

# God's Amazing Grace: An Introduction to the "Queen of the Epistles" Book of Ephesians

## I. Introduction to Ephesians:

### II. A Journey through the Queen of the Epistles

1:1,2; Paul's **Greeting**/Salutation (using his common pattern: Identifies the writer, Identifies the recipient(s), offers words of greeting)

1:3-14; Paul's **Psalm of Blessing and Praise** (a song or hymn; again using OT pattern; see Psalm 103:1-4)

1:15-23; Paul's **1<sup>st</sup> Prayer** of Thanksgiving and Intercession (for the believers' sanctification and growth in the body)

2:1-3:13; Paul's **Instruction** (Paul's *torah* section) - which includes Deuteronomy's emphasis on "remember," "do not forget."

- *Remember* God's grace and mercy in *their* salvation and the PURPOSE of it (cf. 1 Peter 2:9)
- *Remember* (2:11) God's grace to the Gentiles and His PURPOSE through Christ to unite ALL things together in HIM.
- Know this was revealed to Paul through divine revelation from GOD - God's **mystery** He kept concealed - to the wonder of heavenly beings - but NOW has revealed.

3:14-21; Paul's **2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer** of Intercession and his torah conclusion.

4:1-6:9; Paul's **Exhortations: 3** Key Areas of the Christian Life -

(4:1) "*The worthy walk*" - It is living in a manner of thankfulness and love that rightly corresponds to the love, mercy and grace received.

- 4:1-16; In the **CHURCH**, the body of Christ  
[**Oneness** in the Body (cf. Phil. 1:27 - 2:5); Christ's **gifts** to the body; For Individual **Growth**: Spiritual Maturity, and for Growth of the Body]
- 4:17-5:21; In one's **INDIVIDUAL** life, belonging to Christ  
[Put **off** the old, Put **on** the NEW]  
**1**) 4:17, *Walk* NOT ... as you did; **2**) 5:2; *Walk* in Love; **3**) 5:8, *Walk* as children of Light; **4**) 5:15, *Walk* Wisely ... in an unrighteous world
- 5:22 (21) -6:9; In Life's Key **RELATIONSHIPS** (Family/Household)  
Husband and Wife; Children and Parents; Servants and Masters

6:10-20; **Stand Firm** - Because of Spiritual Warfare, Put on the Whole Armor of God - (v.12) "*We wrestle NOT against flesh and blood, but ...*"