

SUMMER TERM 2024

THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

WEEK ONE – INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

GOING DEEPER IN EPHESIANS

SUNDAYS 5.00 – 6.00 PM

APRIL 28 EPHESIANS 1 – WHAT ARE OUR
SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST?

MAY 5 EPHESIANS 2 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE SEATED IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS?

MAY 12 EPHESIANS 3 – WHAT'S GOD'S
DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH?

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JUNE 9 EPHESIANS 4 – WHAT ROLE DO APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, PASTORS AND TEACHERS PLAY IN TODAY'S CHURCH?

JUNE 16 EPHESIANS 5 – WHAT IS THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH?

JUNE 23 EPHESIANS 6 – WHAT IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE?

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PAUL'S LETTERS

THE 'FIRST' LETTERS

1 & 2 THESSALONIANS (& POSSIBLY GALATIANS)

WRITTEN C. AD 50–1, DURING HIS STAY IN
CORINTH ON HIS MISSION TO GREECE

PAUL'S LETTERS

THE 'GOSPEL' LETTERS

ROMANS, 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS & GALATIANS

GALATIANS MAY HAVE BEEN WRITTEN EARLIER, BUT
THESE ARE GENERALLY AGREED TO HAVE BEEN
WRITTEN DURING THE AEGEAN MINISTRY.

1 & 2 CORINTHIANS WERE WRITTEN FROM EPHESUS,
C. AD 54–5; AND ROMANS WRITTEN ON A VISIT TO
CORINTH IN AD 56–7.

PAUL'S LETTERS

THE 'PRISON' LETTERS

EPHESIANS, COLOSSIANS, PHILIPPIANS & PHILEMON. TRADITION HAS IT THAT ALL THESE WERE WRITTEN WHILE PAUL WAS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME, IN AD 62. HOWEVER, OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE CAESAREA AND EPHESUS, WHICH WOULD GIVE THE LETTERS AN EARLIER DATE.

PAUL'S LETTERS

THE 'PASTORAL' LETTERS

1 & 2 TIMOTHY, AND TITUS, WRITTEN IN PAUL'S OLD AGE, IN ROME, SOMETIME BETWEEN AD 63 AND AD 67.

ACTS 18

AFTER THIS, PAUL LEFT ATHENS AND WENT TO CORINTH. ² THERE HE MET A JEW NAMED **AQUILA**, A NATIVE OF PONTUS, WHO HAD RECENTLY COME FROM ITALY WITH HIS WIFE **PRISCILLA**, BECAUSE **CLAUDIUS HAD ORDERED ALL JEWS TO LEAVE ROME**. PAUL WENT TO SEE THEM, ³ AND BECAUSE HE WAS A TENTMAKER AS THEY WERE, HE STAYED AND WORKED WITH THEM. ⁴ EVERY SABBATH HE REASONED IN THE SYNAGOGUE, TRYING TO PERSUADE JEWS AND GREEKS.

¹² WHILE **GALLIO WAS PROCONSUL OF ACHAIA**, THE JEWS OF CORINTH MADE A UNITED ATTACK ON PAUL AND BROUGHT HIM TO THE PLACE OF JUDGMENT. ¹³ 'THIS MAN,' THEY CHARGED, 'IS PERSUADING THE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN WAYS CONTRARY TO THE LAW.'



¹⁸ PAUL STAYED ON IN CORINTH FOR SOME TIME. THEN HE LEFT THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND SAILED FOR SYRIA, ACCOMPANIED BY PRISCILLA AND AQUILA ... ¹⁹ THEY ARRIVED AT EPHESUS, WHERE PAUL LEFT PRISCILLA AND AQUILA. HE HIMSELF WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE AND REASONED WITH THE JEWS. ²⁰ WHEN THEY ASKED HIM TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEM, HE DECLINED. ²¹ BUT AS HE LEFT, HE PROMISED, 'I WILL COME BACK IF IT IS GOD'S WILL.' THEN HE SET SAIL FROM EPHESUS.

²⁴ MEANWHILE A JEW NAMED APOLLOS, A NATIVE OF ALEXANDRIA, CAME TO EPHESUS. HE WAS A LEARNED MAN, WITH A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES. ²⁵ HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED IN THE WAY OF THE LORD, AND HE SPOKE WITH GREAT FERVOUR AND TAUGHT ABOUT JESUS ACCURATELY, **THOUGH HE KNEW ONLY THE BAPTISM OF JOHN.** ²⁶ HE BEGAN TO SPEAK BOLDLY IN THE SYNAGOGUE. WHEN PRISCILLA AND AQUILA HEARD HIM, THEY INVITED HIM TO THEIR HOME AND EXPLAINED TO HIM THE WAY OF GOD MORE ADEQUATELY.

ACTS 19

WHILE APOLLOS WAS AT CORINTH, PAUL TOOK THE ROAD THROUGH THE INTERIOR AND ARRIVED AT EPHESUS. THERE HE FOUND SOME DISCIPLES ² AND ASKED THEM, 'DID YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN YOU BELIEVED?' THEY ANSWERED, 'NO, WE HAVE NOT EVEN HEARD THAT THERE IS A HOLY SPIRIT.'³ SO PAUL ASKED, 'THEN WHAT BAPTISM DID YOU RECEIVE?' '**JOHN'S BAPTISM,**' THEY REPLIED.

⁴ PAUL SAID, 'JOHN'S BAPTISM WAS A BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE. HE TOLD THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN THE ONE COMING AFTER HIM, THAT IS, IN JESUS.' ⁵ ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE BAPTISED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS. ⁶ WHEN PAUL PLACED HIS HANDS ON THEM, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME ON THEM, AND THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES AND PROPHESED. ⁷ THERE WERE ABOUT TWELVE MEN IN ALL.

ACTS 19

¹⁷ WHEN THIS BECAME KNOWN TO THE JEWS AND GREEKS LIVING IN EPHESUS, THEY WERE ALL SEIZED WITH FEAR, AND THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS WAS HELD IN HIGH HONOUR. ¹⁸ MANY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVED NOW CAME AND OPENLY CONFESSED WHAT THEY HAD DONE. ¹⁹ A NUMBER WHO HAD PRACTISED SORCERY BROUGHT THEIR SCROLLS TOGETHER AND BURNED THEM PUBLICLY. WHEN THEY CALCULATED THE VALUE OF THE SCROLLS, THE TOTAL CAME TO FIFTY THOUSAND DRACHMAS. ²⁰ IN THIS WAY THE WORD OF THE LORD SPREAD WIDELY AND GREW IN POWER.

WHEN YOU BELIEVED, YOU WERE MARKED IN HIM
WITH A SEAL, THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT, ¹⁴ WHO
IS A DEPOSIT GUARANTEEING OUR INHERITANCE
UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF THOSE WHO ARE
GOD'S POSSESSION – TO THE PRAISE OF HIS
GLORY.

ACTS 1