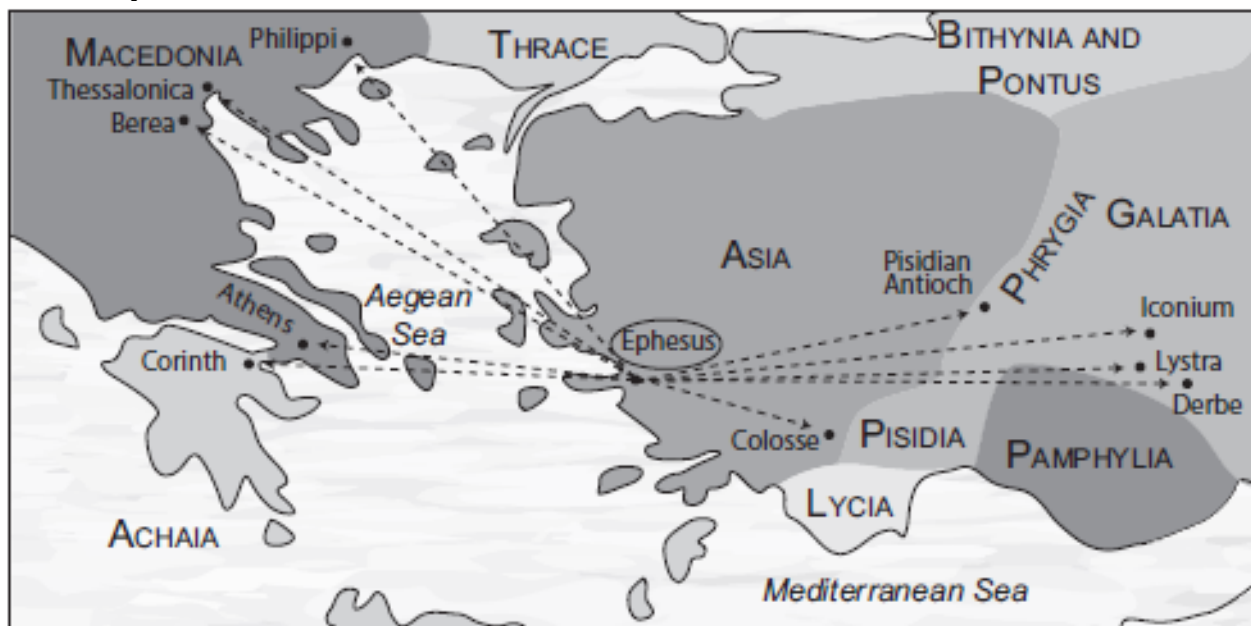


Q 3) WHAT DID PAUL'S PREACHING IN EPHESUS LEAD TO?

THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN EPHESUS...

- Paul left Priscilla and Aquila to minister in Ephesus near the end of his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18–19). There they taught Apollos, the great Jewish speaker (18:24–26).
- Paul returned to Ephesus on his third missionary trip and saw his greatest revival there. He ministered three years in Ephesus, longer than in any other city (Acts 20:31). Paul preached the gospel in the synagogue, in the school of Tyrannus, in homes, and in the marketplaces (Acts 19).
- In Ephesus, twelve disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1–7). The anointing on Paul was so great that handkerchiefs from his body brought healing to many, and demons were cast out (19:11–12). Converts burned magic books worth enough money to pay 50 days' wages for 1,000 men (19:19).
- Sometime after Paul was released from his first imprisonment in Rome, he returned to Ephesus with Timothy. When Paul left, Timothy stayed and became the first pastor or overseer of the church in Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3).

FIGURE 1)



OUTLINE OF EPHESIANS...

- I. Greeting, 1:1–2
- II. Powerful Doctrine: The Believer's Redemption, 1–3
 - A. The glory and greatness of Jesus (1:3–14)
 - B. Prayer for believers to discern God's purpose (1:15–23)
 - C. The results of redemption for Jews and Gentiles (2)
 - D. God's revelation of His wisdom through the church (3:1–13)
 - E. Prayer for believers to fulfill God's purpose (3:14–21)
- III. Practical Teaching: The Believer's Daily Life, 4–6
 - A. Unity (4:1–6)
 - B. Maturity (4:7–16)
 - C. Children of light (4:17–5:20)
 - D. Wives and husbands (5:21–33)
 - E. Children and parents (6:1–4)
 - F. Slaves and masters (6:5–9)
 - G. The armor of God (6:10–20)
- IV. Conclusion, 6:21–24

OUTLINE OF EPHESIANS BY RELATIONSHIPS...

