

EPHESIANS | "THE FAITHFUL IN CHRIST JESUS" | LESSON 3 | EPH 1:1-2

I. INTRO/REVIEW:

- ① Historical ② Edification ③ Outline
- ④ Define ⑤ Design ⑥ Goodliness ⑦ Eph 1:1-3:21 - Thinking
- ⑧ Eph. 4:1-5:17 - Living
- ⑨ Eph. 5:18-6:24 - Laboring

II. PREVIEW:

- ① The Faithful in Christ Jesus
- ② Defining Faithful
- ③ The Composition of Faithful

III. SERMON:

[1-2] - "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

① Paul

- ② apostle of Jesus Christ (Acts 9)
- ③ by the will of God (edifice) → make known His will (1:5, 11)

② To

- ② The saints at Ephesus (specific) - location
- ③ faithful (general / specific) - location / maturity > 1 Cor 1

③ Grace & Peace - dispensational, provisional

- ② from God our Father
 - ③ from the Lord Jesus Christ
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• "the faithful in Christ Jesus"

- ① not only faithful at Ephesus, but everywhere
- ② understand "faithful" a little in view of edification
 - not just doctrine but the believers response to the doctrine

• faithful

① Definition - firming adhering to truth; conformable to truth

② God is faithful

• 1 Cor. 1:9, 10:13

• 2 Tim. 2:13 - faithful in spite of our faithlessness

• 2 Cor. 1:18

• Titus 1:2 - "in hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie"

• 1 The 5:24 - "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it"

• 2 The 3:3 - "But the Lord is faithful, who shall."

• Heb. 10:23 - " (for He is faithful that promised;)" (Heb. 11:11)

• 1 Pet. 4:19 - "as unto a faithful Creator"

Summary: That which God has said about everything is that which is truth. That which He says will be → will be. That which He promises will be kept, fulfilled, to the letter and usually above that which is imagined in the promise.

• God's faithfulness and our knowing of it works our own faithfulness. We believe that which He is, has done, does, and will do. We believe, although we see Him not, that one day all will be revealed and thus works a godly fear to faithfulness. We believe and tend to that which He instructs as worthy to be guide and the direction of our lives. We even find joy in faithfulness because we know truth will abide and all else will perish.

(Faithful - Lydia, Colosse, Tychicus, Tim., Aho, Silvanus, Epaphras, Onesimus, Paul, Moses)

③ The faithful

• 1 Tim 4:3 - "believe and know the truth"

• 1 Tim. 6:1-2 - "faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit." spiritual gift

• 1 Tim 4:12 - "be example. in faith"

• Matt. 25:14-30 - good & faithful → takes that which has been given and does what the Master says to do with it.

• Luke. 12:42-47

• 1 Cor. 4:1-4

② Steward is to be found faithful (Rom. 6-8)

③ Worldly judgment is a small thing

④ Paul knows nothing by himself → the Lord is His judge

Summary: The faithful are not only in Christ Jesus but is a characteristic of their relationship with Christ.

• The faithful adhere to truth, believe the evidence of God's things as described by Him, by His Word.

• The faithful learn truth, to walk consistent to it as the principle of their life.

• The faithful possess substance of things hoped for.

• The faithful desire not only increase in their knowledge, but in their conversation.

• The faithful do not look to the wisdom of the world

• The faithful are maturing and not characterized as babes and walking after the flesh.

• The faithful behold the glory of the image of their Savior in the word of God and not only want or having willingness to be like their Savior → they so see His beauty that knowing Him, beholding Him transforms them.

• The faithful see the doctrine as words of Christ, words to not neglect but as gold, silver, precious stones to build within them, sweet gems, immaculate treasure to be possessed as their eye behold's Him.

• The faithful, although not sinlessly perfect, when they fail, when they sin, when they go against God → return and pick up where they left off.

• The faithful simply love Christ

• They learn Christ and want more, more, and more

• They understand He is inexhaustible - but pursue to exhaust in learning and living.

• The faithful are constantly aware of their weakness and cleave to His strength.

• The faithful know the foundation, but want to know more.

• Therefore, the faithful are not

• simply concerned with the past in view of their redemption but that which is ordained before the world

• simply concerned with our heavenly citizenship, but heavenly conversation and vocation.

• simply concerned with the day of redemption, but the ages to come, world without end.

• simply concerned with grace, but its riches

• simply concerned with some spiritual gift, but all spiritual blessings

• simply concerned with knowing in part, but the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ (the full knowledge of the Son of God)

• simply concerned with being perfectly joined together, but making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love

• simply concerned with the height and depth, but the breadth, length, depth, and height.

• simply concerned with the love of God, but the great love of God with the love of Christ, but that which passeth knowledge

• simply full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, but to be filled with all the fulness of God.

• simply concerned with his power, but the exceeding greatness of his power

• simply concerned with part of his house, but all the building part of the family, but the whole family in heaven & earth

• simply concerned with part of the armour of God, but the whole armour

- Simply concerned with good works, but that they work after the counsel of his own will

with good works, but to increase and abound in them

- Simply concerned with not fainting, but becomes skilled in standing

- Simply concerned with their own pleasure, but the good pleasure of His will

- not our calling, but His calling
 - not the riches of the world, but of His grace

- For those that desire this or are these things, the faithful get the most out of it.

• God has called us to faithfulness, we ought to be faithful or want to be, and these things Paul does not withhold from the perfect, (the faithful)