

Bethel Bible Series

The Church

NT Study 15

*What keeps people together? Forgiveness.
What keeps the church together? Forgiveness of sins. - PK*

Welcome

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), Major Greek center
Paul's Second Journey - Stayed 1½ years, God promised to protect him, Worked with Aquilla & Priscilla
Paul's Third Journey - Antioch to Galatia/Phrygia, Ephesus for 2 years, then 3 months in Corinth

*Structures in Background
Green Vapors and 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 and Bread

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

Figure with Multicolored Garment

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

Prism on Manuscript

Different kinds of gifts, but the same Lord

Figure Aiding Fallen Person

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

Figure with Hand at Forehead

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

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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 and 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 and 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 16:12

Paul's Third Journey

Acts 18:23

Acts 19:1-7

Acts 19:8-10

Acts 19:11-12

Acts 19:13-20

Acts 19:21-22

Acts 19:23-41

Acts 20:1

Acts 20:16

Acts 20:17-18, 25, 28, 32 (17-35)

Acts 20:36-38

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)

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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 and 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

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

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Servant Seal on Scroll and 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

Redemptive Activities

Distributor of God's Compassion

1 John 3:16-18

Duplicator of God's Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32

Mediator of God's Love

John 13:34-35

Embodiment of God's Justice

Micah 6:8

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - 1 and 2 Timothy