

Ephesians: Redemption Provided and Applied

Introduction to Ephesians

- Importance of the Book
- The Nature of the Book
 - **A Prison letter**—see chapters 3:1; 4:1; 6:20
 - **Comprehensive letter**
 - **Doctrinal or Theological letter**
 - **Practical letter**
 - **Devotional letter**
- Themes of Ephesians
 - **Chapter 1:1-7**—Redemption in Christ (buy back)
 - **Chapter 1:10**—God’s purpose for the whole universe
 - **Chapter 1:20-23; 2:19-22; 5:22-31**—People of God, Body of Christ, Church
 - **Chapter 2:8-10**—Grace of God
 - **Chapter 2:11-22**—Christian Unity
 - **Chapter 4:1**—The Christian Calling
- Destination of the Letter
- Description of Ephesus
 - **Location**—Western coast of Turkey (Asia) where the Cayster river entered the sea.
 - **Center of wealth.**
 - **“The Light of Asia”**
 - **“Ephesus was the Gateway of Asia”**
 - **History**
- Biblical Significance
 - **Synagogue for the Jewish people in Acts 18** Acts 18:19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.
 - **Paul’s visit on 2nd missionary journey** Acts 18:18-21
 - **Apollos ministered in Ephesus** Acts 18:24-27
 - **Paul’s major time in Ephesus was his 3rd missionary journey** Acts 19:1-20:1
 - **Paul left Timothy in Ephesus** 1 Timothy 1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
 - **Onesiphorus ministered there** 2 Timothy 1:18
 - **Paul met with the elders at Miletus** Acts 20:16-38

- **Tychicus sent by Paul to Ephesus 2Tim. 4:12 And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.**
 - **Ephesus is one of 7 churches in Revelation**
 - **Early tradition says that John lived in Ephesus in 95 AD was exiled, wrote, returned, died, and buried there.**
 - **Mary accompanied John to Ephesus, died and was buried there. Church of Holy Virgin established.**
 - **Paul was imprisoned on top of a mountain (St. Paul's prison)**
 - **Luke was buried at Ephesus**
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- Authorship