

# Figures of Speech in Ephesians

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## Benefits of this study:

Scaling of values: Matthew 6:25-30 Mark 12:28-33 1 Cor 13:13 Romans 12:3

What is important?

Repetition of "son of God"

Amount of text: Contrast 1Pet 3:19 <----> 1 Cor. 12-14

Theme of Ephesians: The Mystery "sacred secret" Ephesians 3:6 1 Peter 1:10-12

## 1:3-14 The Father's Will

"Many fallings" **polyptoton** = the same root in different parts of speech

Genesis 1:22 - only the single verb Genesis 12:2-3 first "bless" with *polyptoton*

Deuteronomy 28:1-6 16-20 - simple repetition (*anaphora*) Matthew 5:3-11 "O how happy!" Ephesians 1:3

"Case exchange" **antimeria** = exchange one case for another

1:5 the **good pleasure** of **His will** literal in verse 9 "peace" Phil 4:7,9 Matt 22:29

1:9 the **mystery** of **His will**

1:11 the **counsel** of **His will** Hebrews 6:17

"dual genitive" = two or more nouns in the genitive case linked to a single noun

Romans 8:2

## Dual Genitives in Ephesians 1-3

A 1:6 **praise** of the **glory** of **His grace**

B 1:10 **administration** of the **fulness** of **times**

C 1:18 **riches** of the **glory** of **His inheritance**

D 1:19 **abundance** of the **majesty** of his **power** (Aramaic)

D 2:2 **prince** of the **power** of the **air**

C 2:12 **aliens** from the **commonwealth** of **Israel** (Aramaic)

B 3:2 **administration** of the **grace** of **God**

A 3:7 **gift** of the **grace** of **God**

Romans 8:17 Romans 15:29 "fulness of blessing of the gospel of God"

## 1:15-23 Prayer to the Father by Paul

"Same first" **anaphora** same word repeated at beginning of successive phrases

what... what... what Ephesians 1:18,19

1 Corinthians 4:1,2 2 Corinthians 6:11-16 7:1

## 2:1-7 Seated in the Heavens

“Many fallings” polyptoton

love... loved... Ephesians 2:4 2 Samuel 13:14,15 Hosea 3:1 John 13:34

**Alliteration** Ephesians 2:5,6 together, together, together Greek: *sun- sun- sun-*  
Romans 8:22 Acts 10:41 2 Corinthians 7:3

## 2:8-10 God’s Work

we are his **workmanship, created** Ephesians 2:10 **synonymia** synonyms

Aramaic: “**creation, created**” polyptoton

Numbers 16:2-33 Genesis 4:11

earth open

Numbers 16:30 *adamah patsah*

Genesis 4:11

Psalms 106:17 *erets patach*

Isaiah 45:8

## 2:11-18 New Man, so Making Peace

**Hypocatastasis** = comparison by implication

**Personification** = human qualities attributed to an object Ephesians 2:14-16

“middle wall of partition” - implication that an actual wall between God and man

“having slain the enmity” - enmity personified as something that can be slain

## 2:19-22 The Temple Fitly Framed Together

**Metaphor** = comparison by representation Ephesians 2:20

1 Peter 2:6 Isaiah 28:16

Records of laying temple foundation: 1 Kings 5:17 6:37 Ezra 3:10-13 Haggai 2:18

What’s missing?: Chronicles Only 2 Chronicles 8:16

## 3:1-13 The Mystery, Fellowheirs

**Alliteration** = same syllable at the beginning of successive words Ephesians 3:6

*sugkleronoma* fellow heirs (joint-heirs)

*sussoma* same body (joint-body)

*summetocha* partakers (joint-partakers)

### 3:14-21 Prayer to the Father

**polysyndeton** = "many ands"      **synathroesmos** = parts of an unnamed whole

Ephesians 3:18

Genesis 6:15      the ark      3 dimensions

Genesis 13:17      the land      2 dimensions

Revelation 21:16      the city      3 dimensions

Ephesians 4:18      love of Christ      4 dimensions

1 Corinthians 2:10: "deep things of God"

Ephesians 3:19      "filled" "fulness"

Ephesians 1:23      Exodus 28:17 "set in it settings"      Leviticus 8:33 "days of your consecration be at an end"

### 4:1-6 The Unity of the One Body

**polyptoton** = repetition of the same root word in different parts of speech

"call" "vocation"

"Same first" **anaphora** = same word repeated at beginning of successive phrases

*There is*

**one body**, and

**one Spirit**, even as ye are called in

**one hope** of your calling;

**One Lord**,

**one faith**, (only occurrence)

**one baptism**, (only occurrence)

**One God and Father** of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

one body, one spirit: Romans 12:4,5 1 Corinthians 12:13

one Lord, one God: 1 Corinthians 8:5,6

one faith: Galatians 2:16,19,20

one baptism: Acts 1:5

one God and Father: Malachi 2:1-10

### 4:7-16 The Body Fitly Joined Together

Dual genitives

**measure** of the **gift** of **Christ** (4:7)

the foundation

**edifying** of the **body** of **Christ** (4:12)

the purpose

**unity** of the faith, and

the goal

of the **knowledge** of the **Son of God**

**measure** of the **stature** of the **fulness** of **Christ** (4:13)

4:16 success of the leader is the members' contact with the head and their maturing

