



Ephesians

The Power to Know. The Power to Be.

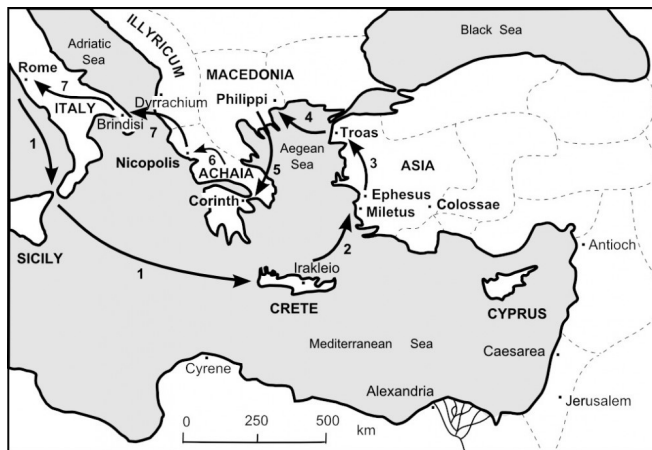
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Introduction

Ephesus

1. 4th largest city in the world at the time
2. Large pagan presence
3. Church was started by Paul
 - a. Aquila, Priscilla, and Timothy all ministered here at some point



Artists rendering of what the temple of Diana may have looked like. It was one of around 50 temples in the Ephesus region.

Notes: _____



Introduction

Theme--The _____ and _____
of Jesus and His Gospel

- Chapter 1-3: The Power of the _____
- Chapter 4-6: How that Power _____ us
- Jesus holds this power and authority, given by the _____ and effectuated by the _____.
- From the Father
 - 1:19--the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand....22 and He put all things under His feet.
- By Jesus
 - 1:11--In Him we have obtained an inheritance...
- In us by the Spirit
 - 1:13-14--In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
- This power:
 - Exhibits _____
 - Exhibits His _____
 - Is measured out according to the " _____ of His _____"



Introduction

- Paul focused on the power and authority of Jesus in light of the _____ presence in Ephesus and the surrounding area

His Power throughout Ephesians

- His power _____ us
 - 1:7; 2:5; 2:8; 2:13
- His power makes us _____
 - 2:10; 4:24; 5:8
- His power makes us _____
 - 2:14; 2:19; 3:6; 4:3
- His power _____ us
 - Ephesians 6

Notes: _____



1:3-14 Redeemed by Christ, to the Father, for His glory

1. God has taken and is taking the _____ in
forming His Church and lavishing blessings upon her.

ALL IN CHRIST!!

God has blessed us

He lavished all this upon us

He chose us

He has made known to us the

He predestined us

mystery of His will, according to

All according to His will

His purpose

He has blessed us in the

He set forth in Christ (the plan)

Beloved (The Son)

to unite all things in Him

In Him we have redemption

He sealed us with the Holy

through His blood

Spirit

*All of God working through all of history to save all of us--Michael
Defazio*

Notes: _____



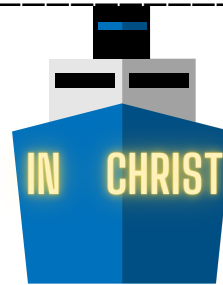
1:3-14 Redeemed by Christ, to the Father, for His glory

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (vs. 3)
 - Eulogetos: Blessing towards _____. It speaks of praise and honor being given.
 - Makarios: Blessing towards _____. It speaks of a state of being.
- Blessed us _____ (vs. 3)
 - When you are in Christ, all that is true of Him changes what is true of you.
-Joe Wittwer
 - "In Christ" indicates _____
 - In Adam vs. In Christ
 - Romans 5:12-21
 - "In Christ" indicates _____
 - Enemy vs. son
 - "In Christ" indicates _____
 - Far off vs. brought near
 - Galatians 2:20--I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 - John 15
 - _____ in Me, and I in you
 - You can't bear _____ by yourself, only in Me.
 - Without me, you can do _____.



