

# Ephesians

Blessed  
Together!



# 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



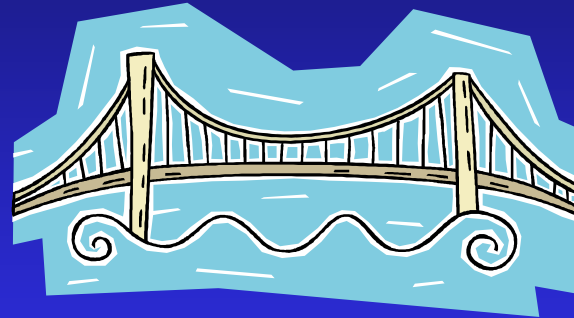
# What Is It About?

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



# What Is Inside?

1-3



4-6

ORTHODOXY

ORTHOPRAXY

# 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)
- Authority transferred (2:6-7)
- Grace (2:8-9)
- Good works (2:10)

# Ephesus Background (Acts 18:23–19:41)

- Home of zealous Jews

(Acts 19:8-9)

- Temple of Diana

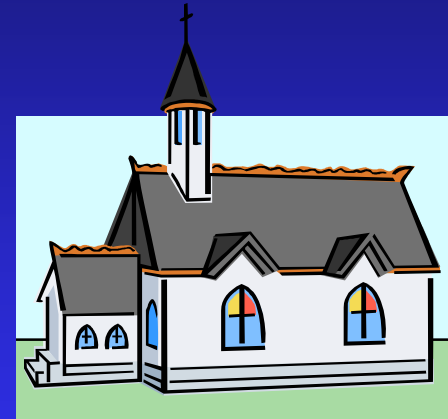
(Acts 19:35)





# Outline (2:11-22)

- Past disunion (2:11-12)
- Present union (2:13-19)
- Priestly structure (2:20-22)



# Past Disunion (2:11-22)

- Uncircumcised (2:11)
- Unprivileged (2:12)



# Unprivileged (2:12)

- Without:
  - ◆ Christ
  - ◆ Jewish citizenship
  - ◆ The covenants
  - ◆ Hope
  - ◆ God

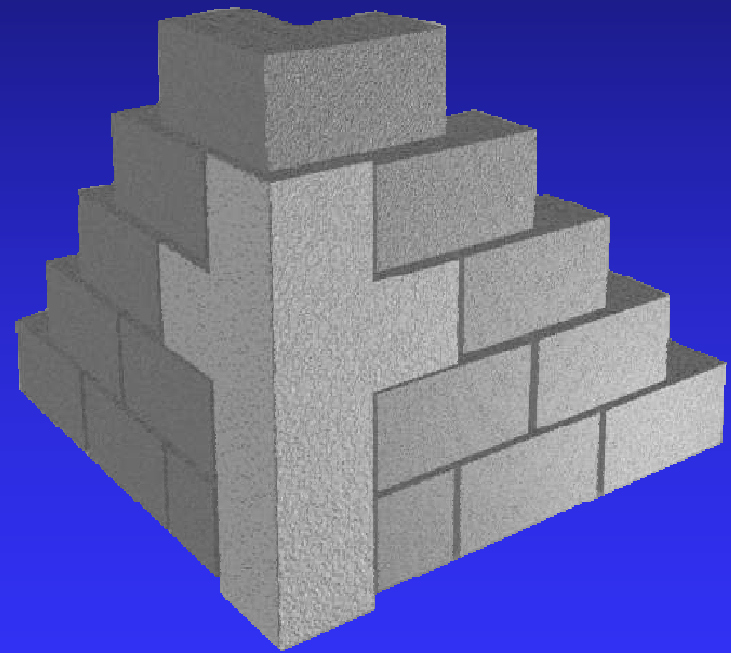


# Present Union (2:13-19)

- Declaration of union (2:13)
- Destruction of dividing wall (2:14-15)
- Description of the new man (2:14-15)
- Description of peace (2:16-18)
- Description of our new citizenship (2:19)

# Priestly Structure (2:20-22)

- Foundation (2:20)
- Formation (2:21)
- Function (2:22)

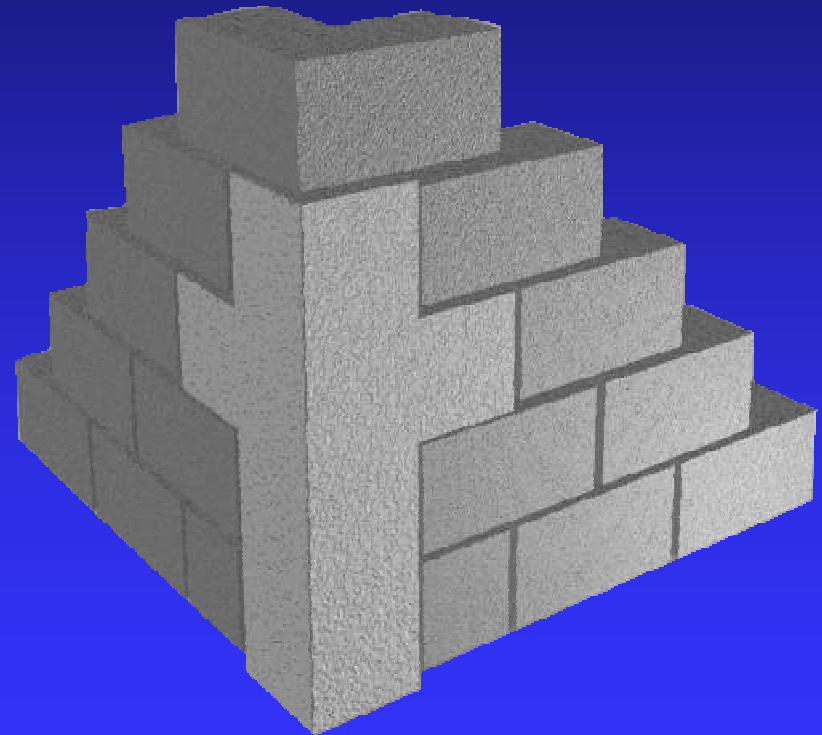


# Foundation (2:20)

- Corner stone = Christ
- Foundation = apostles and prophets
- Stones in the building = believers

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# So What?

- What is our attitude?
- Are we pursuing unity?
- Are we trying build the church?
- Have we asked God about our role in the church?

