



A Scenic Overlook

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Ephesians

"Ephesians is important to the life of the church because of the totality of its scope. No basic elements of Christian truth have been omitted. Its scope includes the relationship between Jews and Gentiles, the comparison of earth and heaven, and the panoramic overview of all the ages—past, present and future."

• Outlook on Ephesians
"Ephesians presents magnificent truths in highly a concentrated form... Paul wrote to expand his readers' vision so they might understand more clearly the dimension of God's grace and eternal purposes. He wanted his readers to appreciate and to worship the God who has called the church into being through Christ." —David Dockery

• Outline of Ephesians

Simple Outline

- I. Our Wealth in Christ (1-3)
- II. Our Walk with Christ (4-6)

Expanded Outline

- I. Opening Comments (1:1-2)
- II. Spiritual Life Foundations (1-3)
 - A. God's Redeeming Grace (1:3-14)
 - B. God's Revealing Truth (1:15-23)
 - C. God's Renewing Work (2:1-3:13)
 - D. God's Resounding Glory (3:14-21)
- III. Spiritual Life Application (4-6)
 - A. In Your Church (4:1-16)
 - B. In Your Walk (4:17-5:21)
 - C. In Your Home (5:22-6:4)

D. On Your Job (6:5-9)

E. In Your Generation (6:10-20)

IV. Closing Remarks (6:21-24)

Outtakes

1. Personal Security
(1:3-14)

This Grace is:

Sovereign (1:3-6)

Sacrificial (1:7-12)

Secure (1:13)

Election is:

An Evangelical Controversy

A Biblical Reality

A Logical Impossibility

A Spiritual Mystery

A Personal Security

2. Fruitful Ministry
(2:10; 4:1-16)

3. Spiritual Authority
(1:20-23; 6:10-20)

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

*But I know Whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day.*

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing us of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noontide fair,
Nor if I walk the vale with Him,
Or meet Him in the air.

—Daniel W. Whittle

Quotes

"Ephesians has been given such titles as the believer's bank, the Christian's checkbook, and the treasure house of the Bible. This beautiful letter tells Christians of their great riches, inheritances, and fullnesses in Jesus and in His church. It tells them what they possess and how they can claim and enjoy their possessions... But God's heavenly bank has no such limitations or restrictions. No Christian, therefore, has reason to be spiritually deprived, undernourished, or impoverished. In fact, he has no reason not to be completely healthy and immeasurably rich in the things of God. The Lord's heavenly resources are more than adequate to cover all our past debts, all our present liabilities, and all our future needs—and still not reduce the heavenly assets. That is the marvel of God's gracious provision for His children."

—John MacArthur

"In this epistle we enter the Holy of Holies in Paul's writings... It is the greatest revelation of truth that God has given to man. It is the mystery that has been hidden from before the foundation of the world."

—H.C. Mears

"If Romans is a sample of the kind of teaching that Paul would give to churches upon his first visit to them, Ephesians is a specimen of his 'Bible conference' technique. Much of its material can be duplicated in his other epistles, and there is little theology or ethics in Ephesians which cannot be found in essence elsewhere. The total complex, however, integrated into a new picture of the church as a single functioning body, created out of Jew and Gentile, equipped with standards of its own, and engaged in a spiritual conflict. Its goal is 'the unity of the faith... the knowledge of the Son of God... the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.' (4:13)." —M.C. Tenney