

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

EPHESIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To strengthen the Ephesian believers in their Christian faith by explaining the nature and purpose of the church

Author

Paul

Date

Written about AD 60 in Rome during Paul's imprisonment there.

Audience

The church at Ephesus and Christians everywhere

Setting

The letter was not written to confront any heresy or problem in the church. Rather, it gives general instruction in the truths of the redemptive work of God in Christ; the unity of the church among diverse peoples; and proper conduct in the church, the home, and the world.

Special Features

This letter was probably distributed to many of the early churches. Several pictures of the church are presented: body, temple, mystery, new man, bride and soldier.



Key Verses

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (2:8-10 ESV)

“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” (4:32 NLT)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.” (6:10-11 ESV)

Key People

Paul, Tychicus

Key Place

Ephesus