

# Introduction to Ephesians

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## **What is Ephesians?**

An epistle (letter) to one of the early  
Christian churches

Mixture of Jewish and Gentile Christians

## **Who wrote Ephesians, and where and when?**

The apostle Paul

House arrest in Rome

Roughly AD 61

# **Some details about Ephesus**

**Huge city & port (200-300,000?)**

**Strategically important**

**Centre for worship of many  
Greek and Roman gods**

**Temple of Artemis (Diana)**

**We know much about the  
church in Ephesus**

# Content of Ephesians

## Chapters 1-3

Our relationship to God  
Position

The Church's calling and belief

- The Great Story of grace
- Its climax in Jesus
- Chosen / Adoption (**sit**)
- Redemption
- Forgiveness
- Mystery
- God's eternal purposes for us
- Unity (Jew & Gentile)

## Chapters 4-6

Our relationship to one another  
Practice  
The Church's conduct and behaviour

- Our relationship to one another
- How to live our part of the story (**walk**)
- Individually, marriages, families, church family, slaves, workplace, communities
- Spiritual warfare (**stand**)