



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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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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 unaccepted 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



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





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- ◆ 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).



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





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- ◆ * *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.



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- ◆ 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)





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- ◆ 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
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- ◆ **ekklesia** a calling out, **KJV** - assembly, church.
- ◆ Hope – anticipate with pleasure; "assurance for the future."



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





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- ◆ 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."





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- ◆ 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.



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



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- ◆ 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





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◆ 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



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- ◆ 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)



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◆ 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



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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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



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◆ 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



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- ◆ 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



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





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





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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



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- ◆ 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.



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





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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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.



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◆ Eph 2:13



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



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- ◆ 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)



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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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**



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◆ 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.



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



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- ◆ 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.



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- ◆ 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.



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- ◆ 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



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- ◆ 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



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◆ 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