

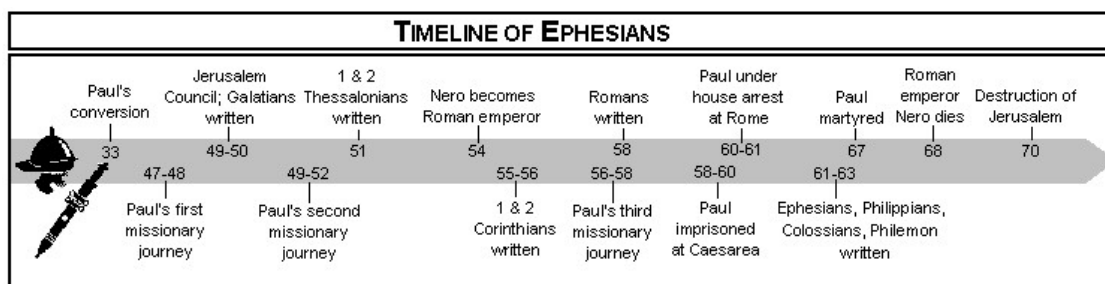
Ephesians Commentaries & Sermons

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Ephesians Resources Commentaries, Sermons, Illustrations, Devotionals

EPHESIANS - CHRIST AND THE CHURCH
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Charts from [Jensen's Survey of the NT](#) - used by permission
Click chart by Charles Swindoll -Note "EMPHASIS" --
Ephesians 1-3 = Doctrinal: vertical relationship with God
Ephesians 4-6 = Practical: horizontal relationship with others



[Ryrie Study Bible - NAS](#)

"The Epistle to the Ephesians...is one of the divinest compositions of man. It embraces every doctrine of Christianity;--first, those doctrines peculiar to Christianity, and then those precepts common to it with natural religion." - Samuel T. Coleridge

"The Epistle to the Ephesians embraces, in its brevity, the whole field of the Christian religion. It expounds now its doctrines, now its morals, with such conciseness and such fulness combined that it would be difficult to name any great doctrine, or any essential duty, which has not its place marked in this Epistle." - Adolphe Monod

"This Epistle is full to the brim of thoughts and doctrines sublime and momentous. For the things which scarcely anywhere else he utters, these he here makes manifest ." - CHRYSOSTOM,

SYMMETRY OF EPHESIANS

EPHESIANS 1-3

EPHESIANS 4-6

The Root

The Fruit

Spiritual Wealth

Spiritual Walk

Christian Privilege

Christian Conduct

The Position
of the Believer

The Practice
of the Believer

God Sees
Us in Christ

World Sees
Christ in Us

Privilege

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Our Heritage In Christ	Our Life In Christ
Know your Resources (Riches) in Christ	Live by faith in the light of your Resources (Riches) in Christ
The Finished Work of Christ	The Faithful Walk of the Christian
Work of Christ In Us	Work of Christ Through Us
We in Christ	Christ in Us
Word of God	Walk of the Christian
Heavenly Standing	Earthly Walk
Who You Are In Christ	Whose You Are In Christ
Identity	Responsibility
Theology	Ethics

- [Ephesians - Berean Charts](#)
- [Ephesians Introduction](#) - John MacArthur
- [Ephesians Introduction](#) - James Van Dine
- [Ephesians Introduction](#) - J Vernon McGee
- [Ephesians Introduction](#) - Myer Pearlman
- [Keys to Ephesians](#) - William Orr
- [Synthetic Bible Study on Ephesians](#) - James M Gray (1906)
- [The Epistle to the Ephesians](#) - Charles Smith Lewis in the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia
- [Theology of Ephesians](#) - John McRay in Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology
- [Ephesians: The Calling of the Saints](#) - Overview by Ray Stedman
- [Ephesians: Queen of the Epistles - The Mystical Body of Christ](#) Wil Pounds
- [Ephesians Study Guide](#) - by Chuck Smith
- [Ephesians - Lesson 1 from Precept](#) - Goto p23-worksheet double spaced for observation & marking key words
- Key Words: "In Christ" ("In Him"), church, power, riches, glory , walk, grace, Spirit, mystery.
- See discussion of key words, a vital component of inductive Bible study.
- [Interesting Analysis of Ephesians 1:3-14 "In Him", etc](#) - Irving Jensen

MAPS RELATED TO EPHEBUS

- [Pictures](#)
- [Expansion of the Early Church in Palestine](#)
- [Paul's Conversion and Early Ministry](#)
- [Paul's Journeys](#)
- [The First Missionary Journey of Paul](#)
- [The Second Missionary Journey of Paul](#)
- [The Third Missionary Journey of Paul](#)
- [Paul's Arrest and Imprisonment](#)
- [Paul's Voyage to Rome](#)

Ephesus in the Time of Paul (c. A.D. 60)
(Click to Enlarge)

The city plan above shows those features of the city of Ephesus that archaeologists have so far identified as dating from the time of Paul. Many of the notable buildings uncovered in the excavation at Ephesus date from later periods. ([ESV.org](#)) ([Ephesus](#) - Wikipedia)

Ephesus is a warning to all of us who are followers of Christ because within 60 years this great church heard those fateful words from the lips of their Lord "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love." (Rev 2:4+) How could this happen to a church that had the greatest teacher of the church era (Apostle Paul), not to mention other renowned leaders such as Timothy, Aquilla, Priscilla, and Apollos. And they even had a strong warning to the elders from the Apostle Paul "**Be on guard** ([present imperative](#) see [our need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)) for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. "Therefore **be on the alert** ([present imperative](#) see [our need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)), remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears." (Acts 20:28-31+) And yet slowly but surely over the next 6 decades the church faded from her first love, Jesus Christ. How could that happen? How could it happen to us beloved? Let me suggest a word picture of how it may have happened, little by little, like one tiny grain of sand after another piled up in the great harbor at Ephesus. Read the story below and as you read and study this incredible letter to the Ephesians, be aware that even with all the truth they had access to, their love still dwindled! "Therefore let him who thinks he stands **take heed** ([present imperative](#) see [our need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)) that he does not fall." (1Cor 10:12+)



Left - Circle marks ancient city with harbor 2 miles away!

Right - Looking toward W to marshes & then ocean (hard to see)

Ephesus had a great harbor on the [CAYSTER RIVER](#) ([Wikipedia](#))- "The ancient city of [Ephesus](#) was once an important [port](#) on the river,^[1] but over the centuries, [sedimentation](#) gradually filled in the inlet around the city." (See picture above - today harbor is 2 miles from ancient city!) Beloved, is this not what "LITTLE SINS" can do in our life over days, months, years? That's rhetorical of course! We all need to pray for God to "catch the little foxes" before they completely corrupt the vineyard of our heart (cf Song 2:15+). What sin is laying down sediment so to speak in your (my) heart and impeding the flow of the **rivers of living water** from your innermost being (Jn 7:38-39+)? Sin is deceitful (Heb 3:13+) and convinces us these "**LITTLE**" sins will never take a **BIG** toll on our spiritual life! Wrong! Paul warns (commands) us not to continue to be deceived (by the deceitfulness of sin) "**Do not be deceived** ([present imperative with a negative](#) see [our need to depend on the Holy Spirit to obey](#)), God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows (even little sins), this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption (AKA "SEDIMENT" BUILDING UP IN THE RIVERS BLOCKING THE OUTFLOW FROM OUR HEART!), but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life (AND MIGHTY RUSHING RIVERS)." (Gal 6:7-8+) By God's grace and for His glory, may the Spirit enable each of us to kill the "little foxes" (Ro 8:13+), so that we might live the rest of our days for our King and for the glory of our Father (Mt 5:16+). In the Sin Conquering Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. And if we need additional motivation to kill the "LITTLE" sins that are slowly but surely laying down sediment in the rivers flowing from our heart, the writer of Hebrews adds "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and **the sin which so easily entangles us**, ([Are You Entangled?](#)) and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing your eyes on Jesus (Vertical Vision)." (Hebrews 12:1-2+)

