

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

## **The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians**

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- Who wrote it?
  - Paul is the writer of this epistle (1:1, 3:1).

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## ◉ Surrounding Circumstances:

- Paul wrote this epistle while in a Roman prison (Acts 28:16-19; 30-31; 6:20).
- Ephesians is the first of four “Prison Epistles” written by Paul. The others are Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.

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## ◉ Location of Events:

- Paul wrote Ephesians from a prison in Rome approximately 1240 miles away from the church in Ephesus, now modern day Turkey.

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## Overview of the Acts of the Apostles





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## II. The Practice of the Christian (4:1-6:24)

- Unity of the Church (4:1-6)
- Holiness in Life (4:7-5:21)
- Responsibilities in the Home and at Work (5:22-6:9)
- Conduct in the Conflict (6:10-24)

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
  - Christians are all members of Jesus' "body", the church.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **Paul:** a prisoner of Jesus Christ
- **The Ephesians:** should be imitators of God
- **Wives:** should submit to their husbands
- **Husbands:** should love their wives as Christ loves the church
- **Children:** should honor their parents
- **Tychicus:** carries the message to the Ephesians

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## Verse to Remember

“But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

(Ephesians 2:13)

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## ◉ Interesting Facts:

- **The city of Ephesus was:**
  - The commercial center of Asia Minor.
  - Famous for the temple of Roman goddess Diana (Greek *Artemis*), considered to be one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. (Acts 19:23-35)
- **The Seven “Ones” of Ephesians 4:4-6:**
  - One Body (Church), One Spirit (Holy Spirit), One Hope, One Lord (Jesus Christ), One Faith, One Baptism (Immersion), One God (Jehovah)

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- What is my take away?
  - The way of faith must be walked out daily and purposefully applied to every area of our lives.



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## ◉ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Philippians this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.