

The Saints in Ephesus – Ephesians 1:1-3
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Introduction

- What should we be as Christians?
- Where was Ephesus?
- What was the most famous feature at Ephesus?
- How long did Paul stay at Ephesus during his third missionary journey?
- Where is Paul as he writes to the Ephesians?
- What is a brief summary of the contents of Ephesians?
- What should Ephesians do for us?

i Identity (v1)

- How does Paul describe himself?
- Why do we therefore need to take Ephesians very seriously?
- Paul writes to the “saints” in Ephesus. What is a saint?
- How do we know that the Ephesians were dedicated to being saints?
- What does it mean to be “in Christ Jesus”?
- What does that tell us about our identity?
- How can you get to be in Christ?

ii Request (v2)

- What is grace?
- What does Paul want when he asks God to give the Ephesians grace?
- What is peace?
- How can Paul’s request help you to pray for other Christians?

iii Blessing (v3)

- Where does the sentence which starts in v3 end?
- How many Greek words does it have?
- What does it mean that God has blessed us?
- The blessings God gives us are “spiritual” (in Greek: “πνευματικός”). What does that mean?
- Give some examples of spiritual blessings.
- How many times does Paul use the expression “the heavenly realms” in Ephesians?
- What does the expression mean?
- In what sense do we inhabit the heavenly realms now?
- When will we fully enter into the blessings of the heavenly realms?
- What blessings will we enjoy then?
- What should that do to us now?