



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



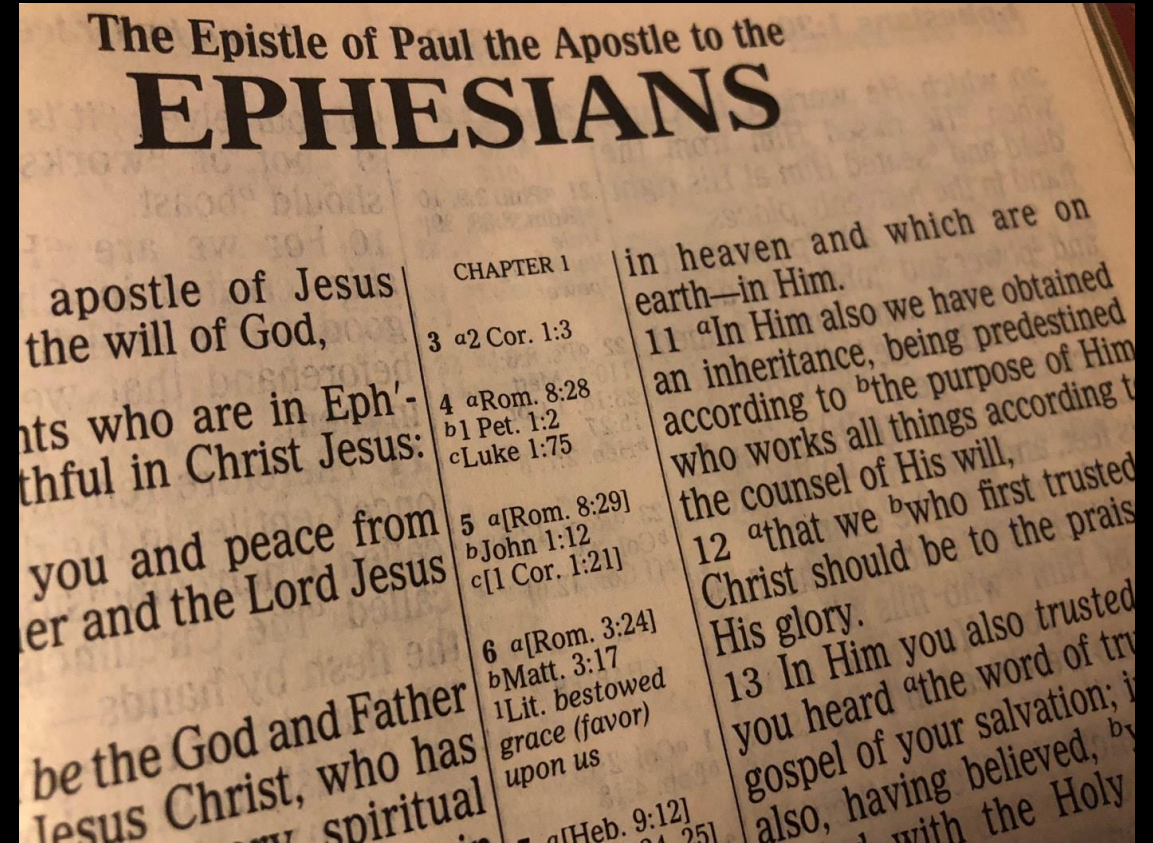
THE EPISTLE OF
EPHESIANS

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 Greek name.
 - Diana was the Roman 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





Paul in Ephesus:

- Paul first comes to Ephesus on his 2nd Missionary Journey. (Acts 18:19 – 21)
- Paul returns on his third missionary journey. (Acts 19:1 – 7)
- Paul meets a last time with the Ephesian Elders (Acts 20:17 – 38)

Outline of the Letter

- Chapter 1: Substance of the Church
- Chapter 2: Salvation of the Church
- Chapter 3: Scheme of the Church
- Chapter 4: Singularity of the Church
- Chapter 5: Sanctification of the Church
- Chapter 6: Soldiers of the Church



THE EPISTLE OF EPHESIANS

The Theme of the Letter

Ephesians 1:22 – 23 (ESV)

22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 5:23 (ESV)

23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Chapter 1: Substance of the Church

- Spiritual Blessings found in Christ! (Ephesians 1:3 – 14)
- To be continued...