

# Structure of Ephesians

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- I. Ephesians 1-3 “The New Humanity as Divine Creation”\*
  - A. 1:1-2 Greeting
  - B. 1:3-14 God’s Purpose in Cosmic History
  - C. 1:15-2:10 Church sits with Christ above Principalities & Powers
  - D. 2:11-22 Christ Jesus creates One New Humanity
  - E. 3:1-21 Church witnesses to the Principalities and Powers
  
- II. Ephesians 4-6 “The New Humanity in Earthly Life”\*
  - A. 4:1-16 Church called to Unity and Maturity
  - B. 4:17-6:20 Put off Old self/Put on New self
    - 1. 4:17-24 Life as Gentiles/Life in Christ
    - 2. 4:25-5:2 Put off sins of the tongue/Walk in Love
    - 3. 5:3-17 Put off deeds of Darkness/Live as children of Light
    - 4. 5:18-6:9 Be filled with the Spirit
      - a) 5:18-21 Worship through speaking, singing, giving thanks, and submitting to one another
      - b) 5:22-6:9 Examples of mutual submission
        - (1) 5:22-33 Wives and Husbands
        - (2) 6:1-4 Children and Fathers
        - (3) 6:5-9 Slaves and Masters
  - C. 6:10-20 Battling Principalities and Powers
    - 1. 6:10-17 Put on armor of God
    - 2. 6:18-20 Pray in the Spirit
  - D. 6:21-24 Final Greetings

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