



This Week's Meeting Led By: Skip Cecchini



Central Scripture: Ephesians Chapter 1

Introduction:

Ephesus was a leading city in Asia Minor about 1 mile inland from the Aegean Sea. It was a Roman capital, a wealthy center of the merchant trade, and was home to the Temple of Diana, considered one of the seven wonders of the world at the time.

Paul first visited Ephesus on his second missionary journey after leaving Corinth about 49-52 A.D. His first stay in Ephesus must not have been long as he felt compelled to be in Jerusalem for the feast (*we do not know which feast*). He left Aquila and Priscilla there to help them (Acts 18:18-21). He spent three years in Ephesus on his third missionary journey (Acts 19). He exerted so much influence there that the idol makers became worried and incited a riot against him. After the uproar had ceased, he exhorted his disciples and departed for Macedonia.

Ephesians is one of Paul's five Prison Epistles, probably written while in prison in Rome about 60-64 A.D.

Theme: The major theme of Ephesians is that the Church (ekklesia) is the mystical body of Christ; God's great master plan was to bring everything together (Eph. 1:10) under Christ as head (Eph. 1:22-23); we, as the body of Christ on earth, have a part in this plan and the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of God's promise (Eph. 1:13-14). There is one body (Eph 4:4), not two. Jews and Gentiles are now one in Christ.

Ephesians contains six chapters and can be divided into two sections:

1. Doctrine (Chapters 1, 2, and 3).
2. Practical Christian Living (Chapters 4, 5, and 6).

Words to Define:

1. Faithful; from the greek word *pis-tos*; trustful, believe, trustworthy, worthy of trust.
2. Saints: *hagios*; pure, clean, holy, set apart from a common to a sacred use.
3. Bless: *eulogeo*; to speak well of, thank.
4. Praise: *websters*; an expression of approval, value.
5. Worship: *websters*; reverence offered a divine being.
A form of religious practice with its creed and ritual.

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Scriptural References

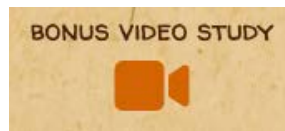
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