1:3-14 Redeemed by Christ, to the Father, for His glory

- (Blessed) with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (vs. 3)
 - Not restricted by _____ or _____
 - Not restricted or dependent upon _____
- He chose us in Him (vs. 4-6)



- In Him we have redemption (vs. 7)
 - Redemption & Forgiveness
 - Redeemed: He paid the _____ for our souls
 - Forgiveness:
 - Paresis: Used only in Romans 3:25-- _____ over
 - Aphasis: 17 times in NT. The _____ slate
 - According to...
 - The riches of His _____ which He _____ upon us
 - Lavish vs. stingy
 - In all _____ and insight
 - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18
 - Making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose which He set forth in Christ
 - Hebrews 1:1-2



1:3-14 Redeemed by Christ, to the Father, for His glory

- In Him we have obtained an inheritance (vs 11)

- In Him...you were sealed

- Warren Weirsbe

- Blessings from the Father (v. 1-6)

- He has chosen us
- He has adopted us
- He has accepted us

- Blessings from the Son (v.7-12)

- He has redeemed us
- He has forgiven us
- He has revealed God's will to us
- He has made us an inheritance

- Blessings from the Spirit

- He has sealed us
- He has given us an earnest



1:15-23

The Authority and Power of Christ

- For this reason....

- Paul's Prayer
 - One of 2 prayers in Ephesians (Warren Wiersbe)
 - 1:15-23--"That you might _____
 - 3:13-21--"That you might _____
 - Know the _____
 - Know His _____
 - Know our _____
 - Know His _____
- Know the Father
 - vs. 17--The Father would give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.
 - Wisdom--Knowledge _____ God
 - Revelation--_____ knowledge of God
- Know our hope
 - vs. 18--The eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you
 - The eyes of your heart enlightened
 - The importance of _____
 - We walked in darkness but now the _____ has come.
 - Is. 9:2--The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light
 - Ephesians 5:8--For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.



1:15-23

The Authority and Power of Christ

- Know the hope
 - The hope of _____
- Know our _____
 - vs. 18--(know) what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints
- Know His _____
 - vs. 19--What is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe
- The power and authority of Jesus
 - Above every rule, authority, power and dominion (vs. 21)
 - Rule: first cause
 - Authority: Jurisdiction, control, claim
 - Power: δυναμις (dunamis), power, mighty strength
 - Dominion: lordship
 - We broadcast this power to the world through our _____



2:1-10

From death to life

◦ Overview

- We are HIS creation. HE _____ua AND _____ us.
- He brings _____ to _____ things
- We don't _____ from grace. We don't _____ from the Gospel
- Vs. 1-3: Our _____ nature
- Vs. 4-7 Our _____ nature

◦ 2:1-3

- Dead in _____ and _____
 - Trespasses: Our _____
 - Sins: Our _____
 - Romans 6:12--Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
 - Romans 6:17--You who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart.
- In which you once _____
 - Walked: a state of _____ being.
 - Following:
 - According to; in unity with, in step with
 - The course of this _____
 - The prince of the power of the air
 - We lived in:
 - The passions of our _____
 - The _____ of our body and mind
 - Children of wrath



2:1-10

From death to life

◦ 2:4-7

- But _____
- Being _____ in mercy
 - Rich: overabundance, boundless
- Because of His great love with which He loved us (ref. 1:3-10)
- When we were _____ ----made us _____
 - He changes our _____
- Seated us...in the coming ages
 - 1:18--having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

◦ 2:8-10

- By _____, through _____, it is a _____.
- Not _____ works, _____ works.
- Contrast 2:1--The rule of sin causes us to walk in our _____, the grace of God causes us to walk in good _____. Our nature of _____ is replaced by the nature of _____.



2:11-3:7 From foreigner to fellow citizen

- He brings _____ to _____ thing

- Gentiles were not part of the original covenant
 - We were _____ (Vs 12)
 - We were _____ (vs 12)
 - From the commonwealth of Israel
 - From _____ in God's activity in the world
 - We were _____ to the covenant
 - Without _____ (future)
 - Without God in _____ world (present)
- In Christ
 - He is our _____
 - Peace is _____
 - Notes _____

 - Salvation is not just about making us right with _____, but with _____



2:11-3:7 From foreigner to fellow citizen

- He is our _____ (vs. 19-22)
 - We are being built _____ (vs.19)
 - We are no longer _____ --speaks to _____
 - We are no longer _____ --speaks to _____
_____ (corporate relationship)
 - Upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets...the OT and the NT all point to _____
 - Being fitted together... _____
 - Grows into...the Church is a _____
 - 1 Peter 2:15
 - We are being built _____.



