

EPHESIANS

IN CHRIST

Sermon Points

Week 1 - 9.18.22 | Tyler Wilson

Title: Jesus Changes Everything

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-2

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Main Point: In Christ our identity and activity are completely changed.

[Eph 1:1-2 ESV]

(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.

The phases of Paul's ministry in Ephesus:

- Phase 1 (52 AD) - Leave Aquila & Priscilla for preparation
- Phase 2 (53 AD) - Paul returns on his 3rd Missionary Journey and begins ministry to Jews in synagogue (3 months)
- Phase 3 (53-56 AD) - Opposition from Jews causes Paul to shift to teaching publicly in the Hall of Tyrannus. Continues for at least 2 years.

Jesus' truth and power prevails over the darkness - and a city is totally transformed!

In verse 1, Paul addresses the individuals in the Ephesians church as saints. Saints are not a “varsity” position of believers - **YOU are a saint.**

The gospel is succinctly communicated through Paul's greeting in verse 2. We have **PEACE** with God and one another **THROUGH** the **GRACE** of Jesus Christ

Jesus Changes Everything!

Jesus Changes your:

- Identity
- Relationship to God
- State of your Soul

- **Community**
- **Values**
- **Worship**
- **Freedom**
- **Future**
- **Purpose**
- **Activity in everyday life - home, work, social, civil**

As we dive deeper into Ephesians, ask the Lord to change you:

Lord - show me where the gospel has not yet saturated me

Lord - show me where my spiritual life is compartmentalized

Lord - show me where I don't fully understand my identity in you

Lord - show me where I have drifted or grown dull in my joy from the gospel or my purpose with the gospel

Lord - show me where there is darkness within me to divulge, and darkness around me to disturb

Lord - show me the fullness of life in Christ that you have for me

Lord - change me!