

# Ephesians – Questioning the Apostle’s Epistle

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – 2*

*Ephesians*

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## **Introduction:**

### **I. \_\_\_\_\_?**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful<sup>1</sup> in Christ Jesus: (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Some manuscripts **saints who are also faithful** (omitting **in Ephesus**)

#### **A. Why Ask?**

#### **B. How to Answer?**

1:15  
6:21–22

#### **C. Why Care?**

### **II. \_\_\_\_\_ Was It Written, and \_\_\_\_\_?**

#### **A. Generally: 3:1, 13; 4:1; 6:20**

#### **B. Specifically: \_\_\_\_\_, late 61-early 62 AD**

### **III. \_\_\_\_\_ Was It Written?**

#### **A. The Issue**

1. Manuscript evidence
2. Contents
3. Alternate suggestions?

#### **B. My Answer**

1. ...about the manuscripts
2. ...about the contents

6:21–22

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ Is Ephesians \_\_\_\_\_ ?

A. It's About \_\_\_\_\_

1. Witness the **words**:
  
2. Witness the **thoughts** – and this is a sampler:
  - a. **First** 14 verses
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. **Last** fourteen verses of the letter

B. It's About \_\_\_\_\_

C. It's About \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

1. Words
  - a. The word “unity” (*henotēs*) is used nowhere else in the NT except Ephesians (4:3, 13)
  - b. The term “one” (*hen*) is used *fourteen* times: 2:14-16, 18; 4:4-7, 16; 5:33
  - c. The preposition *sun*, “with, together with,” is combined with fourteen words
2. The unity is found in the church
  - a. “Church” is used 9X (1:22, 23; 3:10, 21; 5:23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 32)
  - b. Christ’s body: 1:22, 23; 2:16; 4:4, 12, 16; 5:23, 30
  - c. God’s temple: 2:20–22; 4:12, 16
  - d. Christ’s bride: 5:21–33
3. The hugeness

D. It's About \_\_\_\_\_

V. How Does Ephesians Lay Out?

A. The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Ephesians 1—3)

B. The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (Ephesians 4:1—6:9)

C. The Christian’s \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ (6:10-24)