## 4:17-32 Putting on the New Man

Background: "alienated" - same word as in 2:12 "life of God" - only here

"blindness" - hardness Heb 3:13 Compare 2:11-18 and 2 Cor 10:4 Romans 7:9-11

"put off" - (English) First occ.: Exodus 3:5 (quoted Acts 7:33) "be renewed" Rom 12:2

"put on" - (English) First occ.: Genesis 28:20

compare *enduo* Luke 24:49 Ephesians 6:11

**Anthropopatheia** = God given attributes of a man Ephesians 4:30

Genesis 6:6 Psalm 78:40

### "Many Ands" polysyndeton

Let all bitterness, **and** wrath, **and** anger, **and** clamour, **and** evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Genesis 35:2

spirit behind an idol: 1 Corinthians 10:19,20 Bitterness: Hebrews 12:15 Compare

"gall" and "wormwood" in Deuteronomy 29:18

Jeremiah 23:15 "profaneness"=*molusmos* Only here and 2 Corinthians 7:1

### "No Ands" asyndeton

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,

forgiving one another, **even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

## 5:1-6:9

### Man's Works

Walk in love 5:1-2

Walk in light 5:3-14

Walk circumspectly 5:15-17

Walk in light 5:18-20

Walk in love 5:21-6:9

**polyptoton** Ephesians 5:1,2 First "sweetsmelling savour" Genesis 8:21

**Disjunctives paradiastole** Ephesians 5:4,5

**Redundant words pleonasm** Ephesians 5:15

**Synonyms** Ephesians 5:19

**"Vivid description" hypotyposis** Ephesians 5:26,27 "washing"=wash basin *lutron*

Song of Solomon 4:3

#### OT and Gospels Illustrations

vineyard

rod of inheritance

woman

sheep

#### Epistles Illustrations

husbandry

"obtained an inheritance"

woman

building

**“Part for the whole” synecdoche** For we are members of his body, of his **flesh**, and of his **bones**

Ephesians 5:30    Genesis 2:23    Genesis 29:14    2 Samuel 5:1

Ephesians 5:32 “the *great* mystery”

## **6:10-18 Standing, Fully Equipped**

**“Part for the whole” synecdoche** **flesh** and **blood**

Not the same as “flesh and bone” in 5:30    Matthew 16:17    1 Corinthians 15:50

Galatians 1:16    Hebrews 2:14,16

**“Same first” anaphora** “against” not the “according to” of Eph 2

**“Ending and beginning” anadiplosis** “stand” Ephesians 6:13,14

**“Parts of the whole” merismos** parts of whole which has been mentioned

**A** Stand therefore, having your **loins** girt about with truth, and

**B** having on the **breastplate of righteousness**; And

**C** your **feet shod** with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**C** Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And

