

Ephesians

Background

- Paul visited Ephesus on two occasions in Acts:
 - 2nd trip in Acts 18:19-21
 - 3rd trip in Acts 19 where he stayed for 3 years.
- Some time later, Paul writes them a letter.
 - From prison, Paul writes to the church at Ephesus.
 - Acts 28:30, 31; Ephesians 3:1; 4:1; 6:20

Outline & Theme

- Ephesians has 6 chapters:
 - God's abundant spiritual blessings. (Ephesians 1-3)
 - The proper response to blessings. (Ephesians 4-6)
- Theme:
 - Great blessings demand great responsibilities.

Ephesians 1

- **Every Spiritual blessing.**
 - 1:3-14
 - One sentence. 202 words (Greek).
 - Blessings are “in Him.”

Ephesians 2

- **God's grace.**
 - 2:1-10
 - Former condition. 2:1-3
 - "But God..." 2:4-10
- **Gentiles also have hope!**
 - 2:11-22
 - Former condition. 2:11-13
 - But Christ intervened. 2:14-22

Ephesians 3

- **The mystery.**
 - 3:2-13
 - Something that could not be known without divine revelation.
 - Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promises and fellow members of the body. 3:6
 - 3:10, 11

Ephesians 4

- **Unity and growth.**
 - “Maintain the unity of the Spirit.” 4:2-6
 - Use gifts to build up and reach maturity. 4:7-16
- **The new man.**
 - Reflect the new man’s character. 4:24-32

Ephesians 5

- **Walk rightly.**
 - In love. 5:2-7
 - In light. 5:8-14
 - In wisdom. 5:15-21
- **Husband and wife relationship.**
 - 5:22-33
 - Husbands are to love. (5:25, 28, 33)
 - Wives are to submit. (5:22, 24, 33)

Ephesians 6

- **Relationships.**

- Children and parents. 6:1-4
- Servants and masters. 6:5-9

- **Armor of God.**

- We're at war! 6:10-12
- Arm yourself with what God has provided. 6:13-17

Conclusion

- With great blessings comes great responsibilities.
- Are you walking worthy of the calling?
- Why not choose to be a recipient of God's grace today?