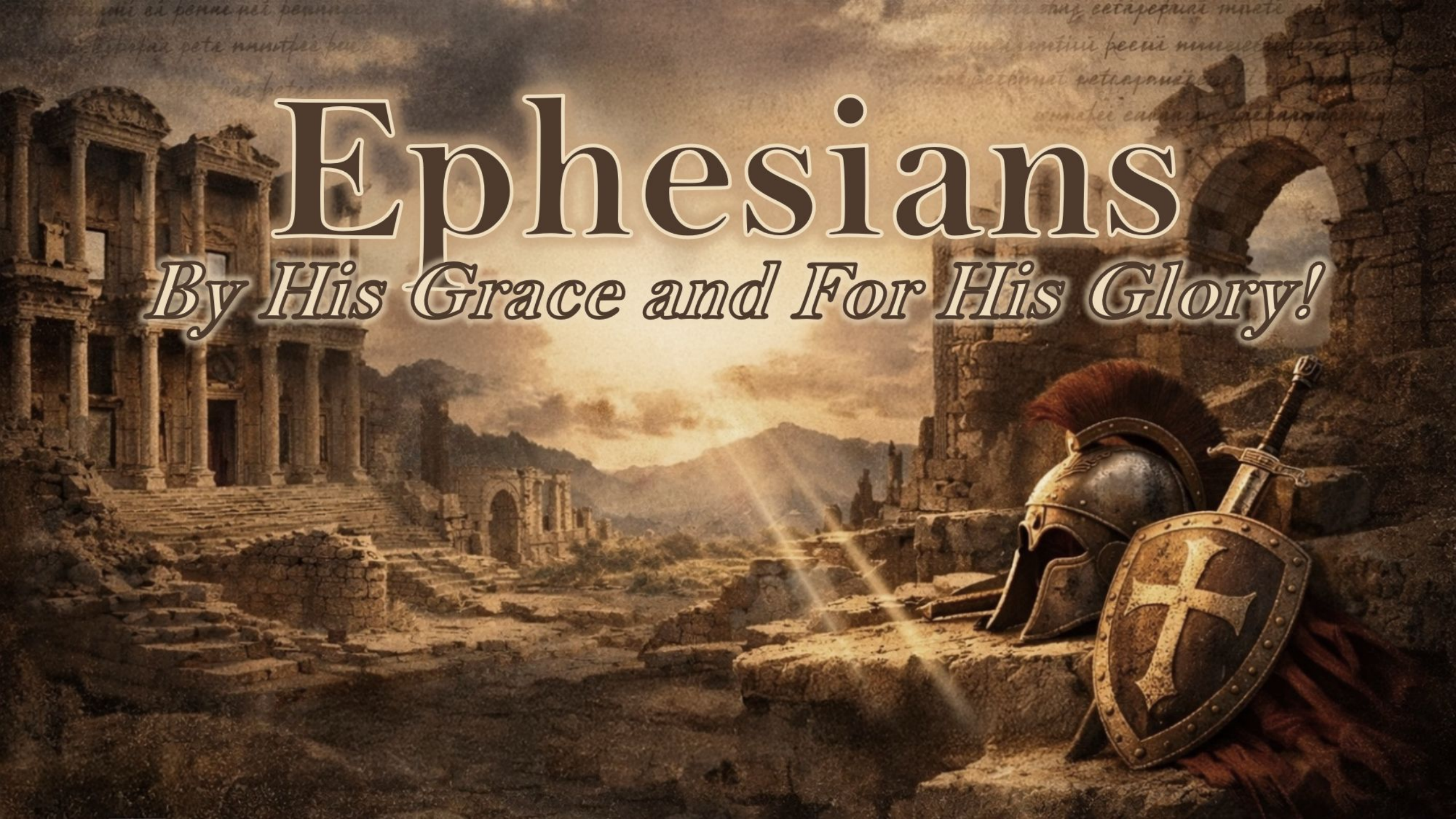


Ephesians

By His Grace and For His Glory!





