


WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

EPHESIANS



Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Introduction

- Ephesians is one of Paul's '*prison letters*' from his time of house arrest in Rome. [Acts 28:16-31].

Ephesus - The City

- Coastal capitol of Roman province of Asia Minor (W. Turkey).
- Major population centre (approx. 250,000 souls).
- Home of temple of Artemis/Diana (one of 7 wonders of the ancient world.)
- Later called '*the highway of the martyrs*'.

Ephesus - The Church

- Probably founded by Priscilla and Aquila and Apollos. (Acts 18/19/20).
- Paul stayed at Ephesus for 3 years.
- Church later enjoyed ministry of Timothy and John.
- Received a letter from Christ. [Revelation 2: 1-7].

Ephesus - The Communique

- Ephesus has been called '*the queen of the epistles*'.
- Composed of 6 chapters & 155 verses.
- Key Verses: 2:8-9.

- Key Phrases: '*In Christ*' or '*in Him*,' some 35 times.
- Key Words: '*riches*' 5 times & '*walk*' 7 times.
- Outline: [Chapters 1-3] essential doctrine and [4-6] everyday duty.

The Contents Of The Letter

1 The Riches Of The Christian.

- [1:7], [1:18], [2:7], [3:8] and [3:16].

2 The Origin Of Our Salvation. [1:1-14]

- [1:4] The Father choose us for salvation.
- [1:7] The Son Purchased our salvation.
- [1:13] The Holy Spirit applied the work of salvation to our hearts.

3 The Body Of Christ.

- The church is the mystical body of Christ on earth.
- Christ is its glorious head.
- We are His hands and feet to continue the work He did when He was here in the flesh.
- [4:15-16] Every part of body is needed and required to work together.

4 The Distinctive Walk Of The Rich Christian.

- [2:10], [4:1], [5:2] and [5:15].

5 Home, Sweet Home. [5:22-6:4].

- God's blueprint for a happy home.
- The role of husband and wife and children.
- [6:5-9] Good working relations.

6 The Christian Armour [6:10-20].

- God has provided an armour for the spiritual conflict we are engaged in.
- It is up to us to put it on, on a daily basis.

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