Related Resource:

- Excellent [25 minute youtube video on ruins and history of Ephesus narrated by Dr Joseph Stowell](#) - with excellent spiritual applications
- [An animated virtual tour](#) - primarily just facts

EPHESIANS
Verse by Verse
Commentary
[**Bruce Hurt, MD**](#)

Suggestion - Before you begin your study of this great letter of Ephesians, consider taking about 25 minutes to watch **Dr Joseph Stowell's** narration of the well preserved archaeological remains of the ancient city of Ephesus. It will give you an excellent historical background as you study the beginning of this church in Acts 19:1-41+. [Ephesus one of the 7 churches of the Revelation](#)

If you are taking or leading a Precept class on Ephesians the following study questions may be of aid in your study/discussion:

- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 1 - Covers Introduction - Author & Recipients
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 2 - Covers Ephesians 1:1-14
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 3 - Covers Ephesians 1:15-2:10
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 4 - Covers Ephesians 2:11-22
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 5 - Covers Ephesians 3:1-21
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 6 - Covers Ephesians 4:1-6
- Ephesians Study Questions Lesson 7 - Covers Ephesians 4:7-16
- Did not complete questions on Lessons 8 - Ephesians 4:17-5:14
- Did not complete questions on Lessons 9 - Ephesians 5:15-6:9
- Did not complete questions on Lessons 10 - Ephesians 6:10-24

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COMMENTARIES AND STUDY BIBLES THAT CAN BE BORROWED

NOTE: The following list comprises not only biblical commentaries but also a range of Christian works authored by recognized evangelical scholars and writers. The majority of these volumes are relatively recent publications (primarily post-1970) that were, until recently, accessible only through purchase in print form or via proprietary Bible software platforms. They are now available without cost through archive.org, though several limitations should be noted. First, the platform disables direct copy-and-paste functionality. Second, materials are loaned on a one-hour checkout basis, although renewal is permitted immediately upon expiration, enabling extended reading and note-taking. Third, access requires the creation of a free archive.org account. This may be completed by navigating to archive.org, selecting the profile icon in the upper-right corner, and registering with an email address and password.

While I have consulted or made use of many (though not all) of these works, readers are strongly encouraged to emulate the Bereans of Acts 17:11⁺ by evaluating all material in light of Scripture. The selections represented here have been chosen for their generally conservative theological orientation and their commitment to biblical fidelity. Should you encounter a work that appears not to meet these criteria, you are invited to communicate your concerns via the contact form at: <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>.

ADDENDUM: As this resource grows in popularity, you will occasionally encounter a commentary marked “Borrow Unavailable.” This simply indicates that another user has it checked out for the current hour. Because users may immediately renew their one-hour loan, a volume can remain unavailable for an extended period. Below are several practical strategies that I have found helpful to see portions of a book which is unavailable:

1. **Search by page number.**

Use the search box on the left side of the page and enter a number; this often retrieves a specific page. For example, With the Word was recently unavailable, so I searched for 100, which produced a two-page preview for that work.

2. **Search by keyword or title phrase.**

Enter a distinctive word or phrase from the title. If you use more than one word, place the phrase in quotation marks for a more precise search.

3. **Search using part of a known quotation.**

If you have a sentence or phrase from the book, search a short portion of that line, putting phrases in quotation marks. If the initial attempt yields no results, try a different phrase in the quotation.

4. **Search on a word that that will likely be on almost every page of the book.**

E.g., take the commentary by John Stott on [The Epistles of John](#). Let's say it was unavailable. Then I do a search on the word **John** and retrieved over 500 hits which allows me access to most of the book. This does not always work and you may need to experiment.

5. **Refresh limited previews.**

Occasionally a page will open but fail to render fully (displaying only “Limited Preview”). Try refreshing the page—F5 on

Windows or Command + R on Mac—which sometimes allows the content to load correctly.

RECOMMENDED WORK-AROUND WHEN A LINK SAYS “PAGE NOT FOUND” (404 ERROR)

Many older links, especially those from early versions of the site, may return a “Page Not Found” (404) message. The following simple workaround often recovers the missing page:

1. Go to: <https://web.archive.org/>
2. Copy and paste the **URL** that produced the dead link.
Example: Sermon on Isaiah 34
URL: <https://bstudy2.calvaryfullerton.org/23%20Isa/1999/23Isa34a.htm>
Paste this **URL** into the search box on archive.org.
3. Press **Enter** on your keyboard.
4. A **Timeline** will appear, with vertical black bars showing the years the page was archived ([this example shows 8](#))
5. Click one of the years—I usually recommend choosing one of the earlier years.
6. After selecting a year, a 12-month calendar appears. Dates highlighted in **blue** indicate an archived version.
In this example, 2016 shows April 30 in **blue**.
7. Hover over the blue date and you will see a timestamp (e.g., 18:05:20). Click that link.
8. The archived page—in this case, the [sermon notes on Isaiah 34](#)—should now load.

Although this process may look complicated at first glance, it becomes very easy after doing it a few times. If the first year you choose does not display the document, simply try another year on the timeline. Using this method, I have been able to recover “missing” pages about 90% of the time over the past decade.

If you come across a bad link, would you kindly let me know? Please send the broken link AND the page where you found it using the [contact form](#). Thank you for helping keep the site useful for everyone.

NOT IN ANY ORDER

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

[Ephesians and Colossians in the Greek New Testament for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth Samuel, - good word studies

[New Testament commentary : exposition of Galatians \[and\] exposition of Ephesians](#) by Hendriksen, William,

James Rosscup - The works of Hendriksen on Bible books are all worth having. Here, as always, he is scholarly, detailed, and warm in his comments.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[The Expositor's Bible commentary : abridged edition](#) **PDF** - NO RESTRICTIONS - Ephesians - A Skevington Wood - see page 1353

[Galatians and Ephesians - Insights](#) - Charles Swindoll - **PDF**

[Ephesians : an expositional commentary](#) by Boice, James Montgomery

[Living words in Ephesians](#) by Detzler, Wayne A

[Our riches in Christ : discovering the believer's inheritance in Ephesians](#) by Stedman, Ray C

[Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.

[Becoming a people of grace : \[an exposition of Ephesians\]](#) by Swindoll, Charles R (2001) 236 pages

[Commentary on the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians : the English text with introduction, exposition and notes](#) - F F Bruce, E K Simpson

Cyril Barber - Colossians was the first Pauline epistle on which Bruce wrote a commentary. Now, thirty years later, he has rewritten this work and added to it entirely new studies on Philemon and Ephesians. He believes that Ephesians follows Colossians in thought and that Philemon, with its close association to Colossians, is

appropriately included in this group of Paul's writings. Provocative

James Rosscup - In the opinion of the reviewer, while the portion on Ephesians is not of great help, the work on Colossians by Bruce is excellent. It is worth the time on almost every verse.