Paul and the City of Ephesus Ephesians 1:1-2

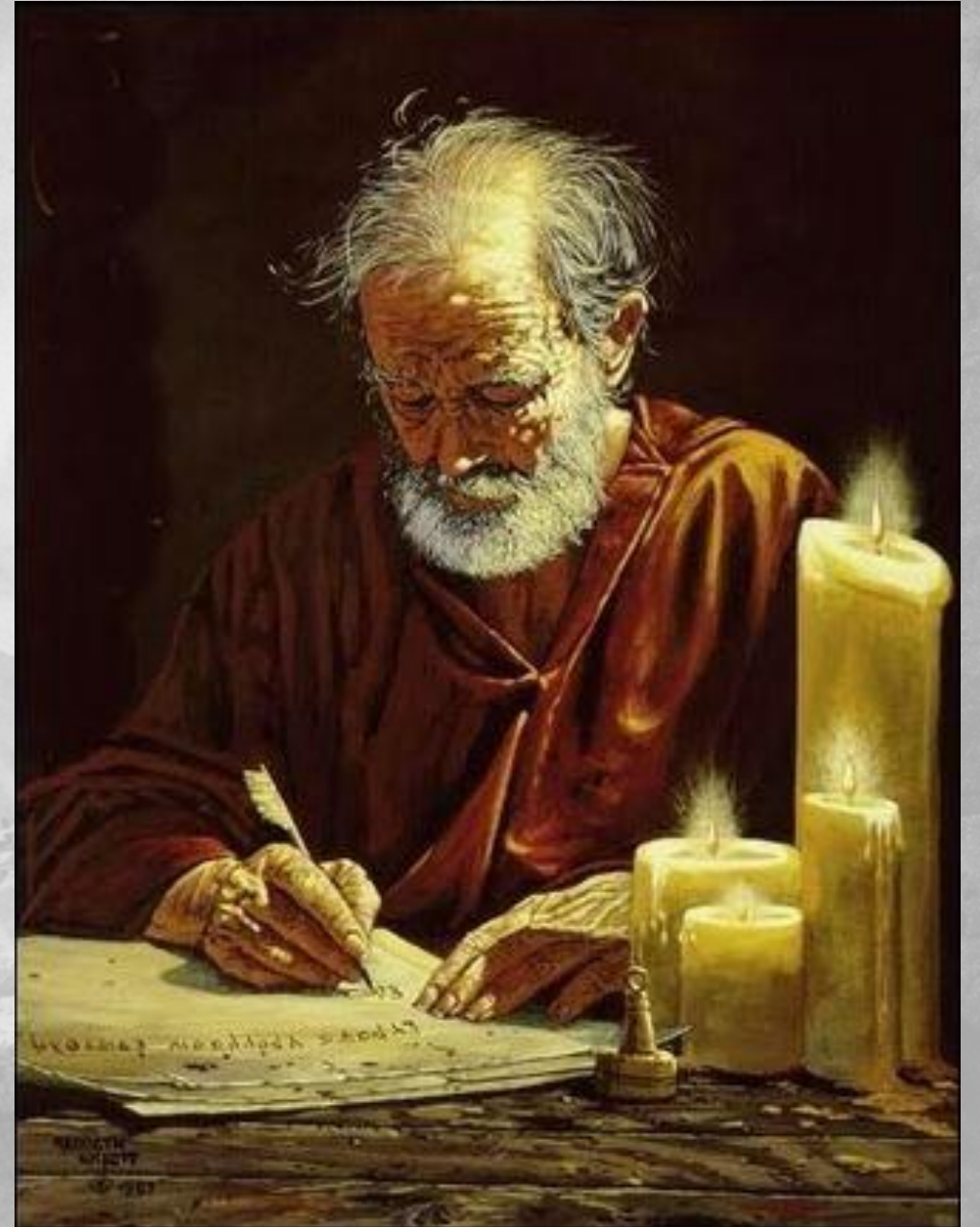


Ephesians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Paul, an Apostle

- Early life – Zealous, violent, relentless
- Saul of Tarsus → Paul, an apostle
 - Saul = Hebrew name (a Pharisee)
 - Paul = Greek name (missionary to the Gentiles)
- A strong pedigree and list of religious works—worth what?



