

**Series "Fixed On 66"**  
**"Ephesians"**  
**Book-49**

**Key Passage: Ephesians 1:3; 2:8-9**

**Ephesians** is a book of **doctrine**. The term "**Doctrine**" is used **nine times in the NT**. It simply means "*Systematic, thorough approach to teaching, instruction.*"

**The Author: Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,**

1. An Apostle - **(1:1)**
2. A Prisoner - **(3:1; 4:1)**

**Paul (1:1:3:1)** Though his name only appears twice, 1st person pronouns are used **30 times**.

**Paul (Small)** This tells us who the author of the Epistle (letter) is, Paul. This was his Roman name. He was a son of a Jew but was also a Roman citizen. We first meet him as a young man named **Saul** in **Acts 7:58**.

**When Written:** Probably written in late 61 AD. or early 62 AD.

**Where it was Written: This is a "Prison Epistle."** Paul was sitting in a Roman prison from 60-63 AD. He wrote four Epistles or (letters). **Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians.**

**Written To: Ephesians 1:1 To the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus:**

**The City of Ephesus**

1. Established in 1100 BC in Western Turkey - "Asia"
2. Political capital of Asia.
3. Commercial center: main port, major trade route to the Orient.
4. Religious center: Temple of Diana, goddess of fertility.

**Background:** The Church in Ephesus **(1:1)** was:

1. Established by Paul during his 2nd Missionary Journey **(Acts 18:19-21)**
2. Led by Paul for three years during his 3rd Missionary Journey **(Acts 19:20)**
3. Ministered to by some of the greatest 1st Century Christians: Paul, Aquilla, Priscilla, Apollos, Timothy & John.
4. Considered "faithful by Paul **(1:1)**.

**Purpose:**

1. To remind the Ephesians of the spiritual blessings they have in Christ Jesus **(1:3)**
2. To encourage them through his prayers on their behalf **(1:15-23; 3:14-21)**
3. To show them the nature of the Church **(1:22-23; 2:11-22)**
4. To challenge them to live as Christians **(4:1-3)**
5. To prepare them for spiritual battle **(6:10-24)**

**Theme: "Riches In Christ" "The Wealth of The Christian"**

**Key Words: God 59 times, "in Christ," and "in God" 28 times, "for us" 17 times, "Jesus Christ" 14 times.**

**Key Phrases:** The term **"in Christ, in God, in Him, in Jesus Christ"** or equivalent is used over **28 times** in this book.

**Key Chapter: Ephesians 6.** The Christian has been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ he still is in spiritual warfare every day.

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**Outline:**

**Ephesians 1-3 Doctrine**

**Ephesians 4-6 Duty**

**Ephesians 1-3 Sit**

**Ephesians 4-5 Walk**

**Ephesians 6 Stand**

**Ephesians 1-3 Wealth of The Christian:**

**Ephesians 4-6 Walk of The Christian:**

**Ephesians 1-3 Wealth of The Christian:**

**Ephesians 1 Redemption:** The first chapter of Ephesians is one sentence in Greek.

**Ephesians 1:1-6 God The Father Planned The Church: Ephesians 1:1-3**

**every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places - Ephesus was a depository for the riches of Asia; gold and priceless riches were kept safe there. Paul speaks of the Bank of Heaven. Where the true riches are. Used 5 times 1:3, 20, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12**

**Ephesians 1:4-6**

**Ephesians 1:7-10 God the Son Purchased The Church: Ephesians 1:7-10**

**Ephesians 1:11-14 God The Spirit Preserved The Church: Ephesians 1:11-14**

**Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul's Prayer For Enlightenment: Ephesians 1:18-23**

**Ephesians 2 Reconciliation:**

**Ephesians 2:1-3 We Were Ruined By Sin: Ephesians 2:1-3**

**Ephesians 2:4-10 We Were Redeemed By Grace: Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Ephesians 2:11-16 We Were Reconciled By God: Ephesians 2:13-16**

Just calling for peace does not provide peace! The blood of Jesus!  
(Reconciled to God results in peace)

**Ephesians 2:17-22 We Were Restored By Christ: Ephesians 2:18-19**

**Ephesians 3 Revelation:**

**Ephesians 3:1-13 The Mystery: Paul Now Turns From The Direction Of Them To Himself:** He now speaks from his heart about his part in God's great plan of salvation.

**"Mystery"** Paul uses this term **17 times** in the NT. **Mystery – 3 times 3,4,9.**

**Mystery** in Scripture means *"something once hidden or formerly unknown but now has been revealed through the Holy Spirit."*

The **"Mystery"** was the bringing together of the Jews and Gentiles as one new man in a society called the Church. This was new news to the world.

He now explains again what the "Mystery of Christ" is. **It is three parts:**

- 1. Gentiles are fellow heirs** - Blessings of Jews and Gentiles are the same in Christ.
- 2. Fellow members of the body** - This speaks of this union in Christ, where we strive for unity in the Church.
- 3. Fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the**

**gospel** - Salvation through the redemption that was first promised to Abraham that forms the burden of all O.T. predictions.

