

Acts Overview for Ephesians:

Chapter 16: 1-10

Second Missionary Journey:

- **Reconnecting with church-plants**
 - **Derbe and Lystra**
 - **Timothy joins Paul & Syllas**
- **Traveling through Phrygia and Galatia**
 - **Prevented from approaching Asia**
 - **Invitation to Europe**

Chapter 18:22 - 19:41

Third Missionary Journey:

- **Reconnecting with churches in Galatia & Phrygia**
- **The ministry of Apollos**
 - **Apollos instructed by Priscilla & Aquila**
 - **Travels to Corinth**
- **Paul arrives in Ephesus**
 - **Baptism in Jesus' Name**
 - **Taught for 3 months in synagogue**
 - **Removed to Hall of Tyrannus**
 - **Argued for 2 years**
 - **Miraculous signs**
 - **Exorcists overpowered**
 - **Believers burn magic books**
 - **Demetrius the silversmith and artisans**
 - **Loss of revenue**
 - **Denigration of Artemis**
 - **A riot fomented**
 - **Town clerk brought order**
 - **Paul left for Macedonia**

Chapter 20: 17-38

- **Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders**
 - **You know how I lived**
 - **I'm sailing to Jerusalem**
 - **Imprisonment and persecution**
 - **You will never see me again**
 - **Wolves will enter among you**
 - **Work as I did**
 - **It's more blessed to give than receive**

Questions:

How does the Acts Account help us understand Paul's relating to the Ephesians?

How would you describe their relationship one to the other?

From his experience among the Ephesians, how would you characterize Paul?

Ephesians 1:1-14

Passage Outline:

Vs. 1-2

**Paul an apostle by God's will
To the saints in Ephesus
Grace and Peace**

Vs. 3-14

- **Blessed be God who blessed us in Christ**
 - **Who chose us before foundations of world**
 - **That we might be holy and blameless**
 - **Who preordained us in him unto his glory**
 - **In whom we have redemption**
 - **Through his blood**
 - **Forgiveness of transgressions**
 - **His grace given freely**
 - **Abundant wisdom**
 - **The mystery of his will**
 - **All in Christ**
 - **In whom we became preordained heirs**
 - **According to the plan of his will**
 - **That we might be unto his praise**
 - **We who first hoped**
 - **In whom we heard the Gospel**
 - **In whom we believed**
 - **We were sealed by the promised HS**
 - **Who is the down payment**
 - **For the praise of His glory**

Questions:

From these verses, how would you characterize “the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?”

What has God done for us in Christ?

What has been his intent for us?

What does it mean to be “in Christ?”

What do you think/feel about being “in?”

