**EPHESIANS – Overview Structure**

**A** 1:1-2. Grace and peace “from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

 **B** 1:3-14. Blessed in the heavenly places: “making known to us the mystery of his will”

 **C** 1:15-19a. Paul’s prayer for them: “that you may know…”

 **D** 1:19b-23. According to the working of the might of his strength

 In the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power …

 **E** 2:1-10. God’s great love: “sons of disobedience … children of wrath”

 Co-quickened, co-raised, co-seated

 **F** 2:11-18. That he might create in Himself one new man in place of the two

 At one time Gentiles in the flesh … alienated from the commonwealth

 of Israel. Reconciled to God in one body through the cross

 **G** 2:19-22. Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets … the whole structure,

 being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord

 **H** 3:1-13. I Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus. The mystery now revealed

 “Joint-heirs, joint-body, joint-sharers of the promise”

 **I** 3:14-21. I bow my knees before the Father: that Christ may dwell in your hearts

 through faith, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge

 ***H*** 4:1-6. I, therefore, a prisoner of the Lord. The unity of the Spirit in the bond of

 peace: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, God

 ***G*** 4:7-16. He gave the apostles, the prophets: the whole body, joined and held together

 … grows so that it builds itself up in love

 ***F***  4:17-32. No longer walk as the Gentiles do. Alienated from the life of God because of

 ignorance. Put on the new man, created after the likeness of God

 ***E*** 5:1-6:9. Walk in love as Christ loved us. The wrath of God comes upon the sons of

 disobedience. Wives, husbands, children, fathers, slaves, masters

 ***D*** 6:10-17. Be strong in the Lord in the might of His strength. We wrestle against the rulers,

 the authorities … against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places

 ***C*** 6:18-20. Their prayer for Paul: that words be given me boldly to proclaim the mystery

 ***B*** 6:21-22. Tychicus will make known to you all things

***A*** 6:23-24. Peace … grace: “from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

**COLOSSIANS – Overview Structure**

**A** 1:1-2. Paul and Timothy: Grace to you and peace

 **B** 1:3-8. Thanks: for their faith, love and hope. The word of truth, the gospel

 Learnt from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, a faithful minister

 **C** 1:9-14. We have not ceased to pray for you: Be filled with the knowledge of His will

 Bearing fruit, giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you …

 **D** 1:13-23. The Person and work of Christ: In Him four times

 In Him we have the redemption, the forgiveness of sins

 In Him all things were created, through Him and for Him

 In Him all things hold together: the Head of the body, the church

 In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

 **E** 1:24-2:5. Paul’s stewardship: to make the word of God fully known, the mystery

 Knit together in love (2:2). Let no one delude you with plausible speech

 The mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory

 ***D*** 2:6-15. What Christ has done for them: In Him or Whom seven times

 In Him the whole fullness of Deity dwells bodily

 In Him you have been filled, circumcised, buried

 In Whom you were also co-raised through faith in God’s raising power

 In Him God has triumphed over rulers and authorities

 ***E*** 2:16-4:1. How they should live in the light of their standing in Christ

 Let no one disqualify you insisting on asceticism and worship of angels

 Not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body

 nourished and knit together through it joints and ligaments grows

 If with Christ you died … If then you have been co-raised with Christ

 Then you also will appear with Him in glory (3:4)

 Here there is not Greek and Jew … Christ is all, and in all

 ***C*** 4:2-6. Pray for us also: an open door to declare the mystery of Christ

 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt

 ***B*** 4:7-17. Greetings: Tychicus, beloved brother, faithful minister, fellow servant in the Lord

 Epaphras greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers

***A*** 4:18. I Paul write this greeting. Grace be with you.