Ephesians

Blessings Revealed!



Background

Author: Paul

■ Recipients: Ephesian believers

■ Place: Rome / Prison



Background

- Purpose: Preventive maintenance
- Theme: The believers' wealth and walk

- Outline:
 - ◆ Orthodoxy 1-3
 - ◆ Orthopraxy 4-6



What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



What Is Inside?

Our Trinitarian Blessings

■ Blessings (1:3-14)

- Chosen by Father
- ◆ Redeemed by Son
- Sealed by Spirit



■ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

Man's Problems, God's Solutions

Problems

- Death (2:1)
- Demonically influenced (2:2)
- Doomed (2:3b)
- Depraved (2:3a)

Solutions

- Life (2:5)
- Authoritytransferred (2:6-7)
- Grace (2:8-9)
- Good works (2:10)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Past disunion (2:11-12)

Present union (2:13-19)



Priestly structure (2:20-22)

Ephesus Background (Acts 18:23–19:41)

Home of zealous Jews

(Acts 19:8-9)

Temple of Diana (Acts 19:35)



Ephesians 3:1-21

Mystery (3:1-6)

Ministry (3:7-13)

Prayer (3:14-21)



Mystery (3:1-6)

- Revelation (3:1-2)
- Disclosure (3:3)
- Comprehensibility (3:4)
- Timing (3:5)
- Content (3:6)



Ministry (3:7-13)

- Placement (3:7-8a)
- Performance (3:8b-9)
- Mystery (3:10-12)
- Exhortation (3:13)



Mystery (3:10-12)

God's wisdom (3:10)

God's purpose (3:11)

Our access (3:12)



Ministry (3:7-13)

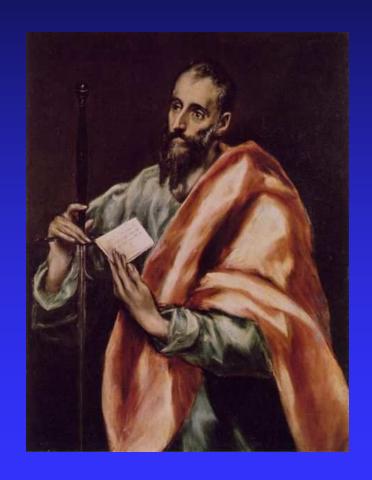
- Placement (3:7-8a)
- Performance (3:8b-9)
- Mystery (3:10-12)
- Exhortation (3:13)



Prayer (3:14-21)

Paul's humility (3:14-15)

Paul's prayer (3:16-21)



Prayer (3:16-21)

- Strength in the inner man (3:16)
- Christ would be at home in the heart (3:17a)
- Comprehension of God's love (3:17b-19)
- Praise to God (3:20-21)



Our Trinitarian Blessings

■ Blessings (1: 3-14)

- ◆ Chosen by Father
- ◆ Redeemed by Son
- Sealed by Spirit



■ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

Prayer (3:16-21)

- Strength in the inner man (3:16)
- Christ would be at home in the heart (3:17a)
- Comprehension of God's love (3:17b-19)
- Praise to God (3:20-21)

