



PAULINE
Epistles

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

Sanford church of Christ

Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon



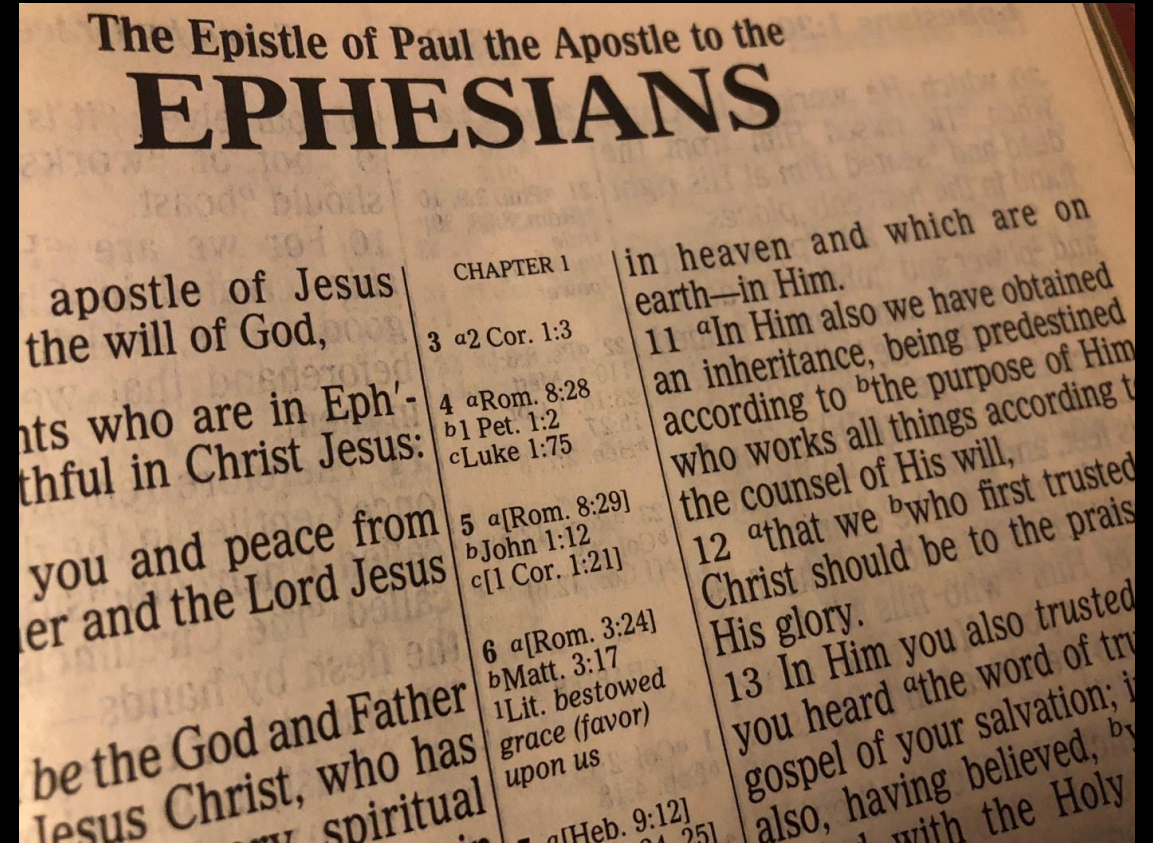
THE EPISTLE OF
EPHESIANS

Ephesians 1:1 – 2 (ESV)

*1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in
Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Background to Ephesus:

- Roman province of Asia Minor
- It was a dominant city in trade.
- “Free City” – home rule with own constitution
- The city of Ephesus was founded about 1040 BC
- It was known for its textiles, wine-making, and silversmith’s guild.
- The city was also the home for the Artemis/Diana temple.





The Artemis/Diana Temple

- The temple of Artemis/Diana is known as one of the seven wonders.
- Artemis/Diana was a goddess.
 - Artemis was the Roman name.
 - Diana was the Greek name.
- Artemis/Diana was at times called: lord, savior, queen of the sky.
- At the time, Artemis/Diana was the most worshipped idol in the world.
- It is estimated that the city had 30,000 idols with only about 10,000 citizens.

Ephesus in the New Testament:

- The Ephesian church is spoken about often in Scripture.
 - Paul first comes to Ephesus in Acts 18:19 – 21 during his second missionary journey.
 - Paul returns to Ephesus in Acts 19 on his third mission journey and spends about three years.
 - While imprisoned in Rome, Paul writes his letter to the Ephesians in about 60 AD.
 - In the early to mid 90s, John wrote the Revelation letter to the Ephesian Christians along with the other six Asia Minor churches.
- By the end of the first century, the church is thought to have been the largest in the world.



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Paul in Ephesus



THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL
 ACTS 15:36-18:32

- City
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Via Egnatia
- ⌋ Pass
- ← Route of Paul and Silas

Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)

Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Paul speaks to the Areopagus

Paul brought on charges before Gallio

Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia

Luke joins Paul

Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea

Paul imprisoned

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Paul in Ephesus:

- Paul first comes to Ephesus on his 2nd Missionary Journey. (Acts 18:19 – 21)
- To be continued...