Philippians 3:5-7

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, [c] blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

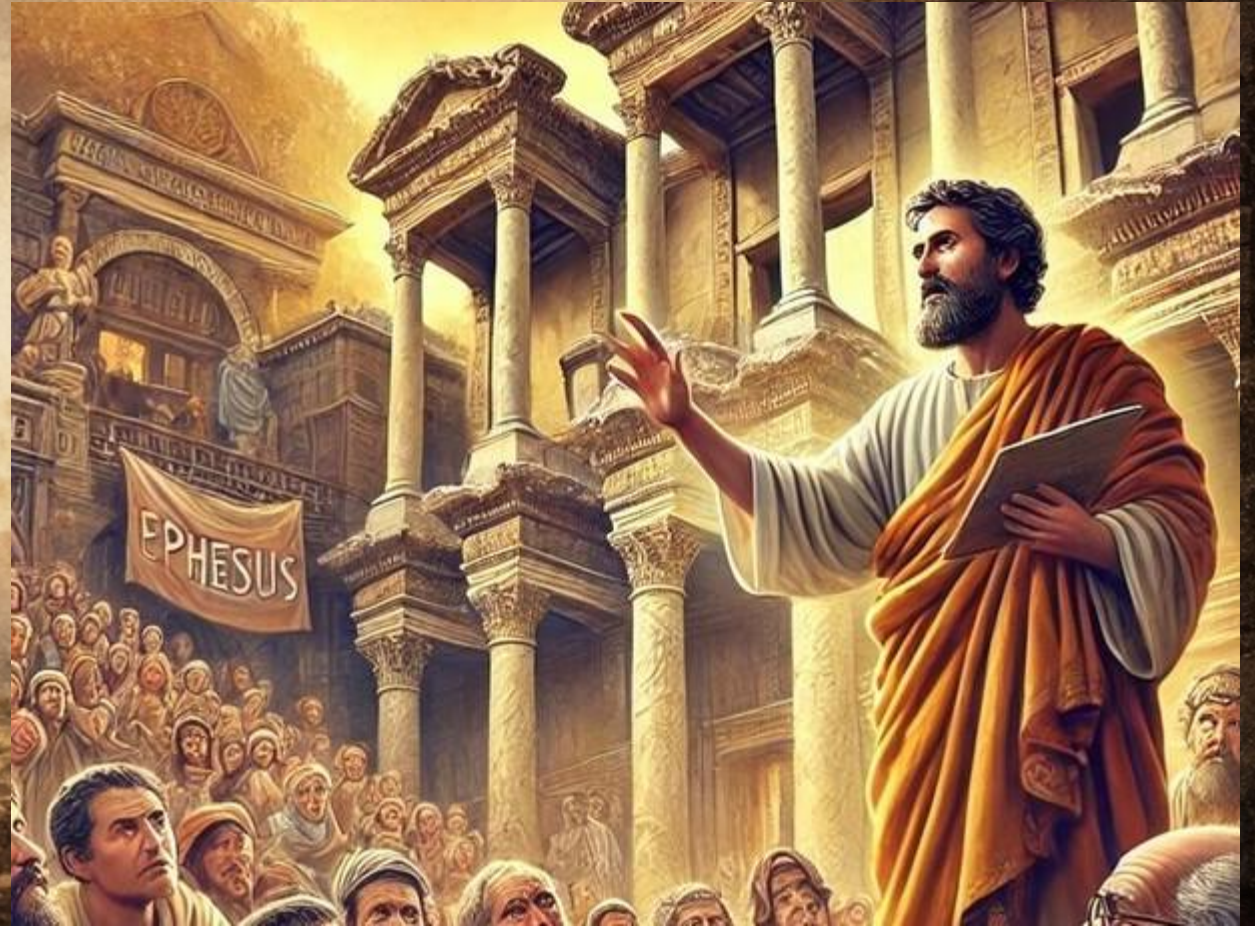
I. Paul, an Apostle

- Tribe of Benjamin, a Pharisee!
 - Strong bloodline AND good education.
 - Yet, opposed to Jesus.
- Paul likely present in Acts 5:27-42 hearing Peter preach the gospel, but he chooses sides *against* “the Way” Acts 8:3
- Paul encounters Christ and is *transformed*! Are you?

