

# EPHESIANS<sup>6</sup>

**Author:** Paul, the Apostle

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**Recipients:** the Church at Ephesus

**Theme:** The Church (Universal)

**Key Verses:** 1:22-23; 5:30

“And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all....because we are members of His body.”

## **I. NOTE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (1:1-14).**

1. The Apostle Salutes The Ephesian Church (1:1-2).
2. God's New People Are the Recipients of Multiple Blessings (1:3-14).

- (1) They are blessed with election (1:3-6).
- (2) They are blessed with redemption (1:7-8a).
- (3) They are blessed with revelation (1:8b-10).
- (4) They are blessed with inheritance (1:11-12).
- (5) They are blessed with security (1:13).
- (6) They are blessed with the Holy Spirit (1:14).

## **II. PAUL PRAYS FOR RESOURCES FOR GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (1:15-23)**

1. He Prays With Thanksgiving for Their Faith and Love (1:15-16).
2. He Prays That They May Have the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation (1:17-23).

## **III. OBSERVE THE FORMATION OF GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (2:1-22)**

1. The Dead in Sin Experience Regeneration (2:1-10).
  2. The Jew and Gentile Experience Reconciliation (2:11-22).
- (1) Note the former, corporate life (2:11-12).
  - (2) Note the present, corporate life in Christ (2:13-14).
  - (3) Note the power that produces this new life (2:15-18).
  - (4) Note the benefits of this new life (2:19-22).

## **IV. PAUL MINISTERS TO GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (3:1-21)**

1. The Ministry Is Explained (3:1-6).
2. The Minister Is Examined (3:7-8).

3. The Ministry Is Expounded (3:9-13).
4. The Minister Prays For His People (3:14-21).

#### **V. MARK THE DAILY WALK OF GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (4:1-6:9)**

##### 1. This Walk Carries A Spiritual Obligation (4:1-16)

- (1) Encouragement is a spiritual obligation (4:1-3).
- (2) Instruction is a spiritual obligation (4:4-13).
- (3) Anticipation is a spiritual obligation (4:14-16).

##### 2. This Walk Carries A Moral Obligation (4:17-5:21).

- (1) Solicitation to Affirmation is a moral obligation (4:17-24).
- (2) Particularization of Activities is a moral obligation (4:25-32).
- (3) Preservation of Appellation is a moral obligation (5:1-14).
- (4) Sophistication, Not Dissipation is a moral obligation (5:15-21).

##### 3. This Walk Carries A Domestic Obligation (5:22-6:9)

- (1) There is an obligation of wives (5:22-24).
- (2) There is an obligation of husbands (5:25-33).
- (3) There is an obligation of children (6:1-3).
- (4) There is an obligation of fathers (6:4).
- (5) There is an obligation of slaves (6:5-8).

#### **VI. EXAMINE THE HOLY WARFARE OF GOD'S NEW PEOPLE (6:10-20).**

1. The Source of The Christian's Strength Is The LORD (6:10).
2. The Struggles Of The Christian Are Spiritual (6:12).
3. The Security Of The Christian Is The LORD (6:11, 13-20)

#### **VII. THE APOSTLE CONCLUDES HIS LETTER (6:21-24).**

1. Paul Notes His Circumstances (6:21a).
2. Paul Notes His Companion (6:21b-22).
  - (1) Tychicus is credentialized (6:21b).
  - (2) Tychicus is knowledgeable (6:22).
3. Paul Notes A Benediction (6:23-24).