[Commentary on the Epistles to the Ephesians and the Colossians : the English text with introduction, exposition and notes](#) F F Bruce

[Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - He is always worth checking to supplement your teaching and preaching!

[Be rich](#) (Ephesians) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[What to wear to the war : studies from Ephesians 6](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[Be rich : gaining the things that money can't buy : NT commentary, Ephesians](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - [428 ratings](#)

[The Strategy of Satan - Warren Wiersbe - borrow](#) - Wiersbe is one of the best Christian writers of the modern era. His works are always filled with practical, memorable Biblical truth. This book can be checked out **free of charge at archive.org**. Below is the Table of Contents, the introduction and Chapter One ([Pdf source](#)) to give you some idea of what Wiersbe has written in this helpful little book.

And [here is a link to the entire audiobook free of charge](#) - 2 hours, 36 minutes. You will love the reader's voice (Judge Effry)

[The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians : an introduction and commentary](#) by Foulkes, Francis (Tyndale Commentary Series)

Cyril Barber - Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1989. During the 25 years since the first edition of this study, a number of significant works have been published. In this revision Foulkes takes into consideration recent scholarship, yet without immersing the reader in scholarly debate. In the Introduction he deals with some of the most recent approaches to critical issues. Then he launches into a discussion of the text. By carefully studying the language and thought of Paul's letter, he leads the reader into a deeper understanding of the glory of God in Christ. Recommended.

[Ephesians](#) by Mitton, C. Leslie

Cyril Barber - New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1981. Full of judicious comments on the text. Exhibits rare discernment in the choice of readings. Not as elaborate as M. Barth's treatment, this work nevertheless will merit the student's attention. Based on the RSV

[The communicator's commentary](#) by Dunnam, Maxie D (Now published as "Preacher's Commentary")

[Ephesians, 1974, 308 pages](#). Criswell, W. A. Stresses the phrase "in Christ" (15) and the reality of predestination (27), accepts the concept of geologic ages (46), teaches a universal church (106), stresses the unity of the family of God (142), holds that "one baptism" was water baptism symbolizing Spirit baptism (184), defends the mode of baptism (190), denies baptismal regeneration (200), gives 3 interpretations of leading captivity captive (206), commends Billy Graham (219).

[Ephesians : building a community in Christ : 12 studies with commentary for individuals or groups](#) by Stott, John R. W

[Ephesians](#) by Thielman, Frank

[St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians :](#) - J Armitage Robinson

Cyril Barber - One of the finest expository and exegetical studies ever written on this epistle. By all means obtain it.

[Thru the bible commentary : ephesians](#) by McGee, Vernon J

[Exploring God's word : Bible guide to Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians](#) by Guthrie, Donald

[Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon](#) by Martin, Ralph P (Interpretation A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching - not my favorite series of commentaries)

[The interpretation of st. paul's epistles to the galatians to the ephesians and to the philippians](#) by R.C.H. Lenski

[Ephesians : a study guide commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis

John Cereghin - A simple, well-outlined interpretation; originally prepared as a study course guide for Southern Baptist church groups. Well suited for a beginning study of Ephesians.

[Homilies on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, and Philemon](#) by John Chrysostom,

[Ephesians : Introduction, translation, and commentary on chapters 1-3.](#) by Barth, Markus

[Ephesians / 2. Translation and commentary on chapters 4-6](#) by Barth, Markus

Cyril Barber - The Anchor Bible. 2 vols. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday and Co., 1974. †An extensive, critical exposition combining a careful blend of historical-grammatical exegesis with a down-to-earth application of the truth of the text to the condition of the church today. This is a work of real quality that expository preachers will find most helpful.

James Rosscup - Ephesians is held to be by Paul, written from prison in Rome to Gentile Christians of the church at Ephesus. Barth, Professor of New Testament at Basel, has provided a detailed and very highly contributing commentary with footnotes and also bibliographies on each section of the epistle, acquainting the serious student with scholarly work up to 1974.

[The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians: an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R.

[Let's get moving : Ephesians](#) by Briscoe, D. Stuart

[Ephesians: A Study Guide Commentary](#) by The Zondervan

[The Descent of Christ](#): Eph 4:7-11 and Traditional Hebrew Imagery, 1998. xvii + 221 pp. **Harris, W. Hall,**

James Rosscup - This publishes a Ph. D work at England's University of Sheffield. Background chapters deal with Christ's descent and Moses' ascent to heaven as related to rabbinic and other sources on Ps. 68, then a chapter looks at the Eph. 4 passage. Harris sees Christ's descent as between death and resurrection and offers a history of interpretations favoring some version of such a view until the 20th century when more have seen a first advent descent to the earth, or else a descent in the sense of providing gifts to the church, the second of which he favors. He sees "lower parts of the earth" as lower parts, that is the earth, and Christ as coming later to distribute gifts when He poured out the Spirit as in Acts 2:33. He seeks to relate a descent of Christ in Eph. 4 with Ps. 68:19. Those seeking thorough consideration of the Eph. 4 text in relation to Ps. 68 will find much to weigh.

Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn. Full and complete, these sermons by one of the great Bible expositors of all time adequately present the believer's resources, conflict, and reward. Important.

[The Christian Warfare: An Exposition of Ephesians 6:10-13 \(or here\)](#) Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1977. This very extensive exposition of four verses deals with the character and strategy of the devil and demonstrates how his attacks affect our emotional lives and, eventually, our walk with and work for the Lord.

[Christian Unity. Studies in Ephesians 4:1-16](#)

[Life in the Spirit, In Marriage, Home and Work: An Exposition of Ephesians 5:18-6:9](#) Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1975. An invaluable discussion of the biblical teaching on interpersonal relationships-within the family and on the job-with practical counsel for people in all walks of life.

[Raising Children God's Way - Ephesians 6:1-4](#)

STUDY BIBLES AND OTHER RESOURCES

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users. - [372 ratings](#)

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective [user reviews](#)

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . [3,194 ratings](#). Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial. [917 ratings](#)

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

James Rosscup - The Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Old Testament Synthesis at Moody Bible Institute prepared this worthy commentary surveying Ephesians. While Martin has meaningful comments on verses usually, he is helpful on problem texts concisely (time of the Spirit sealing, 1:13; etc.). At points he states his view but leaves readers unclear as to his proof (2:8, "this"; 4:4, "one baptism," etc.). Hoehner's shorter work is much better in giving substance to his views in a brief commentary.

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Pithy comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application. The 2-column format runs verse by verse for the most part, usually in a helpfully knowledgeable manner, and there are several special sections such as "Prayer" in Acts and "Legalism" in Galatians. The premillennial view is evident on [Acts 1:6](#), [3:20](#), [Romans 11:26](#), [Galatians 6:16](#), Revelation 20, etc.

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes [1,275 ratings](#)

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel [6,004 ratings](#)

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps.

[Life Application Study Bible: Old Testament and New Testament](#) New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes especially with application of texts. [4,445 ratings](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [2,272 ratings Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes by well known creationist. [45 ratings](#)

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

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[NIV Study Bible](#) by Barker, Kenneth L; Burdick, Donald W (1995) 2250 pages. This is the first edition. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

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[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

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[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages [950 ratings](#) (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

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[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) [120 ratings](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of Paul and his letters](#) [180 ratings](#) IVP Series

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[New Bible Commentary](#) - Barry G Webb authored Judges. (1994) [See user reviews](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. [424 ratings](#) Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV Celebrate Recovery Study Bible](#)

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[The Hebrew-Greek key study Bible : New American standard study](#) by Strong, James, 1822-1894; Zodhiates, Spiros

[The New Inductive Study Bible : updated New American Standard Bible](#)

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages. [User reviews](#).