II. Ephesus

- Major city of the age!
 - Capital city of a Roman province in Asia
 - One of largest archeological sites today
 - Famous ampitheater, biggest of the day
 - Temple of Artemis(Diana) – one of 7 Wonders of Ancient World







II. Ephesus

- Paul's visits
 - Two trips, first for a few days second for a few years
 - Acts 19 – book burnings, blessed handkerchiefs, sons of Sceva running naked
 - Ephesians resist the gospel (deep pagan roots!)
 - The gospel spreads anyway!
 - As Paul headed to Rome to be martyred, He asked the Elders of Ephesus to come pray with him! Act 20:17-38

Paul in Ephesus

(Book of Ephesians)

Acts 18:19–21; Acts 19:1–41; Acts 20:17–38 • Ephesians 1–6

Who was Paul?

Originally Saul of Tarsus, a Jewish Pharisee turned Apostle to Jews & Gentiles after encountering Yeshua



When Did Paul Go to Ephesus?

Around 52 CE • Stayed About 3 Years

Why Did Paul Go There?

To Preach the Good News & Teach in the School of Tyrannus



Where Did Paul Stay?

With Aquila & Priscilla



Was Paul Forced to Leave?

Yes, After a Riot, Left Around 55 CE



What Written Word Did He Gve?

Epistle to the Ephesians Written Under House Arrest in Rome.



Who Received His Writings?

Kedoshim (Holy Ones) in Ephesus & Nearby Congregations



— Paul's Blessing & Name Meaning —

"Grace to You & Peace...."

Paulus (Latin): "Small" or "Humble"

— Pa'ul (Hebrew): "Worker" or "One Who Acts."



III. Indicatives and Imperatives

- Book of Ephesians split into 2 parts
 - Eph. 1-3 – Indicatives
 - Who is God? Who are you? What is grace? What has God done?
 - Eph. 4-6 – Imperatives
 - What should you do? What are good daily practices? How should you handle spiritual warfare? How do we navigate relationships?

Ephesians 1-3 and 4-6 Compared

Chapters 1-3	Chapters 4-6
Wealth	Walk
Principle	Practice
Doctrine	Duty
Doxology	Discipline
Confession	Expression
Credenda	Agenda
Exposition	Exhortation
Belief	Behaviour
Indicative	Imperative
What God has done	What we must do
New society	New standards

III. Indicatives and Imperatives

- Intimacy vs Initiative

- Grace → Faith → Works
 - Only ONE right order!
- Being close to God → Doing God's Will
 - NOT the other way around!



III. Indicatives and Imperatives

- In Other Places in Scripture

- 1 John 4:19 – We love because he first loved us.
- James 2:26 – For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
- Luke 10:38-42 – Mary or Martha?



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WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE

Made us a new creation
Gave us a spirit of love
Made us righteous
Forgiven us
Crucified our “old man”
Set us free from sin
Raised with Christ

OUR RESPONSE

Put on the new man
Love one another
Live as slaves of righteousness
Forgive one another
Put off the “old man”
Consider yourself dead to sin
Set your mind on things above

**“rightly dividing
the word of truth”**

2 Timothy 2:15



III. Indicatives and Imperatives

- Supremacy of Christ = Primacy of the Gospel
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

“as of *FIRST IMPORTANCE*”

“9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain.”

IV. Conclusion

- Remember your *FIRST* love!
 - Ephesus receives another letter – in the book of Revelation.
- Revelation 2:1-7 –
They had works, patience, rebuked evil, beared up for the name of Jesus. . .BUT!

