

**EPHESIANS**  
**IN**  
**CHRIST**



# **Acts 21:26–36**

## **THE RIOT IN THE TEMPLE COMPLEX**

**<sup>26</sup>So the next day, Paul took the men, having purified himself along with them, and entered the temple, announcing the completion of the purification days when the offering would be made for each of them. <sup>27</sup>When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd, and seized him,...**



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**...<sup>28</sup>shouting, “Fellow Israelites, help! This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people, our law, and this place. What’s more, he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”<sup>29</sup>For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple.**



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<sup>30</sup>The whole city was stirred up, and the people rushed together. They seized Paul, dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut.

<sup>31</sup>As they were trying to kill him, word went up to the commander of the regiment that all Jerusalem was in chaos. <sup>32</sup>Taking along soldiers and centurions, he immediately ran down to them. Seeing the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. <sup>33</sup>Then the commander approached, took him into custody, and ordered him to be bound with two chains. He asked who he was and what he had done.



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<sup>34</sup>Some in the crowd were shouting one thing and some another. Since he was not able to get reliable information because of the uproar, he ordered him to be taken into the barracks. <sup>35</sup>When Paul got to the steps, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd, <sup>36</sup>for the mass of people followed, yelling, “Get rid of him!”



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## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL POWER**

**<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**



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**<sup>5</sup>This was not made known to people in other generations as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>I was made a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.**



# Co- “With Us”

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2. Co-members
3. Co-partners



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**<sup>8</sup>This grace was given to me – the least of all the saints – to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. <sup>10</sup>This is so that God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavens (spiritual realm).**



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**<sup>11</sup>This is according to his eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In him we have boldness and confident access through faith in him. <sup>13</sup>So, then, I ask you not to be discouraged over my afflictions on your behalf, for they are your glory.**



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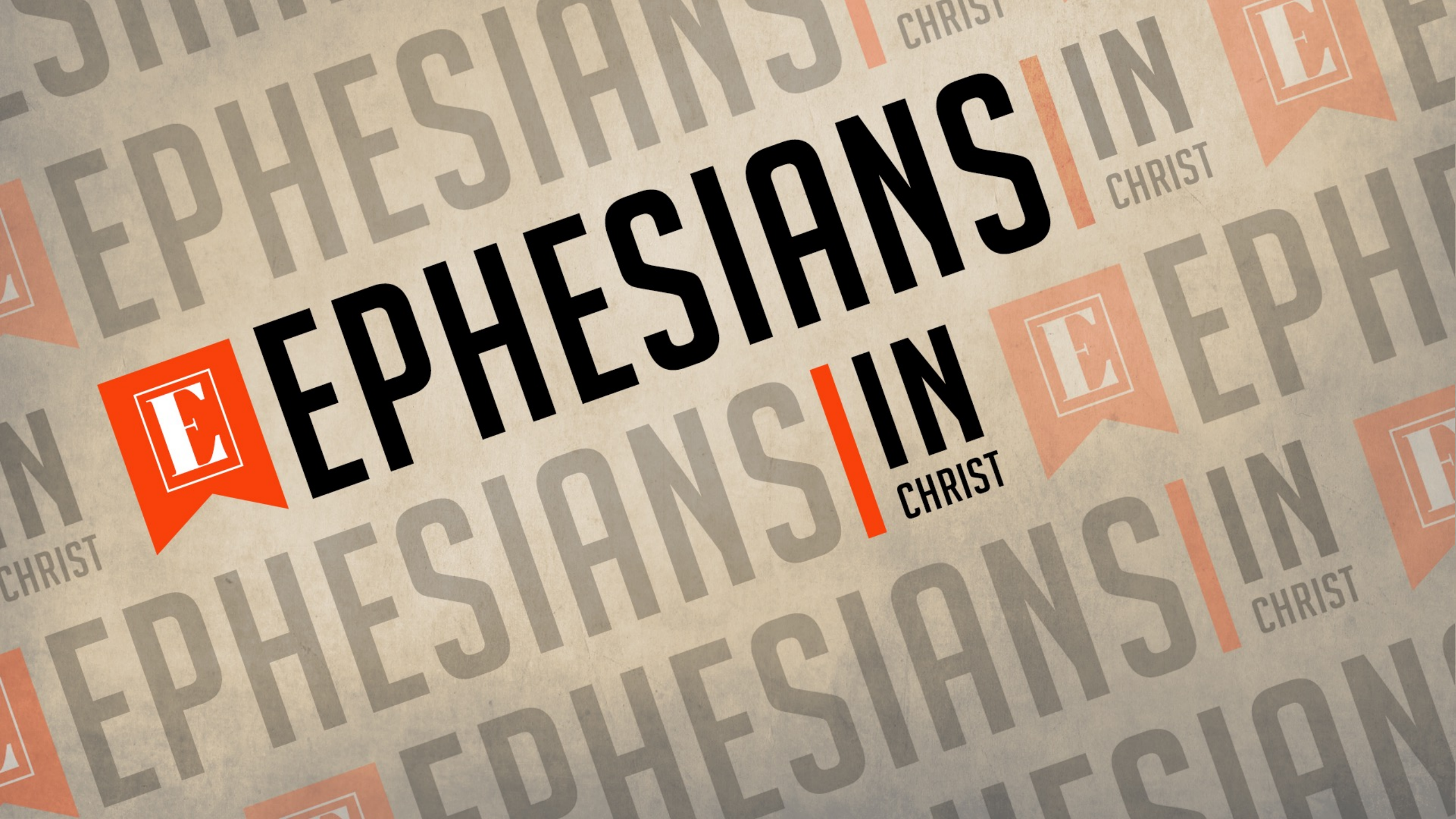
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