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - [Vol. 6 Acts to Revelation](#)

WORD STUDY RESOURCES

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One on the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it in my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[Word meanings in the New Testament](#) - Matthew-Revelation by Ralph Earle. Strictly speaking this is not a lexicon, but it offers insights on select words in a verse by verse format (but not every verse is included in the analysis). This resource is worth checking if you have time as it can occasionally give some wonderful insights on a specific Greek word.

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - [59 ratings](#) very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#)

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature \(BDAG\)](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg are much easier to use.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[New Testament Words in Today's Language](#) by Detzler, Wayne A - Wonderful resource to supplement word studies. [3 ratings](#) THIS IS A SLEEPER!

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- [Put Your Husband Where Your Heart Is: The Irresistible Wife – Ephesians 5:21-24](#)
- [Making the Most of Your Marriage \(Part 04\) – When a Man Loves a Woman – Ephesians 5:25-33](#)
- [Men! Winning The World Starts In The Home – Ephesians 5:25-6:4](#)
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The New Testament for English Readers

Ephesians Commentary

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James Rosscup writes that Alford's series on the New Testament "contains much that is valuable in the Greek New Testament...though all of the Greek New Testament words have been changed to English throughout." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

Charles Haddon Spurgeon ([see his comments in following entry on Alford](#)).

John Cereghin - Concise comments. Defends Pauline authorship (6), stresses importance of the term "blood" rather than merely "death" (74), defends reality of the devil and evil spirits (89), stresses the unity of the mystical body of Christ (112), maintains the doctrine of the Trinity (114), seems to favor Hades as meaning "the lower parts of the earth" (116), stresses the Lord as the pattern for the use of the sword of the Spirit. (148)

Editorial Note: If you are not proficient in Greek, you will find this work considerably more useful than the following work by Alford, because in this volume he translates the Greek and Latin into English. While the "The Greek New Testament" is longer (e.g., English version of 1John = 66 pages compared to Greek version = 94 pages in part because the latter includes comments of more technical nature), the substance of the commentary is otherwise similar to that found in the "NT for English Readers".

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HENRY ALFORD

The Greek New Testament

Ephesians Commentary

James Rosscup writes that "This was the great work in the life of the versatile Dean of Canterbury. An outcome of this production was the New Testament for English Readers (4 vols.). Alford was a Calvinist, conservative and premillennial, though not dispensational. He takes a literal interpretation of the thousand years in Rev. 20 and has a famous quote there, is strong on sovereign election as in Ro 8:29, 30 and 1Pe 1:2, but, unfortunately, holds to baptismal regeneration in such texts as Titus 3:5 and

John 3:5. He shows a great knowledge of the Greek text and faces problems of both a doctrinal and textual nature." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

John Piper writes ""When I'm stumped with a...grammatical or syntactical or logical [question] in Paul, I go to Henry Alford. Henry Alford...comes closer more consistently than any other human commentator to asking my kinds of questions."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon writes that this text "is an invaluable aid to the critical study of the text of the New Testament. You will find in it the ripened results of a matured scholarship, the harvesting of a judgment, generally highly impartial, always worthy of respect, which has gleaned from the most important fields of Biblical research, both modern and ancient, at home and abroad. You will not look here for any spirituality of thought or tenderness of feeling; you will find the learned Dean does not forget to do full justice to his own views, and is quite able to express himself vigorously against his opponents; but for what it professes to be, it is an exceedingly able and successful work. The later issues are by far the most desirable, as the author has considerably revised the work in the fourth edition. What I have said of his Greek Testament applies equally to Alford's New Testament for English Readers,* which is also a standard work." [Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries](#)

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- Ephesians 1:5: The Love of God, Pt 2
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- Ephesians 2:1: The Living Dead
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WILLIAM BARCLAY Ephesians Commentary Daily Study Bible

Note: Barclay often has excellent background on Greek words, however he is not always orthodox. (See critique)

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ALBERT BARNES Commentary on Ephesians Notes on the New Testament

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." ([Ibid](#))

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." ([Ibid](#))

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Gnomon of the New Testament

James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, favoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." ([Ibid](#))

- [Ephesians 1 Commentary](#)
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D MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

Sermons on Ephesians

James Rosscup on Dr Lloyd-Jones' book based on these sermons - These are sermons by the reputed evangelical preacher of London's Westminster Chapel, who died in 1981. They are very choice popular material, competent, perceptive, highly edifying and provocative on key points of faith, as well as helpful in planning sermons or Bible studies. Lloyd-Jones stood staunchly for fundamentals of the Christian faith, and also knew how to help people see the relation of verses to practical living. His volumes cover chapters 1, 2, 3, Ephesians 4:1-16, 4:17-5:17, 5:18-6:9, 6:10-13, 6:10-20 (this volume goes back and covers Ephesians 6:10-13 again but the sermons are new). There are many rich, helpful comments on the husband-wife relationship in Ephesians 5:21-33. The volume on 6:10-20 is quite instructive on being a good soldier and warring a good warfare. ([Ibid](#))

The following 4 books (which represent a compilation of his expositions on the passages in Ephesians) can be borrowed free of charge. The only requirement is to sign up and all they ask for is your email address (and do not send spam!)

1. [Raising Children God's Way - Ephesians 6:1-4](#)
2. [The Christian Warfare: An Exposition of Ephesians 6:10-13](#) ([or here](#)) Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1977. This very extensive exposition of four verses deals with the character and strategy of the devil and demonstrates how his attacks affect our emotional lives and, eventually, our walk with and work for the Lord.
3. [Christian Unity. Studies in Ephesians 4:1-16](#)
4. [Life in the Spirit, In Marriage, Home and Work: An Exposition of Ephesians 5:18-6:9](#) Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1975. An invaluable discussion of the biblical teaching on interpersonal relationships within the family and on the job with practical counsel for people in all walks of life. - Here are the first 5 messages (out of a total of 25 messages) that deal with the Holy Spirit Eph 5:18-21 - (1) The Stimulus of the Spirit, (2) The Power of the Spirit, (3) The Control of the Spirit, (4) Submission in the Spirit, and (5) The Spirit of Christ. The second section of the book is entitled "Marriage" and covers Eph 5:22-33 with 11 messages. The third section is entitled "Home" and covers Eph 6:1-4 with 5 messages. The fourth and final section is entitled "Work" and deals with Eph 6:5-9 with 5 messages.

