

## The Book of Ephesians

### I. Introduction to Book of Ephesians

1. City - a principal city in Asia Minor (Turkey)
2. Delayed by God – Acts 16:6
3. First visit to Ephesus - Acts 18:18-21  
Paul's brief ministry in the Synagogue - 18:18-21  
Invited to stay but must go to Jerusalem
4. Aquilla & Priscilla continued to minister - Acts 18:24-28  
They were joined by Apollos  
Knew the way of the Lord & fervently taught  
But his knowledge was limited to John's baptism  
Aquilla & Priscilla filled him in on God's truth
5. Apollos convinced Jews that Jesus was Messiah

### II. Paul's Return to Ephesus – Acts 19

1. Paul met disciples of John the Baptist– 19:1-7  
Focused their faith on Jesus Christ  
Baptized them in confession of Jesus
2. Paul began his ministry in the Synagogue – 19:8  
Taught Jews of Jesus & the Kingdom of God  
This continued for 3 months
3. Opposition arose to his teaching so he left – 19:9
4. Began teaching in school of Tyrannus – 19:9-10  
More than 2 years teaching on a daily basis
5. From Ephesus Word spread over Asia - 19:10

### III. Gospel's Impact on the Culture – 19:11-41

1. Delivering from sickness & demonism – 11-12  
God worked through Paul bringing miracles
2. Jewish exorcists tried duplicating miracles- 13-16  
They failed and were injured by the demons
3. This demonstrated that Paul was of God – 17-20  
Many believed & burned their pagan books  
The Word of God prevailed & believers multiplied
4. Impact on the business of making idols – 23-41  
Silversmiths stirred up the city almost to a riot  
Temple of goddess Artemis (Diana) was in Ephesus
5. It brought about Paul's departure – 20:1
6. Paul's final meeting with Ephesian elders – 20:17-38  
On his way to Jerusalem  
He asks them to come to where he is  
This meeting has a very emotional note  
Recalling his ministry to them – 17-27  
Warning them of danger of apostacy – 28-31  
Weeping & praying in departure - 32-38

### IV. Introduction to Ephesians – Eph. 1:1-3

1. Ephesian letter written from Roman prison  
Other churches in Asia may have shared letter
2. Paul writes as an apostle – Eph. 1:1  
Writes with authority given by Jesus Christ  
His message comes directly from the Lord  
His apostleship is by the will of God
3. To the saints which are at Ephesus – 1  
Those who are set apart unto God  
Those who are faithful in Christ Jesus
4. His greeting comes from God & Jesus Christ - 2  
Those in Christ are recipients of grace and peace  
Theme of His letter will focus on God's grace & peace  
This provision from God sustains us in any circumstance
5. Blessed by God with all spiritual blessings – 3  
Being in Christ we are related to God  
Notice how Paul refers to God  
Found in other New Testament passages  
Romans 15:6; 2 Corinthians 1:3; 11:31;  
Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:3; 1 Peter 1:2-3  
Being in Christ we enjoy all of God's rich blessing