**B** take the **helmet of salvation**, and

**A** the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God:

“loins” 1 Peter 1:13 “breastplate” Isaiah 59:15-17 “shield” Psalm 84:11

“helmet” 1 Thessalonians 5:8 the seventh part: Ephesians 6:18

6:18 “Praying, prayer, supplication” *synonymia* the 7th item

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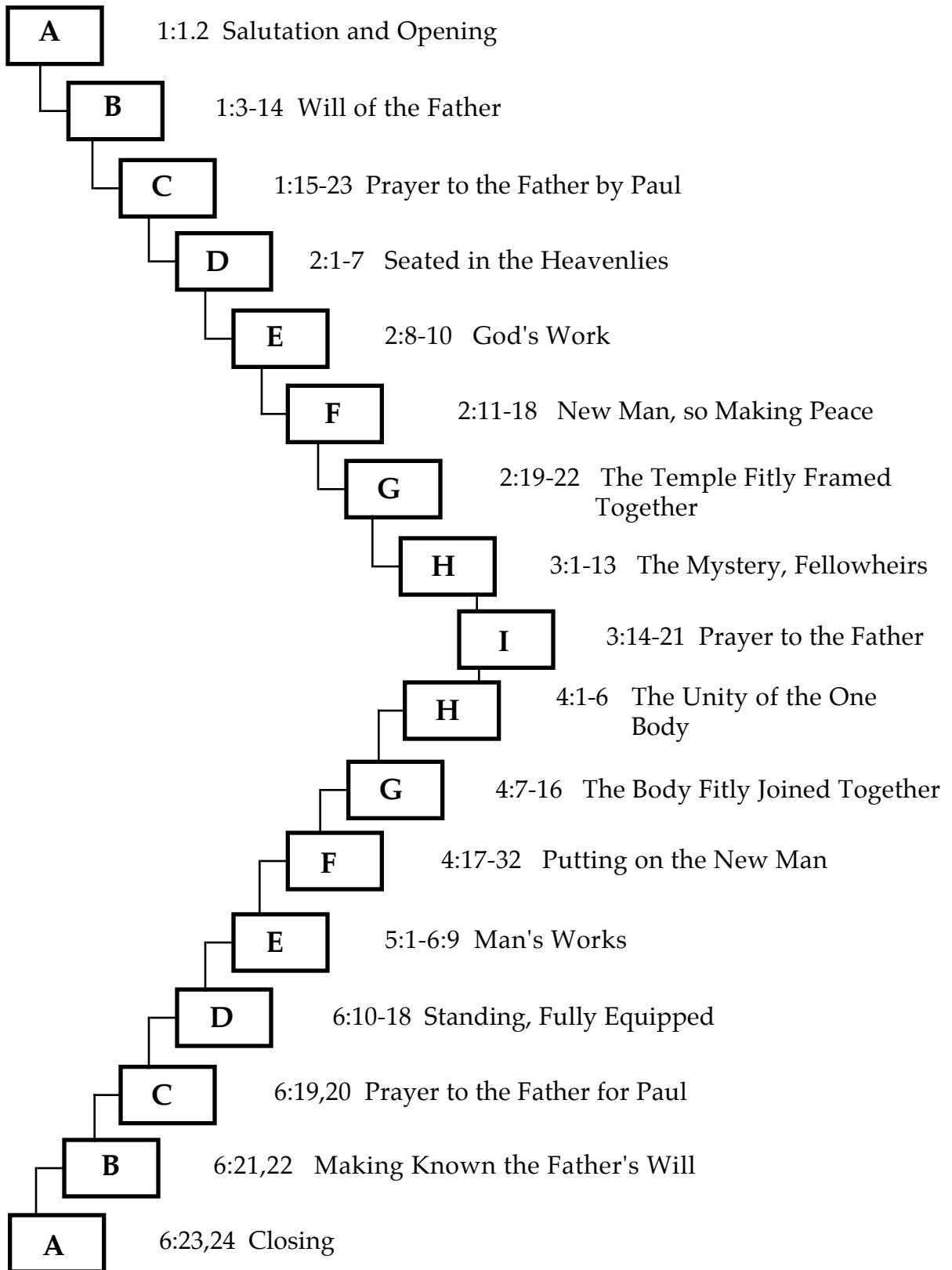
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## EPHESIANS OUTLINE



## The Ephesians Structure

### A Salutation and Opening 1:1,2

<b>B Will of the Father</b>	1:3-14
good pleasure of His will	1:5
mystery of His will	1:9
counsel of His own will	1:11

<b>C Prayer to the Father by Paul</b>	1:15-23
what is the hope of His calling	1:18
what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints	1:18
what the exceeding greatness of His power	1:19

<b>D Seated in the Heavens</b>	2:1-7
quicken us together	2:5
raised <i>us</i> up together	2:6
made <i>us</i> sit together	2:6

<b>E God's work</b>	2:8-10
not of works	2:9
workmanship	2:10
good works	2:10

<b>F New Man, so Making Peace</b>	2:11-18
he is our peace	2:14
making peace	2:15
preached peace	2:17

<b>G The Temple Fitly Framed Together</b>	2:19-22
are built	2:20
the building	2:21
ye also are builded together	2:22

<b>H The Mystery, Fellowheirs</b>	3:1-13
joint heirs	3:6
joint body	
joint partakers	

<b>I Prayer to the Father</b>	3:14-21
comprehend	3:18
know the love	3:19
passes knowledge	3:19

<b>H</b>	<b>The Unity of the One Body</b>	4:1-6
	vocation, ye are called	4:1
	called, your calling	4:4
<b>G</b>	<b>The Body Fitly Joined Together</b>	4:7-16
	measure of the gift	4:7
	measure of the stature	4:13
	measure of every part	4:16
<b>F</b>	<b>Putting on the New Man</b>	4:17-32
	put on the new man	4:24
	putting away	4:25
	put away	4:31
<b>E</b>	<b>Man's Works</b>	5:1-6:9
	walk in love	5:2
	walk as ... light	5:8
	walk circumspectly	5:15
<b>D</b>	<b>Standing, fully equipped</b>	6:10-18
	able to stand	6:11
	to stand	6:13
	stand	6:14
<b>C</b>	<b>Prayer to the Father for Paul</b>	6:19,20
	utterance	6:19
	open my mouth	6:19
	speak boldly	6:20
<b>B</b>	<b>Making Known the Father's Will</b>	6:21,22
	ye may know	6:21
	make known	6:21
	ye might know	6:22
<b>A</b>	<b>Closing</b>	6:23,24