

- A. Thanksgiving (v. 15-16)
- B. Wisdom & Enlightenment (v.17-23)

Chapter 2

- I. Made Alive in Christ (v.1-9)
 - A. Dead to Sin (v. 1-3)
 - B. Saved by Grace (v.4-8)
 - C. Made Alive (v. 9-10)
- II. Unity in Christ (v.11-22)
 - A. Remember who you were (v.11-13)
 - B. Brought near (v.14)
 - C. Abolished the Law (v. 15)
 - D. Access to God (v.19-22)
 - E. Citizen of God (v.19-22)
 - F. Built on Christ (v. 19-22)

Chapter 3

- I. Paul Reveals a Mystery (v.1-7)
 - A. God Tells Paul (v.3)
 - B. Paul has authority (v.7)
 - C. Gentiles are in (v.6)
- II. God had a Plan (v.8-13)
 - A. Revealed Mystery at Proper Time (v.9)
 - B. Church tells others (v.10)
 - C. Eternal Purpose (v.11)
 - D. Don't stress in Tribulation (v.12-13)
- III. Paul's Prayer (v.14-21)
 - A. Strengthened in the Spirit (v.16)
 - B. Grounded (v. 17)
 - C. Comprehend love of Christ (v.18)
 - D. Fullness of God (v.19)
 - E. To God be the Glory (v.20-21)

Chapter 4

I. Unknown -- Anthony got to it before I did

II. Parts of the Body (v.7-16)

A. Gift of Grace (v.7)

B. Spiritual Equipping (v.11)

III. Former Life (v.17-22)

A. Put-off old self (v.17&22)

B. Put on new self (v.24)

Chapter 5

I. Imitators (v.1-6)

A. Life of Love (v.2)

B. No bad stuff (v.3-6)

II. Children of light (v.7-20)

A. Please the Lord (v.7-10)

B. No dark deeds (v.11-14)

C. Live wisely (v.15-18)

D. Give Thanks (v.19-20)

III. Submit (v.21-33)

A. Wives Submit (v.22-24)

B. Husbands Love (v.25-33ish)

1. Iron & Wash your wives (v.27)

Chapter 6

I. Obey Authority (v.1-9)

A. Children / Parents (v.1-4)

B. Slaves / Masters (v.5-9)

II. Trust His Strength (v.10-18)

A. Spiritual Struggles (v.10-12)

B. Armor of God (v.13-18)

III. Paul's Request & Message (v.19-22)

A. Tychicus (v.21-22)

IV. Epilogue (v.23-24)

OVERVIEW:

- *Describe the mood (tone, feeling) of the letter. (i.e. Is it formal, intimate, angry, jubilant etc...? Is he writing a story, a personal message, a sermon etc...?) Does the mood of the letter change anywhere, if so where?*
- *Keeping in mind that repetition is a clue to the ideas that a writer considers important, what words or ideas seem to occur over and over again in this letter?*
- *What do you think was Paul's main reason for writing this letter? What does the content of Ephesians suggest he was trying to accomplish?*
- *State in one or two sentences the main message of Paul's letter to the Ephesians.*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

As we have kicked the tires of Ephesians (examining the background, prologue, outline and overview of the book), we have noted Paul's personal concern for the Ephesian believers and his instruction of them. He instructs the Ephesians in a variety of areas.

- *What areas do you feel yourself lacking, but would like to grow in?*
- *Take time to share how you are doing in the Word and in prayer.*

EPHESIANS THE ROLLS ROYCE OF THE EPISTLES

EPHESIANS WINDOW STICKER:

MODEL: Ephesians, The Rolls Royce of the Epistles

MANUFACTURER: The Apostle Paul under the superintending of the Holy Spirit

ORIGINAL OWNERS: The Believers in and around Ephesus

DATE OF ASSEMBLY: Approximately AD 60-62

PLACE ASSEMBLED: From Rome during Paul's first imprisonment there.

REASON FOR ASSEMBLY: To strengthen the believers at Ephesus in their Christian faith by explaining the nature and purpose of the church, the body of Christ.

EPHESIANS OWNERS MANUAL:

Practice Your Position!

I. THE POSITION OF THE CHRISTIAN.

- A. A. Prologue (1:1-2)
- B. To the Praise of His Glory (1:3-14)
- C. Making Mention of you in my Prayers (1:15-23)
- D. The Christian's Position Individually (2:1-10)
- E. The Christian's Position Corporately (2:11-22)
- F. The Mystery of the Church (3:1-21)

II. THE PRACTICE OF THE CHRISTIAN.

- A. Walk in Unity (4:1-16)
- B. Walk in Holiness (4:17-32)
- C. Walk in Love (5:1-6)
- D. Walk in Light (5:7-14)
- E. Walk in Wisdom (5:15-6:9)
- F. Stand in Warfare (6:10-20)
- G. Epilogue (6:21-24)