephesians 2:14](#) called the “*middle wall of partition between us.*” He, Christ, coming to earth in flesh – dying on the Cross, ABOLISHED that barrier making possible harmony instead of hostility between God and man. [Ephesians 2:19-20](#) reveals the results desired for that construction – a strong Spiritual house fitly framed unto a holy temple in the Lord.
- [Chapter 3](#) – Doctrinally, the Church is presented as the MYSTERY in chapter 3:
  - [Ephesians 3:1-4](#) – not revealed in the OT
  - [Ephesians 3:5-13](#) – Jew and Gentiles are partakers of the same Body – the Church
  - [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) – The Lord desires all believers to have knowledge, power and victory.

X. Chapters 4-6 emphasizes the practical aspects of the Church:

- [Ephesians 4:1-6](#) – The walk and service of the new man in Christ.
- [Ephesians 4:7-16](#) – He is no longer to be a baby, but mature.
- [Ephesians 4:17-20](#) – He is not to walk as the Gentiles.
- [Ephesians 4:21-32](#) – His mind must be vertically oriented rather than horizontally oriented. He is not to have an empty mind, blind heart, darkened understanding. He is to have eyes open, mind perceptive, heart right, life and manner of conduct upright, and his tongue under Biblical control.

XI. In [Chapter 5](#), we see the Church as the Bride of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just as a man on the earth in purity desires to receive his ONE and ONLY, God designed the Bride in purity – the virgin born, impeccable,

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faultless, pure Son of God desires to have a faithful, obedient, submissive bride. Just as a bride on earth is not to submit to other men – the Bride of Christ (born again believers) are not to submit to gods – but to ONE GOD!

1. [Ephesians 5:1-17](#) The marriage
2. [Ephesians 5:18-24](#) A meaningful relationship (FHS, SWW, OWC)
3. [Ephesians 5:25-33](#) there is the marvelous future *“that He might present to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle.”*

XII. In Chapter 6, we see the Church as a SOLDIER.

1. [Ephesians 6:1-9](#) Conduct of the soldier
2. [Ephesians 6:10-12](#) Enemy of the soldier – the Battle
3. [Ephesians 6:13-18](#) Armor of the soldier  
*Take unto yourselves the....”* ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE
4. [Ephesians 6:19-22](#) PAUL IS A GOOD SOLDIER
5. [Ephesians 6:23-24](#) A GOOD SOLDIER’S FAREWELL.