



Ephesians

1:1–2

Our New Identity
in Christ:

An Introduction to
Ephesians



Authorship: The Apostle Paul

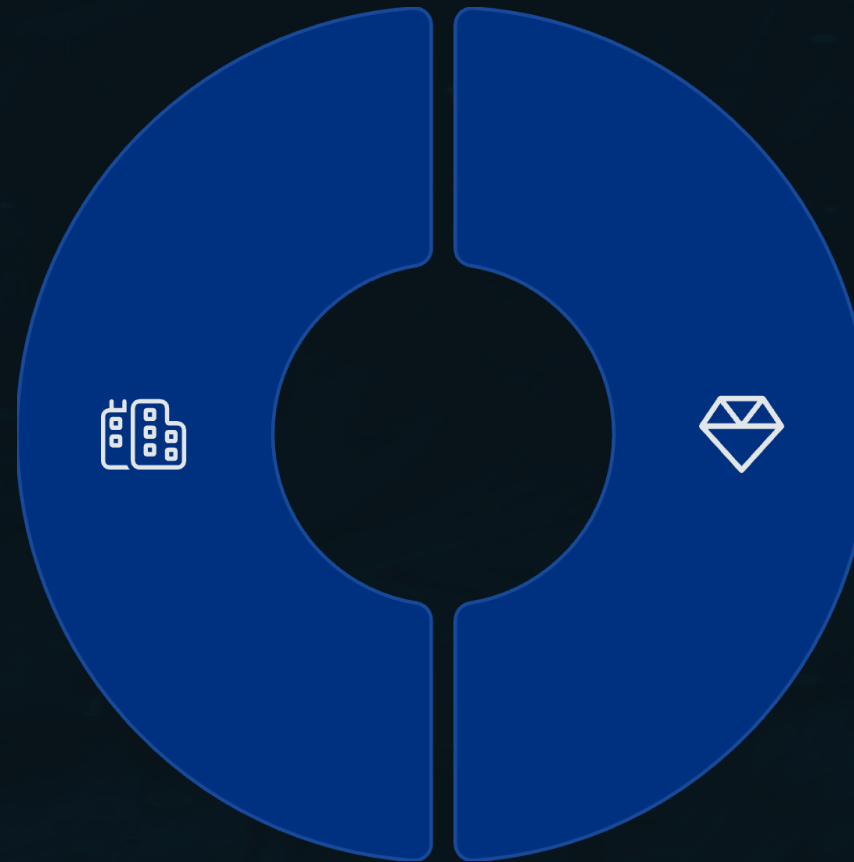


- Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment around AD 60–62
- Paul wrote to a general audience
- Christian Essentials

The Recipients: The Ephesian Church

The City

Major commercial center known for trade, culture, and spiritual diversity



The Challenge

Believers faced immense pressure from the surrounding pagan culture

Historical Context of Ephesus

- Temple of Artemis – One of the Seven Wonders of the World
- A significant Jewish population
- Roman province center with emperor worship





"A little mold
contaminates
the whole loaf"

Ephesus in Scripture: Acts 19

Artemis Craftsmen



Sons of Sceva





Purpose: Our New Identity in Christ

"In Christ" - 12 Times

"In Christ" Variation - 30 Times

Transformed Identity

"In Christ" and "Christ In Us"

In Christ

- Our new position and identity
- We are covered by His righteousness
- We have access to every spiritual blessing

Christ In Us

- His ongoing presence transforms us
- The Holy Spirit empowers daily living
- We become His living temples

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

– Galatians 2:20

"In Christ"

The Blood of the Lamb



The Armor of God



Structure and Core Themes



Our New Life By Grace
Chapters 1:1–2:11



Our New Community of
Promise
Chapters 2:12–3:13



Our New Way of Life
Chapters 3:14–6:23

Ephesians 2:8–10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



"God's grace can change greedy idolators and Jewish sorcerers."



“We are not saved by works, but neither are we saved to be idle. God makes us new creatures in Christ for the very purpose of walking in holiness.”

–John Calvin



Application: Personal Study of Ephesians



Observations
5 Ws



Outline Ephesians
Main Points

Future Study

July 6 Eph 1:3–14

July 13 Eph 1:15–23

July 20 Eph 2:1–10

July 27 Eph 2:11–22

Aug 3 Eph 3:1–13

Aug 10 Eph 3:14–21

Aug 17 Eph 4:1–16

Aug 24 Eph 4:17–32

Daily Walk Worthy of Your Calling

- Weekly Practice of Personal Application
- No Longer Find Your Identity In The World