3:8-21 That you would be...

- Vs. 8--An assertion of Paul's divine calling to express the power of God to the gentiles.
 - Preach---joyfully _____
 - The _____ riches of Christ
 - anexichniaston--not capable of being traced by footprints
 - Romans 11:33--Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable are His ways!
- Vs. 9--and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; (NASB)
 - Ref. 1:18
 - Notes: _____

- Vs. 10--so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.
 - Manifold---the beauty of an _____ pattern or a field of _____
 - The Church is the _____ of the power of God.
- Vs. 14-21 The prayer "That we might _____"
 - We would be _____



3:8-21 That you would be...

- We would be able to comprehend the _____ of God
- We would be _____ to all the fullness of God
- We would be _____ verse 16
 - With power through His _____ -
 - Bob Utley's role of the Spirit
 - _____ Jesus
 - _____ to Jesus
 - _____ into Jesus
 - _____ Jesus in believers
- We would be able to _____ the love of God
 - Notes _____

- We would be _____ to the fullness of God
 - Notes _____



4:1 Walking Worthily

- I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called
- Transition verse
 - From _____ truths to _____ exhortations
 - The work of God _____ our participation to the work of God _____ our participation
- Therefore...
 - In _____ of all that God has done for us
- I urge you
 - _____, implore
- Walk
 - Metaphor for the life we lead
 - Gr. to walk, to lead a life, to _____ yourself to something
 - _____-the decisions we make with our lifestyle (right/wrong)
 - Romans 13:13--Let us walk properly
 - Colossian 1:10--Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
 - 1 Thessalonians 2:12--Walk in a manner worthy of God
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1--Walk to please God
 - 1 John 2:6--Walk in the same way (as Jesus)
 - 2 John 6--Walk according to His commandments
 - _____-From what place are we living?
 - Romans 6:4--Walk in newness of life
 - Romans 8:4--Walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit



4:1 Walking Worthily

- 2 Corinthians 5:7--Walk by faith, not by sight
- Galatians 5:16--Walk in the Spirit, so that you do not fulfill the lusts of the flesh
- Ephesians 5:8--Walk as children of light
- 1 John 1:7--Walk in the light
- _____--Are we walking in a way to show Christ to those around us?
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:12--Walk properly toward outsiders
 - Ephesians 2:1--Walk in good works
 - Ephesians 5:2--Walk in loves
 - Colossians 4:5--Walk in wisdom
 - Colossians 2:6--Walk in Him (Jesus)
- Worthy
 - Gr. _____ weight
- Notes: _____



4:2-16 Growing in Unity

- Walk worthy of your calling
 - Calling of salvation
 - Calling of unity
- Vs. 2-6---Unity
 - This unity is a unity of the _____
 - The bond of unity is _____
 - We walk this unity out through:
 - _____/lowliness
 - _____/meekness
 - _____
 - _____with one another in love
 - Be eager to _____
 - Notes: _____
 - _____
 - Why unity?
- Vs. 7
 - Unity does not mean _____
- Vs. 8
 - Notes: _____
 - _____
- NOTES: _____:



4:17-32 Put off the old, Put on the New

- We see again a contrast between the _____ life and our _____ life.
- No longer walk as the Gentiles:
 - Reminder: Walk--the way we do _____ -
 - Paul's description of us without Christ from 2:1-3
 - We were dead in our trespasses and sins (incapable of living _____)
 - We walked according to the course of this world (that is the unrighteous _____ around us.)
 - We walked according to the prince of the power of the air (we followed the enemy; we were in _____ with the desires of the _____).
 - We conducted ourselves according to the lusts of our flesh (not only was the influence we were following against God, we ourselves were against God by our very _____)
- In the futility of their minds
 - Useless, _____
 - Romans 1:21-23--For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
 - Notes _____



4:17-32 Put off the old, Put on the New

- Darkened understanding
 - Blind to what is _____ -
 - Back to Ephesians 1:18--(I pray that)"the eyes of your understanding (would be) enlightened.
- Blindness of heart leads to ignorance, all of which resulted in us being alienated from the life of God.
- Callousness towards right/wrong
 - Vs. 19 ESV--They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.
 - Vs. 19 NKJV--Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
 - Notes: _____

- Greedy to practice every kind of impurity
 - You practice with the intent of making yourself _____ at that which you practice.
 - Greedy--having or showing an intense and selfish desire for something
- Context: Our walk is determined by our _____.

