

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 14: Ephesians

“A Unified Church”

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Summary: God has broken down the dividing wall between believers of all races or statuses and made them one through His Son.

Author: Paul

- He identified himself as the author (1:1).
- He stated that he wrote from _____ (3:1).
- Most of the early fathers recognized him as the author.

Recipients: _____

- Church at Ephesus (1:1)
- The letter may have been “_____.”
 - Some copied manuscripts leave out “at Ephesus.”
 - Sharing prized possessions is completely natural.
 - The reference to a letter from Laodicea in Colossians may refer to the book of Ephesians (Col. 4:16).
- Ephesus was one of Paul’s key ministry locations.
 - Paul established this church at the end of his _____ journey (Acts 18:18-20).
 - He spent three years there at the beginning of his third journey (Acts 19:1, 8, 10, 21-22).
 - He bade farewell to the church at the end of his third journey (Acts 20:16-17, 22-23, 37-38).
- Some other important workers at Ephesus
 - Aquila and Priscilla
 - _____: An Alexandrian born Jew who was a passionate preacher to the Jews.
- Apollos came to Ephesus after Paul left.
- Aquila and Priscilla trained him.
- Then they sent him to _____.

Date:

- From Prison (3:1)
- This is probably his earliest prison epistle.
 - It is referenced in _____.
 - The others were most likely written from Rome.
- Probably written from Rome
- If so, the date is around AD _____.

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-2)
- _____ Instruction (1:3-3:21)
 - The mystery of unity (1:3-23)
 - The reconciling power of the cross (2:1-22).
 - Paul’s role in preaching the mystery (3:1-21).
- _____ Instruction (4:1-6:22)
 - Live in the unity of Christ (4:1-32).
 - Avoid the works of darkness (5:1-20).
 - _____ to each other (5:21-6:9).
 - Stand strong in the evil day (6:10-20).
- Conclusion (6:21-24)

Key Theme: The _____ of Ephesians

- What is a “mystery?”
 - It _____ a series of clues that we are supposed to follow to arrive at a conclusion.
 - It _____ something not understood in prior ages because God had not revealed it fully.
- Paul’s theme throughout the entire book is the mystery of unity in Christ.
- Mystery of _____
 - God’s will was to gather together all things in Christ (1:9-10).
 - _____, who were separated from Israel, have been drawn near by the blood of Christ (2:11-14).
 - Jews and Gentiles have been made one body in Christ (2:16).
 - Paul was the _____ of the Mystery (3:2-6).
 - The Mystery was hidden from the prophets before (3:5).
 - Our unity in Christ demands us to treat each other with _____ (4:32).

Application: Live in unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ, for He has brought us together as a single body.