

# Outline of Ephesians 1-3

- I. God's eternal purpose in Christ (1:3 – 3:21)
  - A. Spiritual blessings in Christ (1:3-14)
  - B. Paul's prayer for them in Christ (1:15-23)
    - 1. Have the spirit of wisdom and revelation (1:15-19)
    - 2. Understand the exalted position of Christ (1:20-21)
    - 3. Know the authority of Christ over the church (1:22-23)
  - C. God's plan for our salvation (2:1-10)
  - D. The difference Christ makes (2:11-22)
    - 1. God's family is different (2:11-12)
    - 2. God's law is different (2:14-15)
    - 3. God's foundation is different (2:20)
    - 4. God's temple is different (2:21-22)
  - E. The church is according to God's eternal purpose (3:1-21)

# Outline of Ephesians 4-6

## II. Living in keeping with God's eternal purpose (4:1-6:24)

### A. Walk worthy of your calling (4:1-5:21)

1. Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit (4:2-16)
2. Put off the old man and put on the new man (4:17-32)
3. Imitate God and walk in wisdom (5:1-21)

### B. Submission in the fear of God (5:21-6:9)

1. Wives
2. Husbands
3. Children
4. Fathers
5. Servants
6. Masters

### C. Be strong in the Lord (6:10-24)

# Walking Worthily: Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit

- Walk according to your calling (v.1)
  - “Vocation”
  - Heavenly calling
- Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit
  - Walk with the right attitudes (v.2)
    - Lowliness
    - Gentleness
    - Longsuffering
    - Bearing with one another in love
  - Walk with strong effort (v.3)
    - Keep – guard

# Walking Worthily: Follow God's Plan for Unity

Unifying, objective truths to be accepted uncompromisingly

- One Body
  - Unity of Organization
- One Spirit
  - Unity of Revelation
- One Hope
  - Unity of Desire
- One Lord
  - Unity of Authority
- One Faith
  - Unity of Doctrine
- One Baptism
  - Unity of Practice
- One God and Father
  - Unity of Worship

# One Lord

- Lord: Master and Ruler
  - Luke 6:46
    - If your Lord, then you do *what He says*
- Lord signifies authority – the power and right to rule
- 25x in this letter
- Jesus is Lord
  - 1:2, 22
  - Acts 2:37
- Romans 10:12
- Concerned with what is acceptable to Him
  - 5:8-10
- Governed by His laws
  - Matthew 28:18
  - Hebrews 1:1-2
  - Colossians 3:17

# One Faith

- Faith sometimes refers to
  - Yours and my faith – 1:15
  - Faithfulness in duty – 1 Corinthians 4:2
- Here, faith is *the faith*
  - The means by which our faith is produced
    - Romans 10:17
  - 4:13-15
  - Jude 3
  - 5:17
  - 5:26
  - 6:15
  - 6:17
- The faith – our standard of belief and practice
  - 1:13
  - Colossians 1:23
  - Titus 2:1
  - 2 Timothy 1:13
  - 1 Peter 4:11

# One Baptism

- Baptism = a dipping, immersion, submersion
  - Romans 6:4
- No right to redefine baptism any more than right to redefine marriage
- Baptisms spoken of in New Testament:
  - John's baptism
    - Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4
  - Baptism of suffering
    - Matthew 20:22
  - Baptism of the Holy Spirit
    - Acts 1:5, 8; 2:1-4
  - Baptism into Moses in the cloud and in the sea
    - 1 Corinthians 10:2
  - Baptism commissioned by Jesus, taught by the apostles, and obeyed by those who would be saved
    - Matthew 28:18-19
    - Mark 16:15-16
    - Acts 2:38
    - Acts 19:1-5
      - Which baptism did the Ephesians understand to be the ONE baptism?

# One Baptism

- It is ONE baptism
  - For every man, for all time now
- In the name of Jesus – authorized, commanded by Him
  - Matthew 28:18-19, Mark 16:15-16
- In water
  - Acts 8:36; 10:47-48
- For subjects who have heard, believed, repented, and confessed
  - Acts 2:37; Acts 8:37
- For the remission of sins
  - Acts 2:38; 22:16
- Galatians 3:26-27
  - 2:4-6



# One God and Father

- Genesis 1:1
- Deuteronomy 6:4
- 34x in Ephesians
- Created all things through Jesus Christ
  - 3:9
- Source of all spiritual blessings
  - 1:3
- Grace & Peace: 1:2
  - Wrath for the disobedient: 5:6
- Above all – supreme
- Through Him all things are
- He dwells in His children, His saints
- Romans 3:29
  - 2:16

# Walking Worthily: Follow God-given Roles in the Work of Christ

- He gave some to be
  - Apostles
  - Prophets
  - Evangelists
  - Pastors
  - Teachers
- Their purpose
  - For the perfecting of the saints
  - For the work of ministry
  - For the edifying of the body of Christ
- Their desired result
  - Unity of the faith
  - Knowledge of the Son of God
  - Spiritual maturity
  - Growth of the body