



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Author: The Apostle Paul
- ◆ Date: Written at Rome A.D. 60-64
- ◆ One of the prison letters
- ◆ Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
- ◆ Main Theme: The Unity of the Church





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## ◆ General Outline

- ◆ Where the Church is Seated (chap. 1-3)
- ◆ How the Church should walk (chap. 4-5)
- ◆ How the Church should stand (chap. 6)



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## ◆ Biblical/Historical

◆ Paul first arrives at Ephesus toward the end of his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21)

◆ During Paul's third missionary journey he returns to Ephesus (Acts 19:1) He leaves Ephesus (Acts 20:1) after 3 years



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- ◆ Major Events in Ephesus
- ◆ Evil Forces Challenged
- ◆ Demons casted out
- ◆ Thousands of angry idolaters oppose the message







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- ◆ A ministry headquarters is established which started churches in Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea and other cities throughout Asia Minor





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- ◆ Makeup of the City
- ◆ Elegance
- ◆ Wealth
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Culture
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Vile Wickedness – Idolatry, Immorality
- ◆ Occultism



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- ◆ The Temple Artemis (Diana)
- ◆ One of the Seven Wonders of the World
- ◆ City economy was built upon her worship











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- ◆ Watch for the terms In Him, In Christ
- ◆ In Whom

- ◆ What does it all mean?

- ◆ 1 Cor.15:21-22



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- ◆ The major theme of this letter is that the Church (ekklesia) is the body of Christ.
- ◆ The Church includes the Saints at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ – that's all of us
- ◆ The Church was chosen before God created the world vs.4
- ◆ He got pleasure when he pre-destined us vs.5



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ All three Persons in the Godhead are involved in our salvation.
- ◆ As far as God the Father is concerned, you were saved when He chose you in Christ in eternity past.
- ◆ As far as God the Son is concerned, you were saved when He died for you on the cross.



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- ◆ As far as God the Spirit is concerned, you were saved when you yielded to His conviction and received Christ as your Savior.
- ◆ What began in eternity past was fulfilled in time present, and will continue for all eternity!
- ◆ The adoption of children – The placing as a son
- ◆ First comes regeneration –then





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- ◆ Adoption – He gives us the status of sons so that we can partake of our riches in Christ.
- ◆ This continues into eternity when we receive our new bodies and the fullness of His glory.
- ◆ Because of His grace in Christ we have been accepted. We can't make ourselves accepted and no one can make us unacceptable vs.6



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- ◆ Vs. 7 – He redeemed us – to purchase and set free by paying a price. Free from law/Torah, free from Satan; free from the nature of sin and free from eternal death.
- ◆ VS. 8-10 – In the completion of time God gather all under the heading of Christ. (Gal 4:4)





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- ◆ Vs. 11-12 – In whom (In Christ) we have an inheritance – something assigned
- ◆ His will was that we would be to the **praise of His glory.**
- ◆ Vs. 13-14 – The process of salvation:
  - ◆ Hear the word; believe the word; sealed by the Holy Spirit
  - ◆ The earnest of our inheritance –The Holy Spirit - Engagement ring



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Why has God the Father chosen us, adopted us, and accepted us? 'To the praise of the glory of His grace' (Eph 1:6).





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Why has the Son redeemed us, forgiven us, revealed God's will to us, and made us part of God's inheritance? "That we should be to the praise of His glory" (Eph 1:12).





# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ **Why has God the Spirit sealed us and become the guarantee of our future blessing? "Unto the praise of His glory" (Eph 1:14).**





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ \* *We have been redeemed* through faith in Jesus Christ (Eph 1:7).
- ◆ \* *We are being redeemed* as the Spirit works in our lives to make us more like Christ (Rom 8:14).
- ◆ \* *We shall be redeemed* when Christ returns and we become like Him.



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ vs.15 –Faith Toward God
- ◆ Love for the Saints
- ◆ vs. 16 -He does not ask God to give them what they do not have, **but rather prays that God will reveal to them what they already have.**
- ◆ With his natural mind, man cannot understand the things of God. He needs the Spirit to enlighten him (1 Cor 2:9-16)



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- ◆ Vs. 17 Enlightenment comes from the Holy Spirit. He is the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Isa 11:2)
- ◆ Enlightenment comes to the heart of the believer (Eph 1:18)







# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ This is what Jesus meant when He said of the people: "**They seeing see not, and hearing they hear not**" (Matt 13:13). The inability to see and understand spiritual things is not the fault of the intelligence but of the heart. Their eyes of the heart must be opened by the Spirit of God.



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◆ vs. 18 the hope of our calling



◆ **ekklesia** a calling out, *KJV* - assembly, church.



◆ Hope – anticipate with pleasure;  
"assurance for the future."





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Vs. 18b- His inheritance in us. This is an amazing truth - that God should look on us as a part of His great wealth!