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JOHN MACARTHUR

Sermons on Ephesians

James Rosscup (on his written commentary but his sermons are very similar) - The expository focus in the 29 sections is on laying hold of resources in Christ. MacArthur is at his best when explaining details of spiritual life, as he richly does here. Salvation is of grace, without merit of any kind (pp. 11, 23, 61–62). Redemption is seen more clearly in its aspects in Eph 1:7. Comments on the Christian life (Ephesians 3:14–21; chapters 4–6) are instructive and refreshing. The author makes word meanings clear, as “worthy” (axios in Eph 4:1), prefers seeing “one baptism” as water baptism, has a good section on gifts and gifted people (Eph 4:7–11) and on each believer functioning in his or her role (Eph 4:12–16). He points out seven questions to ask in principle in deciding whether to drink wine (pp. 237–44). He develops the Spirit-filled life in much detail (Eph 5:18–21), as in a husband’s love for his wife and her submission to him (Eph 5:21ff.). The section on the armor and prayer are edifying too. It is a lucid exposition, quite full at many points on essential matters, often helpful on problems, though not in great detail. ([Ibid](#))

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O'Brien, Peter Thomas. The Letter to the Ephesians. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999. Less ponderous than Hoehner, this exegetical work deals adequately with word meanings and grammar, considers carefully interpretative issues, and gives readers everything that should be included in a good commentary. O'Brien shows how the letter sums up God's magnificent plan of salvation in Christ and spells out His purpose for all believers.

Pattison, Robert Everett, and H. C. G. Moule. Exposition of Ephesians: Lessons in Grace and Godliness. Minneapolis: Klock and Klock Christian Publishers, n.d. Received high praise from Spurgeon, and has been widely used. Characterized by a combination of devout scholarship and genuine humility. Of rare worth. Buy it! (Since publication the distribution rights have been assigned to Kregel Publications.)

Philips, John. Exploring Ephesians. Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1993. Phillips bases his exposition on a clear, detailed analysis of the text of the AV. Provides something of value on every section.

Powell, Ivor. Exciting Epistle to the Ephesians. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1988. Well-alliterated messages that explain the essence of Paul's thought in clear, understandable terms. Lay people as well as pastors will enjoy these devotional meditations.

Robinson, Joseph Armitage. Commentary on Ephesians. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1979. †One of the finest expository and exegetical studies ever written on this epistle. By all means obtain it.

Sproul, Robert Charles. The Purpose of God: An Exposition of Ephesians. Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus, 2002. First published in 1994. Sproul is more at home as a theologian and apologist than as an expositor, and the reader will readily find this borne out in his discussions of different texts. An uneven treatment.

Stedman, Ray C. Riches in Christ. Waco, Tex.: Word Books, 1976. Covers Ephesians 1-3. Probes the source of the problems that vex modern man and finds in this section of Gods Word the solution to our dilemma. 227.5'07.1-3.ST3 *Stott, John Robert Walmsey. God's New Society: The Message of Ephesians. The Bible Speaks Today. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1979. A delightful exposition that is at once timely and relevant. It is an example of expository preaching at its best. Buy it and read it often.

Van Roon, A. The Authenticity of Ephesians. Leiden, The Netherlands: E. J. Brill, 1975. A serious, scholarly defense of the Pauline authorship. Will be welcomed by conservative Bible students.

Westcott, Brooke Foss. St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. Minneapolis: Klock and Klock Christian Publishers, 1979. A widely acclaimed work. Complete with introduction, critical notes, vocabulary list, and index of subjects. Deserving of careful study.

THE FOLLOWING CRITIQUES ARE FROM DR. JOHN CEREGHIN

They overlap some with the preceding critiques. Note that Cereghin quotes a number of resources as shown in the table below. E.g., see the first resource by **Abbott** and note the "\$" preceding this entry which in the **"Legend"** below is from **"Biblical Viewpoint from Bob Jones University."**

LEGEND OF THE SOURCES USED IN THE FOLLOWING CRITIQUES

Commenting and Commentaries by Charles Spurgeon

\$ Biblical Viewpoint from Bob Jones University

% The Minister's Library by Cyril Barber * An Introduction to the New Testament by D. Edmond Hiebert

@ by Jon Weatherly, Cincinnati Bible College & Seminary

^ Commentary List from The Master's Seminary, Sun Valley, CA

+ Treasury of the Scottish Covenant by J. C. Johnston

& By the author, Dr. John Cereghin

= The Treasure House of Good Books by James Alexander Stewart

! New Testament Commentary Survey by D. A. Carson

< The Discerning Reader website

\$ Abbott, T.K. The Epistles to the Ephesians and to the Colossians, 1897, 379 pages. An exhaustive study of the Greek text. He argues that Ephesians is a circular letter, favors Pauline authorship, stresses that Christ is a "Son, by His nature, we are sons only by adoption through Him." (9), teaches that men are born with a sinful and corrupt nature (46), points out Paul's precise use of the Greek tenses (138), teaches the reality of evil spirits (182).

+ Uses the author's own translation; its printed form reflects the form-critical assumption of the use of hymns, fragments of hymns or confessional formulae in Ephesians. Dates it 62.

\$ Alford, Henry, "Ephesians" in volume 3 of The Greek Testament, 1871, 144 pages. Concise comments. Defends Pauline authorship (6), stresses importance of the term "blood" rather than merely "death" (74), defends reality of the devil and evil spirits (89), stresses the unity of the mystical body of Christ (112), maintains the doctrine of the Trinity (114), seems to favor Hades as meaning "the lower parts of the earth" (116), stresses the Lord as the pattern for the use of the sword of the Spirit. (148)

\$ Allan, John, The Epistle to the Ephesians, 1959, 143 pages. Brief liberal comments. Attacks Pauline authorship (13-23), holds the central theme is the unity of the church (33), treats the blood as a symbol (50), charges the writer with ignorance of scientific views of the universe (55), stresses the idea of corporate personality (60), shows that the writer thinks of two worlds, higher and lower, not two ages (67), sets forth God as the universal Father (105), warns against an emotional revival of belief in the devil and demons (140).

\$ Barth, Markus, The Broken Wall, 1959, 272 pages. Liberal interpretation. He can affirm Paul's authorship only with fear (15), lists many problems in Ephesians, stresses that Christ's resurrection, though it cannot be proved (51) is of cosmic importance (54), implies universalism (69,119), holds that "principalities and powers" refers to the world of axioms of politics and religion (90), argues that there is no wall between the church and the world (154), thinks Paul taught separation only from a brother, not from the world (162), urges that God's servants must go to and fro between prayer and evangelism (195), thinks that hell is only for people who have heard the truth (262).

* "Ephesians" in The Anchor Bible, 2 volumes, 1974. Uses author's own translation. Its printed form reflects the form-critical assumption of the use of hymns, fragments of hymns or confessional formulae in Ephesians. The commentary material divides into two parts: phrase by phrase relate to the explanation of the text itself; extended Comments relate to various matters connected with the thought of the passage. Full bibliography and indexes.

Bayne, Paul, Commentary on Ephesians, 1643. Sibbes says of this work "The greatest shall find matter to exercise themselves in; the meaner, matter of sweet comfort and holy instruction; and all confess that he hath brought some light on this Scripture."

\$ Beare, Francis and Theodore Wedel, "Ephesians" in volume 10 of The Interpreter's Bible, 1953, 152 pages. Thorough liberal exposition. Reject Pauline authorship (600,610), admit modern man is unmindful of 18 centuries of Christian grace (616), stresses that "blood" is a symbol (617), call the Bible a storybook (629), object to a "concrete visualization" of the ascension (633), warn against exalting the institutional church to equality with Christ (636), deny a personal devil (639), admit that modern man is afraid of judgment (673), hold that the pentecostal spirit is still given to those at a Romanist mass (685).

! Scarcely worth scanning.

@ Best, Ernest. Ephesians, 1998. Thorough and informed comments on the Greek text, deliberately leaving the question of authorship open.

