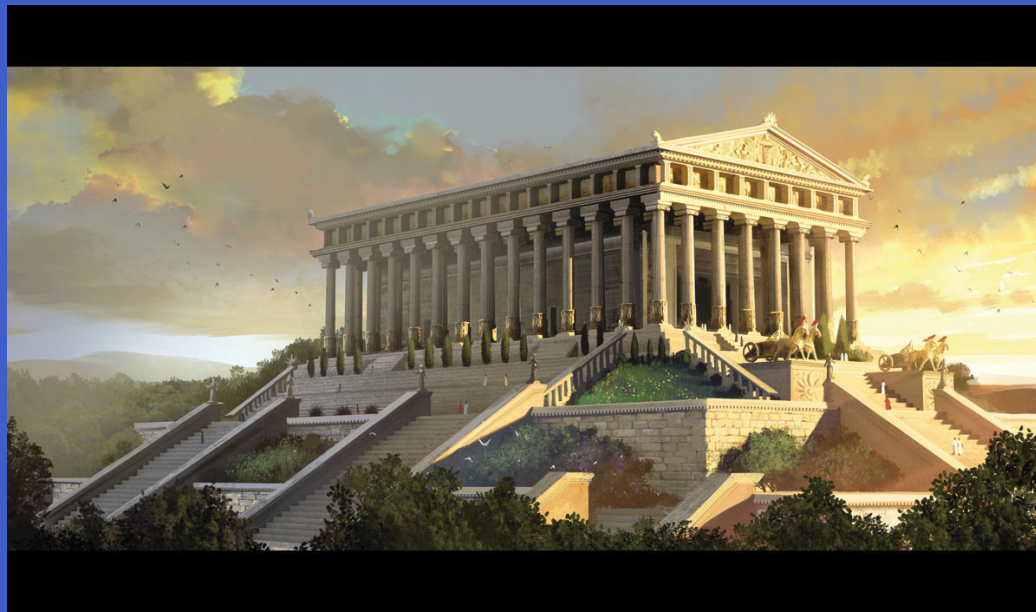


Paul's Letter to the Ephesians!

A Prison Epistle!



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The Text:

Ephesians 4:1-16!

The Title:

The "Do's & Don'ts" of the Believer's Walk!

The Theme:

(Encouragement & Exhortation of Christ's Church)

**God's Eternal Purpose in the Establishing
and Completing of His Church!**

Galatians 5:16-17!

But I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

The **Outline** of the Book of Ephesians!

I. (1:1-3:21) The **POSITION** of the Believer!
(Theological: Understanding the Love of God)

II. (4:1-6:9) The **PRACTICE** of the Believer!
(Practical: Applying the Love of God)

A. (4:1-16) Paul exhorts the believer to walk in **UNITY**. (v.3)

B. (4:17-32) Paul exhorts the believer to walk in **HOLINESS**. (v.24)

C. (5:1-6) Paul exhorts the believer to walk in **LOVE**. (vs.1-2)

D. (5:7-14) Paul exhorts the believer to walk in the **LIGHT**. (vs.8a-9)

E. (5:15-6:9) Paul exhorts the believer to walk in **WISDOM**. (v.15)

III. (6:10-20) The **PROTECTION** of the Believer!
(Personal: Success is the Result of the Love of God)

Today's Sermon Outline!

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II. (4:1-6:9) The **PRACTICE** of the Believer! (Practical)

A. (4:1-16) Paul's Exhortation to Walk in **UNITY!**

1. (4:1-6) The Focus: The Importance of **GETTING ALONG!** (Individual / Unity)
Through God's Love!

a. (v.1) The **CRY** for Unity.

b. (vs.2-3) The **CHARACTERISTICS** necessary for Unity.

c. (vs.4-6) The **COMPREHENSION** of Unity.

2. (4:7-16) The Focus: The Importance of **GOD'S GIFTS!** (Body / Unity)
Through God's Love!

a. (vs.7-10) The **GIVER** of Spiritual Gifts.

b. (v.11) The **GIFTS** Given.

c. (vs.12-16) The **GOAL** of the Given Gifts.

The COMPREHENSION of Unity!

It should be noted here that Paul's point is to stress the importance of unity in the body of Christ.

To emphasize this point he uses the word "one" seven times!

Repetition is the teacher's best friend / Emphasis!

1. (v.4a) The Point: There is only one body or church (1:22 / Head).
2. (v.4b) The Proof: There is only one Spirit (1:13 / Sealed).
3. (v.4c) The Promise: There is only one hope (1:3-5f / Adopted Sons).
4. (v.5a) The Prince: There is only one Lord (Source of hope / 2:4-6).
5. (v.5b) The Practice: There is only one faith (Means of hope / 2:8-9).
6. (v.5c) The Proclamation: There is only one baptism (Testimony /
2ND Sect).
7. (v.6) The Praise: There is only one God and Father of all / over all /
through all / in all (church / 1:22 / Head).

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