This "**Mystery**" of Jews and Gentiles, together with the laying aside of the "Jewish Theocracy under God," was to be replaced by a new dispensation called the Church.

**Ephesians 3:14-21 The Petition: A Prayer For Enablement:  
Ephesians 3:16-21**

### **Ephesians 4-6 Walk Of The Christian:**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 Walk In Unity:**

**Ephesians 4:1-3 The Exhortation To Unity: Ephesians 4:1 Therefore, When we see the therefore, we should ask what is the therefore therefore?** Paul now says, God has called us, adopted us, accepted us, Jesus has redeemed us, Holy Spirit has sealed us. We have peace with God, and now peace with one another.

God has formed a new society called the Church. **entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,-** Paul tells us to live like the children of God that we are in Christ Jesus. Use the riches that are at our disposal in Christ.

We come now to the next section of the Epistle of Ephesians, which is practical or duty. Ephesians 1-3 deals with "Doctrine" regarding who we are in Christ and what God has done for us.

Now the next half is practical on how to live out this new life in Christ.

**Ephesians 1-3 the key word was Wealth, now in Ephesians 4-6 the key word is Walk.**

**in a manner worthy – the** common response, "all right," "I will never be worthy, that leaves me out!" but the word **Worthy** - "*to be of equal weight,*" "*to make equal*" One side of the scale has doctrine, what we are. The other side of the scale is practical living.

**Ephesians 4:2-3**

**Ephesians 4:4-6 The Explanation To Unity: Ephesians 4:4-6**

**Ephesians 4:7-12 The Implementation Of Unity: (Gifts For Unity)  
Ephesians 4:11-12**

**Ephesians 4:13-16 The Expectations Of Unity: Ephesians 4:13-14  
There are Christians who never grow up!  
Ephesians 4:15-16**

**Ephesians 4:17- 5:21 Walk In Purity:**

**Ephesians 4:17-22 Put Off The Old Man: Ephesians 4:21-22 (Put Off The Old Man, Old Natural Unsaved Man Must Go)**

**Ephesians 4:23-29 Put On The New Man: Ephesians 4:23-24 (Put On The Newborn Again Man!)**

**The Bible teaches the replacement of the old with the new.**

**Ephesians 4:30-5:2 Grieve Not The Spirit: Ephesians 4:30-32**

**Ephesians 5:3-17 Walk In Light: Ephesians 5:8-11**

**Ephesians 5:18-21 Be Filled With The Spirit: Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,**

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? I don't want to get technical about the phrase "**be filled with the Spirit!**" **It is speaking about four things.**

- 1. "filled" is in the Greek imperative mode, meaning** it is a command. It is not an option for the child of God.
- 2. Plural** - that it is meant for all Christians.
- 3. Passive verb** - The Spirit does it. It is not something that gets us into a frenzy. **Ephesians 4:30**
- 4. Present tense** - Keep on being filled.

**Being filled with the Holy Spirit, simply means to be controlled by or yielded to the Holy Spirit.**

**Paul gives three proofs for being filled with the Holy Spirit.**

**Ephesians 5:19 making melody with your heart to the Lord;**

- 1. Joy - (KJV "Speaking to yourselves") NO! It should read: speaking to one another. - spiritual songs, singing making melody with your heart to the Lord;**

**Ephesians 5:20 always giving thanks**

- 2. Thankfulness - always giving thanks for all things,**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Ephesians 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.**

- 3. Submission – subject:** A Greek military term "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader." In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden."

**Ephesians 5:22-6:9 Walk in Harmony:**

**Ephesians 5:22-6:4 Harmony in The Home:**

**Ephesians 5:22-24 Walk of the Wife: Ephesians 5:22-24**

**Ephesians 5:25-33 Walk of the Husband: Ephesians 5:25-31**

**Ephesians 6:1-3 Walk of The Child: Ephesians 6:1-3**

**Ephesians 6:4 Walk of The Parents: Ephesians 6:4**

**Ephesians 6:5-9 Harmony on The Job:**

**Ephesians 6:10-20 The Warfare of The Believer:**

**Ephesians 6:10-13 The Enemy: Ephesians 6:10-13**

**Ephesians 6:14-20 The Equipment: Ephesians 6:14-20**

**Ephesians 6:21-24 Final Greetings: Ephesians 6:21-24**

### **Application:**

1. God Wants His Children To Utilize The Riches He Has Given To Us In Christ That We Might Become All That God Has Designed Us To Become. God Wants Maturity Not Immaturity.
2. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, Simply Means To Be Controlled By Or Yielded To The Holy Spirit. The Evidence Of Being Filled Is: 1. Joy – 2. Thankfulness – 3. Submission.
3. **Marshall Shelly** said, "When we settle for the course of least resistance, everyone knows, is the course that makes rivers crooked."