+ **Boyd, Robert**, Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians, 1652. This was written in elegant Latin. "A work of stupendous size

and stupendous learning. Its apparatus criticus is something enormous. The Greek and Latin Fathers, the writers of the dark ages, the Protestant and Romish theologians of his own time; Justin and Irenaeus; Tertullian and Cyprian; Clement and Origen; Augustine and Jerome; Gregory Nyssen and Gregory Nazianzen; Anselm and Bonaventure and Bernard; Calvin and Rollock; Bellarmine and Pighius- are all at hand to render aid or to receive replies"- Dr. James Walker in Scottish Theology, page 4.

\$ Braune, Karl, "Ephesians" in Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures, 235 pages. Conservative Lutheran commentary. Defends Pauline authorship (8), explains the doctrine of election (30), stresses the Old Testament background of the blood (36), teaches the reality of spiritual death (72), warns against the power of Satan (73), identified the "lower parts of the earth" as Hades (146), teaches the power of Satan and his angels (221), stresses that each piece of the Christian's armor requires the other pieces: together they form one whole (228).

\$ Brown, Charles, St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, 181 pages. Devotional exposition. Stresses God's living election and man's moral freedom (15-16), urges prayer for brethren (21), holds it is unimportant who wrote Pentateuch or Isaiah (27), distinguishes between Christ's resurrection and the restoration of Lazarus (31), holds that a believer is a stranger on earth but not to heaven (56), exhorts that Christ must become a living reality within (73), urges believers to stay as far away from the pit as possible (131)

\$ Bruce, Frederick Fyvie, The Epistle to the Ephesians, 1961, 140 pages. Thorough exposition. Defends Pauline authorship (11-12), stresses foreordaining purpose of God (34) and the sealing of the Holy Spirit (36), discusses the nature of the church (44), explains Greek constructions (48), maintains the whole concept of salvation by grace through faith is God's gift (51), urges steadfast adherence to the apostle's teaching (57), holds to the universal church (58), defends the doctrine of the Trinity (81), warns against jesting, which is "cultural insolence" (103), holds that the "world rulers" were spirit beings (128).

* Non-technical and popular

\$ Calvin, John, Commentaries on the Epistles of Paul to the Galatians and Ephesians, 1548, 172 pages. Old but valuable. Stresses believers are elect by grace, not foreseen worthiness (198), attacks Roman doctrine, maintains the doctrine of original sin (223), interprets "apostles and prophets" as New Testament and Old Testament men (243), warns that many receive the sign of baptism who are not partakers of the grace (320), urges believers to use especially their swords and shields (339).

! **Calvin, John**, Sermons on Ephesians. Still can be marvelously suggestive to preachers.

\$ Carver, William Owen, The Glory of God in the Christian Calling, 1949, 239 pages. Baptist. Uses Neo-Orthodox terms (3), speaks of 2 Isaiah (4), assumes Pauline authorship (5), distinguishes between universal and local church, gives theme of Ephesians as "The Christian Calling" (21), argues that the church continues the incarnation of Christ (43), has a long discussion of the ecumenical movement and argues for congregational polity and loose cooperation (61-79), defends Trinity (94), calls Abraham the first Christian (117), attacks the idea of Christ's descent into Hades (148), concludes with a paraphrase (193) and his own translation (218).

* Contains a detailed outline, a careful verse-by-verse exegesis and author's own translation. Four lengthy theological discussions of 75 pages precede the exegesis of the text. Written by a Southern Baptist.

\$ Chafer, Lewis Sperry, The Ephesian Letter Doctrinally Considered, 1935, 176 pages. Brief exposition. He speaks of the divine purpose being changed from the limitations of Judaism to the worldwide proclamation (13), suggests that Ephesians may be the letter to the Laodiceans (14), stresses sovereign and final election (36), teaches that those who die in infancy are redeemed by God's grace (68), explains the universal church (92), attacks the idea of an Old Testament church (100), denies that God's purposes for Israel and the church ever unite (154), includes a topical index of doctrines (168-171).

* Pre-millennial and dispensational.

\$ Criswell, W. A. Ephesians, 1974, 308 pages. Stresses the phrase "in Christ" (15) and the reality of predestination (27), accepts the concept of geologic ages (46), teaches a universal church (106), stresses the unity of the family of God (142), holds that "one baptism" was water baptism symbolizing Spirit baptism (184), defends the mode of baptism (190), denies baptismal regeneration (200), gives 3 interpretations of leading captivity captive (206), commends Billy Graham (219).

\$ Dale, R.W., The Epistle to the Ephesians, 1892, 446 pages. Attacks Calvinistic election (29), warns against thinking of God as a power rather than a Person (59), attacks Universalism (92), stresses the incarnation, atonement and resurrection of Christ (147), refers to the Adam of the symbolic story of Genesis (192), will admit errors in Scripture (216), stresses the unity of the church (260-293), defends Christ's deity (320).

! **Dockery, David**, Ephesians, 1996. Workmanlike but not notably insightful.

Eadie, John, Commentary on the Greek Text of Ephesians, 1861. This book is one of prodigious learning and research. The author seems to have read all, in every language, that has been written upon the Epistle. It is also a work of independent criticism, and casts much new light upon many passages.

\$ Defends Pauline authorship, stresses both that we were chosen in Christ before the commencement of time (21) and that man has

a free moral nature (24), argues that the sealing of the Spirit followed believing (66), distinguishes synonyms (94-95), stresses that Jesus is enthroned above all angelic beings (102), holds that grace and faith are the efficient and modal causes of salvation (149), holds that the universal church has divine energy in it (325), warns that we contend with spirits of high rank (459).

\$ Fausset, A.R. "Ephesians" in volume 6 of *A Commentary Critical, Experimental and Practical*, ed. Jamieson, Fausset and Brown, 1869, 25 pages. Conservative exposition. Defends the eternity of the Son of God (398), defines the blood of Christ as the instrument of propitiation (399), stresses that Christ is really the church's head (402), defends the reality of the devil (402,421), interprets the "apostles and prophets" as the new and old dispensations (406), holds that the lower parts of the earth refers to Hades (410), contrasts the visible church with the perfected church hereafter (418), sets forth the doctrine of the Trinity (422).

\$ Findley, George, "Ephesians" in volume 6 of *The Expositor's Bible*, 1892, 107 pages. Defends Pauline authorship (7), stresses that Christ is the fundamental principle of all creation (17), claims that the stamp of God is on the consciousness of His children (18), holds that "the church is a house built for an Occupant" (39), attacks the spiritual bureaucracy of Rome (40), calls 3:10-13 "Earth Teaching Heaven" (45), holds that one baptism is an acknowledgment of Christ's dominion (58), teaches that the Word must be linked to baptism (93), argues for infant baptism (95).

% Arminian.

\$ Foulkes, Frances, *The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians*, 1963, 182 pages. Defends Pauline authorship at length (13-40), balances divine election and man's free will (46), attacks universalism (53), stresses the church is the sanctuary of God (88), warns against a faith that depends merely on intellectual knowledge (104), upholds the Reformation doctrine of the invisible church (111), holds that the offices in Ephesians were given to the universal church (119), defends the existence of a personal devil and demons (172).

^ *The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians: An Introduction and Commentary*. Tyndale New Testament Commentary, 2nd ed.; 1989. 189 pages. The author has revised his own work of the 1960's, using the RSV and updated introductory matter. The evangelical author traces Paul's flow of thought well, summing up sections, looking at views and their supports, dealing competently with words and exegesis, but sometimes doing so more briefly than many readers would prefer.

