

Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians

Some General Info

Here's some general information on this letter from Paul to the Ephesians.

Some assert Paul wrote the Book of Ephesians when he was a prisoner in the city of Rome. It's also said that because of his afflictions, Paul had the greatest relish and appreciation of the things of God.

While his tribulations were great, Paul's spiritual consolation and experiences were even greater and are beneficial to us even today through this epistle.

Paul wrote this letter we know as the Book of Ephesians to settle or establish the Ephesians in the truth, and to acquaint them with the mystery of the gospel.

In this Ephesians Bible study, we learn that Paul tells of the great privilege of the Ephesians. In times past they lived as idolatrous heathens; but now they're converted to Christianity and received into covenant with God.

Paul illustrates this from a view of their deplorable state before their conversion. Paul then instructs them in the duties of the Christian life. He also exhorts and encourages them to be faithful in their walk.

The Doctrine of Ephesians

Some have said that the epitome of the whole Christian doctrine is found in the 4th, 5th, and 6th chapters.

According to Matthew Henry, this epistle to the Ephesians may have been a circular letter sent to several churches, and that the copy directed to the Ephesians happened to be taken into the canon (or official Books of the Bible), and so it came to bear that particular title.

Many also think this because it's the only Pauline epistle that has nothing in it specifically addressing the state or case of the Ephesian church.

On the other hand, it could be argued that the epistle is expressly inscribed (1:1) to the saints which are at Ephesus; and in the closing Paul tells them that he had sent Tychicus unto them, whom, in 2 Timothy 4:12, he says he had sent to Ephesus.

Even so, the Book of Ephesians has a lot of application that applies to all Christians. It's especially relevant to all who have been Gentiles in the past (*most of us I would think*), and were converted to Christianity.