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Vs. 19-23 So tremendous is this truth that Paul enlisted many different words from the Greek vocabulary to get his point across: **dunamis** - "power" as in dynamo and dynamite; **energeia** - "working" as in energy, **kratos** - "mighty"; **ischus** - "power."





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◆ "What is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength."





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ We measure God's power by the miracle of Christ's resurrection. Much more was involved than merely raising Him from the dead, for Christ also ascended to heaven and sat down in the place of authority at the right hand of God. He is not only Savior; He is also Sovereign (Acts 2:25-36).



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- ◆ No authority or power, human or in the spirit world, is greater than that of Jesus Christ, the exalted Son of God. He is "far above all," and no future enemy can overcome Him, because He has been exalted "far above all" powers.



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:1
- ◆ This supreme one made you alive
- ◆ Dead – a corpse – cut off from God
- ◆ Trespasses- (paraptoma)  
unintentional error or wilful  
transgression





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2-3
- ◆ The course of this world
- ◆ The Prince of the power of the air
- ◆ Worketh – energeo – to be active, efficient; in the children of disobedience
- ◆ Our conversation – life styles in the lust of the flesh



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph. 2:1-3

◆ **We Were DEAD**

- ◆ 1. Living according to the course of this world. – course (aion) age
- ◆ 2. According to the prince of the power of the air
- ◆ 3. He is the spirit operating in the children of disobedience



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:3
- ◆ We had our conversation (to busy oneself)
- ◆ 1. Lusts of our flesh
- ◆ 2. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind (imagination)
- ◆ 3. By our nature children of wrath (John 8:44) (1John 3:10)



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 2:4

◆ But God — so rich is He in His mercy!  
Because of *and* in order to satisfy the  
great *and* wonderful *and* intense love  
with which He loved us,

◆ AMP





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph 2:5
- ◆ Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings *and* trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship *and* in union with Christ...(Rom. 8:11)

◆ AMP



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph 2:6
- ◆ And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- ◆ AMP



# Letter to the Ephesians

## ◆ WHY DID HE DO IT?

◆ Eph 2:7

◆ He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness *and* goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

◆ AMP



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 2:8-9

◆ **8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

◆ **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

◆ God's grace gets to us by faith

◆ KJV





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Grace (**charis**) graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life;





# Letter to the Ephesians

- Where Am Seated?
- How Do I Walk?
- How Do I Stand?
  - My Identity
- In Christ
- In Whom
- In Him





# Letter to the Ephesians

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◆ Eph 2:10

◆ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), (Masterpiece) recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them.

◆ AMP



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph. 2:10

◆ "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus." The Greek word translated "workmanship" is *poiema*, from which we derive our English word "poem." It means, "that which is made, a manufactured product." In other words, our conversion is not the end; it is the beginning.





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:11
- ◆ Past Gentiles in the flesh – a pagan race, without God
- ◆ Having teaching or instruction
- ◆ Uncircumcision- without covenant





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:12
- ◆ Without Christ
- ◆ Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
- ◆ Strangers from the covenants of promise
- ◆ Having no Hope
- ◆ Without God in the world



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 2:12

◆ [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged *and* outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation,

◆ AMP



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph 2:12
- ◆ and strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.





# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 2:13



**But now in Christ Jesus ye  
who sometimes were far off are  
made nigh by the blood of  
Christ.**



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:14-18
- ◆ Jesus is our peace
- ◆ He has made Jew and Gentile believers one
- ◆ Broke down the wall of separation
- ◆ Abolished in His flesh the hostility (hatred)



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ He did away with the old system of commandments in ordinances
- ◆ He made in Himself the two to be **One New Man –The Church**
- ◆ **16 – To bring both Jew and Gentile believers back into complete favor with God by dying on the cross**



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ In the church, Gentiles do not become Jews, nor do Jews become Gentiles. Instead believing Jews and Gentiles become Christians, **a whole new single entity. Jewish believers and Gentile believers**







# Letter to the Ephesians

## ◆ Preaching Peace

- ◆ Peace with God and access to God by the Holy Spirit who lives within us
- ◆ Jew and Gentile believers have peace with one another because we are one in Christ.



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 2:19
- ◆ No more strangers
- ◆ No more Foreigners
- ◆ Fellow citizens with the saints
- ◆ Of the Household of God





# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 2:19

◆ Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Paul specifically stated that Gentiles are incorporated "with God's people" and are in "God's household" Paul explained that this new relationship is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief Cornerstone" (v. 20). This began on the day of Pentecost, not in the Old Testament.





# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph 2:21-22
- ◆ **21 In whom** all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- ◆ **22 In whom** ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
- ◆ KJV



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Eph. 3 : 1-6
- ◆ God's Plan –The Mystery of Christ
- ◆ Paul is in prison due to bringing this message to the Gentiles
- ◆ The mystery was made known to Paul by revelation
- ◆ The Mystery was hidden for ages
- ◆ It was revealed to the Apostles and Prophets by the Holy Spirit



# Letter to the Ephesians

## ◆ What Was the Mystery?

◆ Eph 3:6

◆ That the Gentiles should be **fellowheirs**, and of the **same body**, and **partakers of his promise** in **Christ by the gospel**:

◆ KJV

# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:7

◆ Whereof I was made a minister,  
according to the gift of the grace of  
God given unto me by the effectual  
working of his power.



# Letter to the Ephesians

## ◆ Vs. 7

◆ I was made a minister-Diakonos-waiter-servant, teacher

◆ The gift (dorea) of the **grace** (charis) **(the divine influence upon the heart and it's reflection in the life)** of God



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ the effectual (energeia) working of his power (dunamis).



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:8

◆ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:9

◆ And to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

◆ Fellowship – **koinonia** -**partnership**

# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:10

◆ [The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety *and* innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.

# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:11

◆ According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

◆ Eph 3:12

◆ In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.



# Letter to the Ephesians

◆ Eph 3:13

◆ So I ask you not to lose heart [not to faint or become despondent through fear] at what I am suffering in your behalf. [Rather glory in it] for it is an honor to you.

◆ AMP

# Paul's Prayer

◆ Eph 3:14-16

◆ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

◆ **15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

◆ **16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

# Paul's Prayer

◆ Eph 3:17-19

◆ **17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

◆ **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

# Paul's Prayer

- ◆ **19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.



# Paul's Prayer

◆ Eph 3:20-21

◆ **20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

◆ **21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



# Letter to the Ephesians

- ◆ Chapter 4
- ◆ Paul proceeds in light of our heavenly calling to challenge us on every level of our relationships; both domestic and public; neighbors, husbands, wives , parents, children, employers and employees.

# How to Live

◆ Eph 4:1

◆ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

# How to Live

- ◆ The word "worthy" (*axios*) means "equal weight"; one's calling and conduct should be in balance. "The calling" refers not only to believers' salvation but also to their union in one body. Therefore a Christian's conduct concerns both his personal life and his responsibility to other believers in the church.

# How to Live

◆ Eph 4:1

◆ I THEREFORE, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to *and* beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behavior that is a credit to the summons to God's service,

◆ AMP

# How to Live

- ◆ Eph 4:2
- ◆ Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another *and* making allowances because you love one another.



# How to Live

- ◆ The Three Virtues/Attitudes
- ◆ Humility – Realizing who I am in God's Program; putting others before self.
- ◆ Gentle/Meekness - This is the opposite of self-assertion, rudeness, and harshness. It suggests having one's emotions under control. But it does not suggest weakness.

# How to Live

- ◆ The Three Virtues/Attitudes
- ◆ Patience - Patience is the spirit which never gives up for it endures to the end even in times of adversity It is the self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong.
- ◆ Attitudes of humility, gentleness, and patience foster unity among Christians.

# How to Live

- ◆ Paul then stated the manner in which they are to be carried out in one's conduct: **bearing with one another** in love and making every effort, "making every diligent effort") to keep the **unity of the Spirit through** the bond of peace.

# How to Live

- ◆ Christians are not to make unity but to keep or guard what God made in creating the "one new man" (Eph 2:15-16). They are to keep this unity "through the bond" which consists of "peace." Concern for peace will mean that Christians will lovingly tolerate each other, even when they have differences.

# Keeping the Unity of the Spirit

◆ Eph 4:3

◆ **3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

◆ **\*\*\*Note: The main goal to keep the unity of the Spirit\*\*\***

◆ KJV



# The Seven Unities

- ◆ Vs. 4-6
- ◆ One Body
- ◆ One Spirit
- ◆ One Hope
- ◆ One Lord
- ◆ One Faith
- ◆ One Baptism
- ◆ One God

# Gifts Given to Believers

- ◆ Eph 4:7
- ◆ But unto every one of us is given **grace (charis)(enablement)** according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- ◆ \*\*\*Each believer is to function in Christ's body by God's enablement, proportionate to the gift (spiritual ability) bestowed on him, no more and no less.\*\*\* (**cf. Rom. 12: 4-6**)
- ◆ **1Cor. 12:4-6)**

# Gifted Believers Given to the Church

◆ Eph 4:11

◆ **11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;



# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

- ◆ Vs. 12
- ◆ \*Equipping the Saints
- ◆ \*For the Work of the Ministry
- ◆ For the building up of the body of Christ (Church)



# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

◆ Eph 4:13

◆ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (mature) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

◆ KJV



# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

◆ Eph 4:13

◆ [That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ *and* the completeness found in Him.

# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

◆ Eph 4:14

◆ That we henceforth be no more children, (a simple minded person) tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

◆ Eph 4:15

◆ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ...

◆ But Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]...



# FOR WHAT PURPOSE

- ◆ Eph 4:16
- ◆ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.