- A. Our relationship with God our Father (1)
 - "He chose us . . . to be holy and blameless" (Ephesians 1:4).
 - God planned to adopt us as His children, through Christ (Ephesians 1:5).
 - He redeemed us through the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7).
 - He revealed His will to us (Ephesians 1:9–10).
 - God sealed us with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13–14).

Note Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15–23 in which he says, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better" (v. 17).

- B. The relationship between Jews and Gentiles (2–3)

God unites Jews and Gentiles into one spiritual body.	
Scripture	Ephesians
"[Christ] has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."	2:14
"His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross."	2:15–16
"He came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far away and peace to those (Jews) who were near."	2:17
"For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."	2:18
"This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."	3:6
"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit . . . There is one body and one Spirit . . . one hope . . . one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all."	4:3–6

C. Our relationships in the family of God (4–6)

Teachings on Family Relationships		
Relationship	Ephesians	Colossians
<i>All believers</i>	<p>"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with <i>one another</i> in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (4:2–3).</p> <p>"Speak truthfully . . . for we are all <i>members of one body</i>. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to <i>one another</i>, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God." (4:25, 31–32; 5:1)</p> <p>"But <i>among you</i> there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for <i>God's holy people</i>" (5:3).</p> <p>"Speak to <i>one another</i> with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" (5:19).</p>	<p>"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Rid <i>yourselves</i> of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other." (3:5, 8–9)</p> <p>"As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with <i>each other</i> and forgive whatever grievances you may have against <i>one another</i>. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. . . . Put on love." (3:12–14)</p> <p>"Teach and admonish <i>one another</i> with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" (3:16).</p>
<i>Spouses</i>	<p>"Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord" (5:22).</p> <p>"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church" (5:25).</p>	<p>"Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord" (3:18).</p> <p>"Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them" (3:19).</p>
<i>Children and parents</i>	<p>"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (6:1).</p> <p>"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (6:4).</p>	<p>"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord" (3:20).</p> <p>"Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged" (3:21).</p>
<i>Servants and masters</i>	<p>"Slaves, obey your earthly masters . . . just as you would obey Christ" (6:5).</p> <p>"Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since . . . he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him" (6:9).</p>	<p>"Slaves, obey your masters in everything . . . with sincerity of heart . . . working for the Lord, not for men" (3:22–23).</p> <p>"Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because . . . you also have a Master in heaven" (4:1).</p>

D. Our relationship to evil spirits (6)

Paul described six pieces of armor: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the readiness from the gospel of peace, shield of faith to extinguish Satan's flaming arrows, helmet of salvation, and sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (6:14–17). Then he added, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions" (6:18). *Prayer and the armor of God are vital in the spiritual warfare we fight day by day.*

PART 2 – PHILIPPIANS:

Q 4) WHEN DID PAUL FIRST VISIT PHILIPPI?

Q 5) WHAT IMPORTANT WOMAN WAS AMONG THE WOMEN PAUL AND HIS FRIENDS FIRST PREACHED TO IN PHILIPPI?

OUTLINE OF PHILIPPIANS...

- I. Introduction, 1:1–11
 - A. Greeting (1:1–2)
 - B. Thanksgiving and prayer for believers (1:3–11)
- II. Paul's Joy in Prison, 1:12–26
- III. Paul's Guidelines for Believers, 1:27–2:18
 - A. Live a life worthy of the gospel (1:27–30)
 - B. Follow the servant example of Christ (2:1–18)
- IV. Paul's Messengers to the church at Philippi, 2:19–30
 - A. Timothy (2:19–24)
 - B. Epaphroditus (2:25–30)
- V. Paul's Warnings against False Teachers, 3:1–4:1
 - A. The Judaizers: those who overemphasized Moses (3:1–16)
 - B. The worldly: those who overemphasized the flesh (3:17–4:1)
- VI. Paul's Final Counsel, 4:2–20
 - A. Teachings about unity, joy, gentleness, and peace (4:2–9)
 - B. Testimony and thanks to the Philippians (4:10–20)
- VII. Conclusion, 4:21–23

PART 3 – COLOSSIANS:

Q 6) WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF COLOSSE BEING ON THE MAJOR ROAD BETWEEN ROME AND THE EAST?

PART 4 – PHILEMON:

Q 8) WHO WAS PHILEMON?

Q 9) WHO IS THE THIRD PRIMARY PERSON ADDRESSED IN PHILEMON?

Q 10) WHAT TWO IMPORTANT LESSONS DO WE LEARN FROM THE LETTER TO PHILEMON?

OUTLINE OF PHILEMON...

- I. Greeting, 1–3
- II. Thanksgiving and Prayer for Philemon, 4–7
- III. Request for Philemon to Restore Onesimus, 8–21
- IV. Conclusion, 22–25

HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:

Read one of Paul's prison letters... Use the outlines in your worksheet as guides...