\$ Gaebelein, Arno Clemens, *Unsearchable Riches*, 1928, 157 pages. A popular exposition. Gives a detailed outline (10-14), interprets "heavenly places" as "heavenlies" (19), discusses the words for "redemption" (26), stresses that the Holy Spirit uses the Word of truth to change men, rather than emotion or anecdotes (33), attacks modernism, Russellism, Theosophy, etc. (48), describes the formation of the church as God's masterpiece (57,78), teaches premillennialism (95), attacks the tongues movement (135)

* **Good, Kenneth H.**, "Chosen in Him" *Studies in Ephesians*, 1967. An analytical study of Ephesians by a conservative scholar, combining careful exegesis, strong emphasis upon basic doctrines and homiletical suggestiveness. Elaborate discussions on election, the church in Ephesians and sanctification are inserted. Intended as a basic textbook for use in the Candidate School of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions.

\$ Gore, Charles, *St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians*, 1898, 278 pages. A high-church Anglican exposition. He holds that Ephesians sets forth theory of the church (3) and calls its ethics "Christian socialism" (19), teaches baptismal regeneration, attacks double predestination (64), commends the idea of evolution (69), subordinates individual salvation to the idea of a catholic church (102), stresses the nourishment of the eucharist (165) and apostolic succession (168), defends infant baptism (230) and the existence of demons (240).

= **Graham, William**, *Lectures*, 1870. I treasure this work.

Greene, Oliver B., *The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians*, 1963. A basic commentary, probably largely transcribed from Greene's "The Gospel Hour" radio broadcasts. Orthodox and reliable, except we have been concerned over some outright plagiarisms from Albert Barnes in some of Greene's commentaries that he never acknowledged.

\$ Gurnall, William. *The Christian in Complete Armour*, 1655-1662, 1242 pages. An exhaustive Puritan exposition of Ephesians 6:10-20. He has fervent messages on such topics as "Reproof to Such as Are Not True Wrestlers", "Threefold Boundary of Satan's Empire", "The Necessity of Perseverance", "Directions on How to Obtain the Shield of Faith", "How to Use the Word Against Heretics", "Reproof to Prayerless Souls".

^ **Harris, W. Hall**, [The Descent of Christ](#): Eph 4:7-11 and Traditional Hebrew Imagery, 1998. xvii + 221 pp. W. Hall Harris III is professor of New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. This work results from his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Sheffield. Every preacher is delighted when he discovers a comprehensive work on a problem-text in a biblical book that he is teaching or will be in the future. This volume should be a welcome resource for any pastor who anticipates preaching through Ephesians and having to deal with Ephesians 4:7-11. The author has provided an extensive bibliography for further study. He has also included helpful indexes of authors and subjects. The volume is well researched and written in a most readable style. In the appendix (198-204), "The Question of Authorship and Its Impact on This Study," the author reviews the debate over the authorship of

Ephesians from the 18th century through the end of the 20th. The author affirms Pauline authorship of the epistle (203). He first acknowledges that the almost unanimous view in the early church was that Eph 4:9-11 referred to the belief that Christ, in the three days between his burial and resurrection, descended to the underworld and participated in various activities there. He also acknowledges that there are many who in recent years have believed that Christ's descent referred to Christ's coming from heaven to earth at the Incarnation. Harris discusses these two views in the first two chapters (1-63). The remainder of the book (64-197) discusses a third alternative offered by the author. He reasons that the descent occurred after the ascent and exaltation of Ephesians 4:8 and referred to the descent of Christ as the Spirit who distributed gifts (gifted leaders to His church). One does not have to agree with the author's conclusion to derive value from his thorough research. This reviewer found the book quite thought-provoking and complete in its coverage of the subject. It will be a welcomed help in any pastor's library

* **Harrison, Norman**, His Very Own, Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, 1930. A rich devotional commentary using outlines, charts, notes and comments on the text. Conservative

% **Hendriksen, William**, Exposition of Ephesians, 1967. Scholarly and practical. Reformed.

* The outline developed for Ephesians is rather fanciful.

Hodge, Charles, Commentary on the Epistle to the Ephesians. Most valuable. With no writer do we more fully agree.

\$ Thorough, Reformed exposition. Defends genuineness, holds that Christ is Lord in the sense of being God (25), stresses the sovereign election of God (29-35,57) and that only those in whom the Spirit dwells are members of the true church (87), states that the entire Trinity is involved in redemption (144), stresses the doctrine of total depravity (182), teaches a general judgment (218), attacks baptismal regeneration (324), lists death, adultery and willful desertion as dissolving the marriage contract (334)

< **Hoehner, Harold**, Ephesians: An Exegetical Commentary, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, 2003. From a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. For the past thirty years, Harold Hoehner has trained thousands of seminarians in the art of New Testament exegesis. He now brings his skill and experience to this commentary on Ephesians-a commentary that no serious student can afford to ignore.

^ **Hughes, R. Kent**, Ephesians: The Mystery of the Body of Christ, 1990. 304 pages. Hughes has a highly readable, practical exposition that is refreshing for devotional use. He both explains Ephesians competently in a general way and relates it engagingly and vitally to Christian life. In remaining true to the text, it is like an alpine breeze in its spiritually invigorating tone.

\$ **Ironside, Harry A.** In The Heavenlies, 1937, 341. Popular exposition. Stresses assurance of salvation (15), attacks modernism, the lodge (17), calls the doctrine of election a family secret (27), explains redemption (52), teaches premillennialism (69,109), maintains that the Scriptures are divinely inspired (85), stresses the believer's relation to other believers (219), urges separation (257), argues for a systematic program of Bible study (266).

% One of Ironside's best studies.

! **Johnston, George**, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Century Bible, 1967. Disappointingly thin just when one needs the most guidance.

\$ **Kelly, William**, Lectures on the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, 283 pages. Expositions by a Plymouth Brethren. Defends the deity and humanity of Christ (8), stresses man is dead in sin (64), calls mysticism the devil's imitation of God's mysteries (75), defines the term "mystery" (114), attacks apostolic succession (116), stresses that Christ must be the heart's exclusive object (214), defends the reality of the devil's power (272).

\$ **Kent, Homer**, Ephesians: The Glory of the Church, 1971, 128 pages. Conservative exposition. Stresses predestination (20), Christ's exaltation over angels and all creation (31), shows that salvation is all of God (38), holds that "one baptism" refers to Spirit baptism (68), does not decide the meaning of the "lower parts" of the earth (70), teaches God's Word is the cleansing agent in present sanctification (102), defends Paul's attitude toward women (106), gives a short bibliography (128).

Lathrop, Joseph, Exposition of the Epistle to the Ephesians, 1864. These discourses are sure to be of the highest class.

\$ **Lenski, Richard Charles Henry**, The Interpretation of St Paul's Epistle to the Galatians and to the Philippians, 1937, 363 pages. Exhaustive Lutheran commentary. Attacks the idea that Ephesians is an encyclical letter (333-342), holds the word "church" refers only to true believers (345, 403), holds that faith is divinely wrought (357), gives word studies, stresses the blood of Christ and attacks modernism (437), emphasizes the unity of the true church (504), teaches baptismal regeneration (513), attacks the Romanist sacrament of marriage (643), holds that children are also members of the church (646).

