

'All Things Everywhere'...

Reading Ephesians



The apostle Paul wrote this amazing letter to the churches in Ephesus and the surrounding region around A.D. 62 while he was imprisoned in Rome (It was during this time that he also wrote Colossians and Philemon).

The City of Ephesus was the most important city in western Asia Minor (now Turkey). It had a harbour, was a part of a major trade route and was a commercial centre. It was also a centre for pagan worship with a temple dedicated to the Roman goddess Diana dominating the city. Ephesus was a centre for Paul's evangelism for about three years during which time the church there flourished.

Paul's message to the Ephesian church does not tackle any particular error or problem. Paul simply wrote to really encourage his readers, that they might understand better the extent of God's eternal purpose and grace and come to further appreciate God's intent for the church.

There are three clear themes running through the letter:

- **Firstly** that Christ has reconciled all creation to himself and to God.
- **Secondly** that Christ has united people from all nations to himself and to one another in his church.
- **Thirdly** this has to make a difference to every area of our lives as Christians.

We are going to spend the whole month looking at this letter so you may want to look at a commentary alongside your reading – Tom Wright's 'Ephesians for Everyone' is very good. The Bible Project have done a really good overview of Ephesians on YouTube that you may find helpful.

Day 1 Ephesians 1:1-2	Day 17 Ephesians 4:17-24
Day 2 Ephesians 1:3-6	Day 18 Ephesians 4:25-28
Day 3 Ephesians 1:7-10	Day 19 Ephesians 4:29-5:2
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Day 6 Ephesians 1:20-23	Day 22 Ephesians 5:15-21
Day 7 Ephesians 2:1-10	Day 23 Ephesians 5:22-24
Day 8 Ephesians 2:11-16	Day 24 Ephesians 5:25-30
Day 9 Ephesians 2:17-22	Day 25 Ephesians 5:31-33
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