

Bethel Bible Series

The Church

New Testament Week 15

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why is it important to live godly lives now if faith is the only thing needed for eternal life?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week - 1 & 2 Corinthians

Corinth

Fourth largest city in the Roman empire (after Rome, Alexandria & Antioch)
50 mi west of Athens, capital of Achaia (Southern Greece), major trade port

Paul's Second Journey

Paul met Aquila & Priscilla in Corinth, stayed & worked with them

Paul stayed 1½ years, despite threats by Jews, God promised to protect him there

Paul returned to Antioch, left Aquila & Priscilla in Ephesus

Apollos was trained by Aquila & Priscilla, Sent to Corinth

Paul's Third Journey

Antioch to Galatia/Phrygia, Ephesus for 2 years, then 3 months in Corinth

Structures in Background

Green Vapors & Ominous Sky

Group of People

First Corinthians

Column on Right

Written Spring 57 from Ephesus, Winter plans for Corinth, Sent letter ahead with Timothy

Columns are Separated

Heard of divisions; Follow Paul, Apollos, Peter, Christ; Fellow workers

Figure Holding Books

Greeks loved to philosophize, God's foolishness is wiser than man's wisdom

Figure in Dark Cloak

Incest problem, Church told to act quickly, Avoid wicked "Christians"

Figure Holding Gavel

Disputes between Christians should be decided by Christians

Woman in Wedding Veil

Stay single unless you can't control yourself; If married, stay married

Stone on Monument Edge

Don't do anything that causes brother to stumble; Do all to the glory of God

Figure with Clasped Hands

No new temptations, God won't let you be tempted beyond your means

Figure Holding Chalice & Bread

Don't sin against body & blood of Christ (wait for others, don't get drunk)

Figure with Multicolored Garment

Parts arranged as God wants, Parts are dependent & vital to each other

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Review of Last Week - First Corinthians (continued)

Prism on Manuscript

Different kinds of gifts, but the same Lord

Figure Aiding Fallen Person

These 3 remain: faith, hope & love. The greatest is love.

Figure with Hand at Forehead

Christ is proof resurrection exists; Earthly body is seed to heavenly body

Second Corinthians

Dual Columns

Written Fall 57 from Macedonia on way to Corinth, Sent letter with Titus

Descending Dove on Column

God gives comfort during trouble & strength in difficult situations

Crown on Column

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation

Grain Sheaf on Column

Reap what you sow, Be a cheerful giver

Lesson - The Church

Ephesus

Capital of Roman province of Asia, Nearly as large as Corinth

Harbor town on Aegean Sea, Connected by highways to major trade routes

Very wealthy city with running water & 24,000 seat theater

Temple of Artemis (Diana) - One of the Seven Wonders of the World

Paul's Second Journey

Acts 18:18-19

Acts 18:20-21

Acts 18:24-28

1 Corinthians 6:12

Paul's Third Journey

Acts 18:23

Acts 19:1-7

Acts 19:8-10

Acts 19:11-12

Acts 19:13-20

Acts 19:23-41

Acts 19:21-22

Acts 20:1

Acts 20:13-16

Acts 20:17-18, 25, 28, 32

Acts 20:36-38

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Ephesus (continued)

Paul in Rome

Acts 21:33; 24:1; 25:12

Acts 28:16, 30-31

Occasion of the Letter

Ephesians 6:19-20

Ephesians 6:21-22

(See also Colossians 4:7-14 and Philemon 10-12, 23-24)

The Church

What is the Church?

Ekklesia

Those who are called out

The Old Testament Church

Deuteronomy 7:6

Isaiah 42:6

Matthew 21:43

Galatians 3:26-29

Outline of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Spiritual Blessings

1:1-2

Salutation

1:3-14

All Things Are United in Christ

1:15-23

Thanksgiving and Prayer

All, Including Gentiles, Can Be The Church

2:1-10

Saved by Grace Through Faith

2:11-22

One in Christ (Gentile & Jew Reconciled)

3:1-13

Paul's Calling to Reveal God's Mystery to the Gentiles

3:14-21

Paul's Prayer that the Ephesians Understand this Mystery

Life in the Church

4:1-16

Maintain the Unity in Christ's Body

4:17-5:20

Living as a Member of Christ's Body

5:21-6:9

Christian Relationships at Home and at Work

6:10-18

The Church's Armor

Concluding Remarks

6:19-20

Prayer Requests

6:21-24

Final Greetings

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The Church - Picture Concepts

People

Acts 14:27

Colossians 4:15

Uplifting Hands

John 15:16

Ephesians 4:11-13

Scroll in Crown

Acts 3:25-26

Ephesians 2:19-20

Servant Seal on Scroll & Clothing

Matthew 20:26-28

1 Corinthians 4:1

Ephesians 5:21

Crown

Ephesians 1:22-23

Ephesians 4:15-16

Ray of Light

John 15:12

Ephesians 5:1-2

Trumpet

Ephesians 3:10-11

Silhouetted Sphere

John 14:2-3

Romans 6:5

Ephesians 2:6

Ethnic Mixture

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Ephesians 2:14-16

Cross on Scroll

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

Ephesians 1:13-14

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - 1 and 2 Timothy