



## Intro to Ephesians

Ephesians 1:1

What type of writing is Ephesians?  
letter

Who wrote Ephesians?

Paul

Who was it written to?

Ephesian Christians and all Christians

Ephesus was a well to do city

Had a lot of wealth and fancy stuff - kinda like Paris

A lot of temple - Temple of Artimus with a meteorite

Ephesian believers came from a background of paganism

Had Jews telling them they had to do traditional Jewish stuff to be a Christian

Paul's purpose is to tell them who they are as Christians and how that affects the way they live their life

It's pretty cool how Paul laid out this letter

Paul was under house arrest in Rome when he wrote the letter

-He was probably chained to someone who had been a foreigner but was now become a Roman soldier and citizen

How you became a Roman soldier/citizen

- 1) Defeated in battle
- 2) Chosen by a Roman family, adopted, and given a Roman land inheritance
- 3) Went to a citizenship class to learn Roman culture and etiquette
- 4) Empowered with Roman citizenship
- 5) Starts to actually live and act like a Roman

That process starts with God's love for us (1:4-5) and builds to our love for him (6:24)

Small Group Questions

- 1) If you are a Christian, how long have you been a Christian and what caused you to become a Christian?
- 2) What does being a Christian mean to you?