! **Liefeld, Walter**, Ephesians, IVP New Testament Commentary, 1997. Packs a lifetime of thoughtful study of this epistle into a fairly small space.

& **Lightfoot, J. B.**, Epistle to the Ephesians. Only on chapter 1:1-14. Greek text. Usual extensive remarks as found in Lightfoot's

other commentaries. Holds to Ephesians being a circular letter

@ **Lincoln, Andrew**, Ephesians. Word Bible Commentary series, 1990. Thorough on the Greek text like all Word commentaries, but rejection of Paul's authorship distorts many conclusions.

^ This detailed evangelical effort ranks at the top or near the best in overall exegetical explanation. The author evidences a background of immense reading, a thorough grasp of disputed passages and turning of details, a good ability to summarize, and often judicious decisions.

! Is excellent on many points. But on grounds that strike me as entirely unconvincing, Lincoln argues that Paul himself did not write Ephesians and occasionally this stance affects his exegesis (e.g., on 4:7ff).

! **Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn**, Exposition of Ephesians, 8 volumes, 1976-1985. Eminently worth reading, but only if you read very quickly.

\$ **Lock, Walter**, The Epistle to the Ephesians, 1929, 76 pages. Conservative. He thinks Pauline authorship more probable than other views (11), stresses that Christ is pre-existent, incarnate, risen (21), has a special note on the doctrine of adoption (23), sees a reference to baptism in many different passages, holds that it is through the universal church that God's wisdom is seen (37), stresses the unity of the universal church (40), concludes with an extended note on the word "church" (69-73).

* Uses English Revised Version.

! **MacArthur, John**, Ephesians, 1995. Shares the same strengths and weaknesses as his treatment on Matthew. A hybrid difficult to classify- part commentary, part expository sermon. Wordy and often betray too little time and care with the text, so that his books cannot be read as reliable commentary, but the amount of information goes beyond that of most commentaries. Doubtless his books will well serve the well-read layperson and the poorly trained preacher.

! **MacDonald, Margaret**, Ephesians, Sacra Pagina, 2000. Covers both Ephesians and Colossians. The strength of her work is her close comparison of the two epistles: by examining the subtle differences, she puts their different perspectives into sharp relief and ties the perspectives to the reconstructions she develops with the aid of socialscience approaches. But although the work is very competently done, too often the differences are exaggerated, and I suspect that the reconstruction of reader's social identities is more fragile than she thinks.

* **MacDonald, William**, Ephesians, The Mystery of the Church, 1968. Verse-by-verse treatment using the author's unique Bible-text outline. Practical. Rich in homiletical suggestiveness.

! **Martin, Ralph**, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, 1992. Too slender to be worth much time.

! **Masson, Charles**, Ephesians, Commentaire du Nouveau Testament. In French. Outstanding.

* **Miller, H.S.**, The Book of Ephesians with Outlines and Notes, 1931. Verse-by-verse commentary that is expository, doctrinal and practical. The explanations are virtually word studies plus a clear and simple interpretation of the text.

! **Mitton, C. L.**, Ephesians, New Century Bible, 1982. This is a good and accessible work in general, even if Mitton continues to support his earlier defense of non-Pauline authorship.

\$ **Moody, Dale**, Christ and the Church, 1963, 152 pages. Exposition by a Southern Baptist. He does not settle the genuineness of Ephesians, attacks Calvin and Augustine on the doctrine of election (20) and attacks the doctrine of infant baptism (25), distinguishes between the local church and "the body of Christ, the "world-Church" (35), attacks the idea that unbaptized infants are lost (45), attacks the idea that faith is the gift of God (49), cites the Interpreter's Bible with approval (52); warns against modern woman's loss of devotion to husband and home (117).

% Specific applications to some problems within the Southern Baptist Convention.

\$ **Moule, Handley Carr Glyn**, Ephesian Studies, 340 pages. Warmly devotional. Defends the genuineness (13), stresses the "Trinity of Eternal Love" (38), speaks of the "glory of the Christ of God" (52), warns that the church has become afflicted with "bureaucratic tyranny" (58), teaches the ideal or universal church (59), calls the indwelling the "sovereign gift of God" (139), stresses the deity of Christ (140), urges total abstinence from sins of temper and tongue (235).

& **Moule, H. C. G.**, The Epistle to the Ephesians, The Cambridge Bible For Schools and Colleges, 1889, 175 pages. Useful, with verse-by-verse comments based on the AV and Revised Version. Extensive introduction. Holds to Covenant Theology as he mentions "New Israel, the Church" (71). Holds that Ephesians is a circular letter (28). Equates the blood of Christ in 1:7 with the death of Christ (49), and thus is weak on the literalness of the blood. Holds baptism in the standard Church of England context (53). Includes 10 appendices.

! **Moulton, H. K.**, Ephesians and Colossians, 1962. Has a good eye for practical lessons but should not be used on its own.

Newland, Henry, A New Catena of St. Paul's Epistles. Commentary on Ephesians, in which is exhibited the results of the most learned theological criticisms, from the age of the early Fathers down to the present time, 1866. Used discreetly, this Catena of patristic, medieval and modern Church interpreters, may be very helpful; without discretion it will mislead.

! **O'Brien, Peter**, Ephesians, Pillar New Testament Commentary, 1999. The best English-language commentary. He has thoughtfully absorbed and filtered the best material from earlier commentaries, but he has made his own contribution by sticking close to the text, tracing the theological argument with care and precision. He is able to deploy the various tools in the arsenal of New Testament exegetes without giving too much weight to any of them; he is able to reflect on historical and social circumstances without swallowing the theology implicit in much social science

\$ **Ockenga, Harold**, Faithful in Christ Jesus, 1948, 254 pages. A practical exposition. Balances divine sovereignty and man's free will (9), attacks Unitarianism (25) and defends doctrine of the Trinity (28), stresses the value of the blood of Christ (50), teaches the nature of sin (54), the gift of the Holy Spirit (76), distinguishes the universal church from the organizational church (165), identifies grieving the Spirit with becoming a backslider (186), stresses child evangelism (223).

Pattison, R. E. Commentary on Ephesians, 1859. A book to instruct intelligent, experienced believers. It is a model for a classbook, plain and yet profound.

! **Patzia, Arthur**, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, 1991. A competent but unexciting middle-level commentary, easily accessible.

= **Paxson, Ruth**, Wealth, Walk and Warfare, 1935. Oh, how God blessed the ministry of our beloved sister in revolutionizing the lives of believers, not only in China but in North America and Europe! This book contains the cream of her messages.

! **Perkins, PHEME**, Ephesians, Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament, 1997. Not up to the standard one expects from her, and is in any case priced too high for a mere 160 pages.

Phillips, John, Exploring Ephesians and Colossians, 2002 (reprint), 190 pages. John Phillips served as assistant director of the Moody Correspondence School as well as director of the Emmaus Correspondence School, one of the world's largest Bible correspondence ministries. He also taught in the Moody Evening School and on the Moody Broadcasting radio network. Solid and reliable popular survey of both epistles. Phillips' outlines of both epistles are worth the price of this volume.

Pridham, A. Ephesians. Style heavy, matter weighty.

Pulsford, John, Christ and His Seed, Central to all things: being a series of expository discourses on Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, 1872. Contains a great deal of deep thought, but is too mystical and often too cloudy to be of much service to those who wish to explain Scripture.

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