

A dramatic landscape painting of Ephesus at sunset. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted ruins of the Temple of the Virgin Mary are visible, with its iconic archway framing the view. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a city, likely Ephesus, nestled in a valley. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun, creating a warm and atmospheric scene. The overall mood is contemplative and historical.

EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

When the HS is in you...

- Speaking (you!) to one another...
 - Psalms (*psalmos*) – holy songs, twang a string
 - Hymns (*humnos*) – sacred song, of heroes
 - Spiritual songs – *pneumatikos* – full of HIM
 - Singing (*ado*) – use your voice!
 - melody (*psallo*) - to pluck, praise
 - In your heart – the beginning of all worship
 - To the LORD – the ONLY Focus

Always giving thanks...

- God and Father
- Be subject to one another...
 - *hupotasso* – to put under, military order or "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, carrying a burden".
 - Do we stand for order or disorder?
- In the fear of Christ (*phobos*)

Relationships...Wives

- “to your own husbands” 1Co 11:3
 - Not to all men...BUT...
 - you were either married or at home
 - “as to the Lord” – how well do we obey JC?
 - Husband is ‘head’ as Christ is of the church
 - Savior! This begins a mystical picture
 - And what a picture!!!

Relationships - Husbands

- Love (*agape*) your wife
 - We usually love many other things!
 - As Christ loved the church...
 - This was a choice & a plan...
 - Not dependent on response!
 - Gave HIMSELF for her (Savior - 23)
 - Sanctify, cleanse, wash – wives or the church??

Relationships... extent

- Gave Himself? And husbands?
 - Love as you love your own body
 - Nourish *ektrepheo* (6:4) – bring to maturity
 - Cherish *thalpo* (1th 2:7) – keep warm
- Jesus had a goal
 - blameless, holy, presentable to Father with pride and wonder
 - “in all her glory” – making the BEST

Relationships... intimacy

- We are members of HIS Body – 1Co 12
 - Leave father and mother, cleave
 - A Great Mystery... UNITY!
- Men: Love you own wife as yourself
- Ladies: Respect (*phobeo*) your husband
- Godly marriages create godly families making a godly church...