

The Book of Ephesians

Author: Apostle Paul

Date letter was written: 60-63 A.D.

People letter was written to: The church at Ephesus. It may have been written for the purpose of being read by other churches in Asia Minor as well.

Ephesus was a main city in the Roman Empire. It was the capital of the Roman province in Asia Minor and an important political, educational, and commercial center. Paul had a brief stay in Ephesus on his 2nd missionary journey, at which time Priscilla and Aquila may have helped start the church there ([Acts 18:18-22](#)). Paul returned to the city on his 3rd missionary journey, at which time he stayed and ministered for three years ([Acts 20:31](#)).

Place of writing: Rome

Paul wrote this letter while he was imprisoned at Rome under house arrest ([Acts 28:30](#)). This book, along with Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon are often referred to as the "Prison Epistles."

Reason for writing: This letter was written in order to:

- > Explain what blessings we have as believers (chapt. 1-3)
 - God's purpose and plan in our salvation ([1:3-14](#))
 - Our new life in Christ ([2:1-10](#))
 - Being part of the church, the body of Christ ([3:1-7](#))
- > Explain how we should live as believers (chapt. 1-4)
 - Walking in love ([5:1-7](#))
 - Living out our roles in the home ([6:1-4](#))
 - Being prepared for spiritual battle ([6:10-17](#))