

PRISON EPISTLES #1- Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

Goals-

1. To appreciate the main themes of these books-the church, being “in Christ”, joy, salvation, the role of Christ, etc.
2. To understand the cultural context of the books
3. To pass the course with an incredible grade
4. To see similarities in these epistles
5. To understand Paul’s mindset in jail

The texts- NIV Bible

-Expositor’s Bible commentary- Ephesians-Philemon

Expectations

- Be present and on time
- Read the material to be covered before the class
- To complete all assignments

Tentative schedule

- 1- Sept. 8- Intro, Eph 1
- 2- Sept. 15- Eph 2
- 3- Sept. 22- Eph 3
- 4- Sept. 29- Eph 4
- 5- Oct 6- Eph 5
- 6- Oct 13- Eph 6
- 7- Oct 20- Col 1
- 8- Oct 27- Col 2
- 9- Nov 3- Col 3
- 10- Nov 10- Col 4
- 11- Nov 17- Phil 1
- 12- Nov 24- Phil 2
- 13- Dec 1- Phil 3
- 14- Dec 8- Phil 4
- 15- Dec 15- Philemon, final exam

PRISON EPISTLES #2- Ephesians Introduction, verses 1-14

The city Ephesus

- Location
- Paul's history- Acts 18-20
- Others based at Ephesus
- 1 of the 7 churches of Revelation
- Written to from jail

Content

- Chapter 1-3- our position, 4-6 our practice
- To be circulated among the churches
- Similar to Colossians
- Impersonal- no greetings
- Themes
 1. The role of Christ
 2. The church
 3. Lifestyle of the Christian
 4. Believers in Christ now
 5. Salvation

Verse 1- Greeting- from, who, to
-"in Christ"

Verse 2- grace before peace

Verse 3-one sentence to verse 14 in Greek
-the source and extent of our blessings
-where do we sit now?

Verse 4- predestined- by whom, when, why?

Verse 5- adoption

Verse 6-accepted
-the beloved is Jesus

Verse 7-redemption

Verse 8-how much wisdom and prudence do we have?

Verse 9-what is a mystery?

Verse 10- what is the goal of history?
-when does this happen?

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Verse 11-what is our inheritance?

Verse 12-

Verse 13-salvation described as hear word, trust, and believe
-after believe, sealed
-the meaning and purpose of sealing

Verse 14- Greek arrabon=down-payment
-the full payment occurs when
-the purpose- praise of His glory

Assignments for next week

1. What does Eph 2:7-8 say about grace?
2. What does “workmanship” in Eph 2:10 mean?
3. Sum up Paul’s ministry in Ephesus from Acts 18-20