## Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians . . . Filled with Theological Teaching and Practical Instructions

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he book of Ephesians contains some of the deepest theological teachings in the New Testament. Here are a few of Paul's theological points.

- ◆ The election of the saints (Ephesians 1:4)
- ◆ The predestination work of God (1:5)
- ◆ The adoption of the sons of God (1:5)
- ◆ The dispensation of the fullness of time (1:10)
- ◆ The sealing of the Holy Spirit (1:13)
- ◆ The earnestness of the Holy Spirit (1:14)
- ◆ The power of God that's available to every believer (1:19)
- ◆ The grace of God (2:1–10)
- ◆ The eternal plan of God (3:10–11)
- ◆ The fivefold ministry gifts (4:11–13)
- ◆ The infilling with the spirit (<u>5:18–19</u>)
- ◆ And, the list goes on. . .

In addition to those important theological points, Paul's Ephesians epistle also includes some of the most practical instructions in the New Testament regarding such issues as:

- ◆ The relationship between believers (Ephesians 4:25–5:2)
- The relationship between believers and the world (5:3-16)
- ◆ The relationship between husbands and wives (<u>5:22–33</u>)
- $\bullet$  The relationship between parents and children (6:1–4)
- $\bullet$  The relationship between employers and employees (6:5–9)

Yet, when you come to the end of this epistle, which is jam-packed with theological and practical truths, Paul says, "Finally. . ." and then begins to speak to us about spiritual warfare.

<sup>☑</sup> Both lists: Rick Renner, Spiritual Gems from the Greek (Tulsa, 2003), 68.