Introduction:

Today we will begin looking at *Introducing Ephesians*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Introductory Matters.

Introductory Matters:

01. What do chapters 1-3 of Ephesians emphasize?

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02. What does the second half of Ephesians point out?

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03. What did Paul want the Ephesians to know?

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04. Where does the evidence indicate the Epistle to the Ephesians was written?

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05. What does the central theme of Ephesians tell us God has provided?

06. What was Ephesus a melting pot of?

07. What does Paul write to deal with?

08. The theme that dominates Ephesians is Christ's provision and what?

09. How does Ephesians portray Christ?

10. What is Paul's favorite way to portray believers?

11. What did Christ bring about between Jew and Gentile?

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12. According to Paul, what was the church?

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13. What issue does Ephesians address more than any other letter?

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The Outline of Ephesians:

I. Christian Greetings (1:1–2)
II. Who Christians Are and What they Have in Christ (1:3–3:21)
- A. Praise for Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ (1:3–14)
- B. An Apostolic Prayer Begun in Light of These Blessings (1:15–23)
- C. Salvation by God's Grace–Before and After (2:1–22)
- D. The Mystery of Christ (3:1–13)
- E. An Apostolic Prayer Concluded (3:14–19)
- F. A Doxology in Light of Who Christ Is and What He Has Accomplished (3:20–21)

III. What God Desires–Christ Fully Expressed in the Various Contexts of Life (4:1–6:20)
- A. Christ Fully Expressed in the Local Church (4:1–16)
- B. Christ Fully Expressed in the Christian's Personal Life (4:17–5:21)
- C. Christ Fully Expressed in Our Homes (5:21–6:9)
- D. A Final Charge to the Christian Involved in Spiritual Warfare (6:10–20)

IV. Concluding Remarks and Benediction (6:21–24)