Nature

- Dead in our trespasses/sins
- Walked after the course of this world
- Walked according to the prince of the power of the air
- Conducted ourselves in the lusts of the flesh

Behavior

- Walk in the futility of your mind
- Darkened understanding/blindness of heart/ignorant/alienated from the life of God.
- Callousness towards right/wrong, a way of life being past feeling.
- Greedy to practice every kind of impurity.



4:17-32 Put off the old, Put on the New

- But this isn't YOU!!!!!!!
 - My changed nature of 2:4-10 changes my _____!!
 - We also see a shift from what we see as solely the responsibility of Jesus in chapters 1-3 to now us being charged with some responsibility. Your nature has been changed, now act like it!!
- Put _____ your old self
- Be _____ in the spirit of your mind
- Put _____ the new self
 - The subject of the sentence is _____!!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17--Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
 - Righteousness--_____
 - Holiness--_____
- Put away---Put on
 - _____...Truth (vs. 25)
 - Angering _____...Emotional control (vs. 26,27)
 - Dishonesty..._____ (vs. 28)
 - _____ talk..._____ talk (vs. 29)
 - Bitterness, wrath, anger...Kindness tenderheartedness, and forgiveness (vs. 31-32)



5:1-6:9 Walk in the New Man

- Walk in _____ (5:1-6)
 - Pinnacle of the law and prophets--Love _____ Love _____
 - Vs. 3--Selfish _____
 - Vs. 4--Shameless _____
 - Antithesis is _____
- Walk in _____ (5:7-14)
 - Separation of _____, not of _____
 - Partners=Fellow sharers
 - You were _____, but now you are _____
 - Again we see this is IN JESUS
 - Try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord
 - Discern-test, investigate, examine
 - Our role in works of darkness
 - Don't take part
 - _____
- Walk in _____ (5:15-21)
 - Walk _____--exactly, precisely, accurately
 - Vs. 17--understand what the will of the Lord is
 - Don't be _____ with wine, BUT be _____ with the Spirit
- Walk in _____ (5:21-6:9)
 - One to _____
 - Wives to husbands
 - Children to parents
 - Employees to employers



6:10-24 Stand Firm

- Vs. 10
 - Be strong
 - Present passive imperative
 - Present--it is happening now
 - Imperative--it is a command
 - Passive--we are recipient of the action
 - Greek ενδυναμω Cause to be able; become able
 - In the strength of His might
 - Strength κράτος Divine might, rule, dominion
 - Might ισχύς Capability, strength
- Vs. 11
 - Put on
 - Aorist middle imperative-_____
 - The whole armor of God----_____and designed by God
 - That you may be able to _____against
 - From walk to stand
 - We are not told to _____the enemy but to _____the enemy
 - Ephesians 6:11; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9a; Revelation 12:11
 - "When you fight to get the victory, then you have lost the battle at the very outset...(you are) relinquishing to the enemy the very ground that is yours." -Watchman Nee
 - We are to stand in the power of Jesus
 - Jude 9; 1 John 4:4



6:10-24 Stand Firm

- Wiles of the devil
 - Wiles---schemes, deceit, strategic devious plans
- Vs. 12
 - Our role:
 - With man---love, grace, forgiveness, share Christ, share light
 - Spiritual realm--Stand against the enemy
 - KNOW YOUR ENEMY!!!
- Vs. 13
 - Withstand--Remain _____ or unaffected by
- Vs. 14
 - The belt of _____
 - The breastplate of _____
 - The gospel of _____
 - The shield of _____
 - The helmet of _____
 - The sword of the _____

The Believer

Held by truth
Guarded by righteousness
Quick to peace
Protected from the attack of the enemy
Transformed and renewed by Christ

The Unbeliever

Wavers due to no standard
Deceitful and exceedingly wicked
Quick to evil
No protection against Satan's advances
Darkened understanding