



# God's Perfect Plan

Study of Ephesians



# Ancient City of Ephesus

Grand Theater

# Ephesians 1

## In Christ I am

Blessed v3

Chosen v4

Adopted v5

Accepted v6

Redeemed v7

Forgiven v7

Enlightened v8-9

Inheritance v11

Sealed v13

Assured v14

## Ephesians 1:17-23

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

# Ephesians 2

Who We Were v1-3

Who God Is v4-10

Let us not forget where we were &  
where we are because of Christ. v11-22

## Ephesians 2:12-16

remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

# Ephesians 3

Reveal God's Mystery / Divine Secret (1 Peter 1:12)

We are Heirs, Members, Sharing in God's Promises

“No longer a distinction based on Race  
but  
A distinction based on Grace”

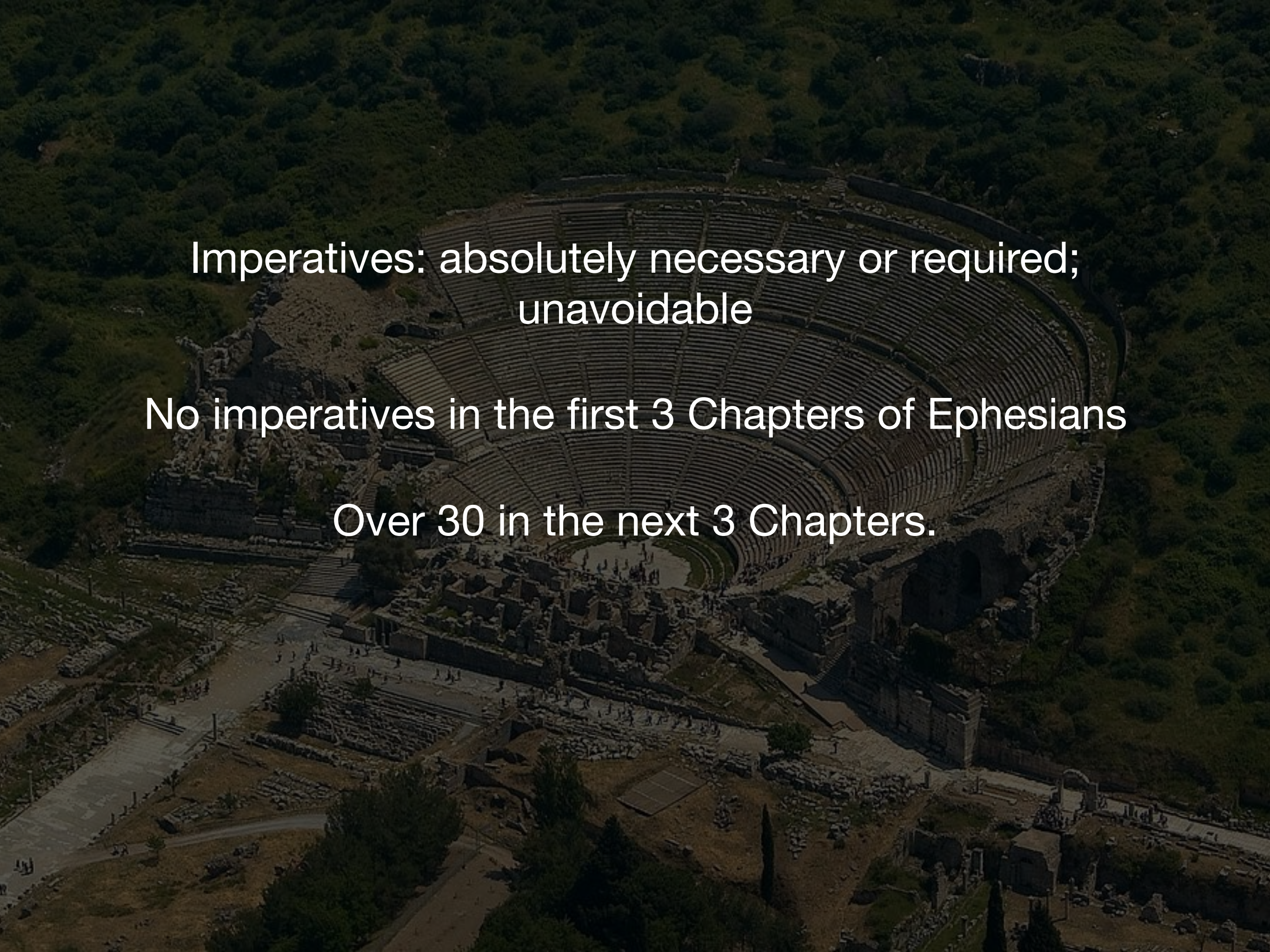
How? v10

## Ephesians 3:17b-21

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



An aerial photograph of the Ephesus Amphitheater, a large, semi-circular stone structure built into a hillside. The seating area is composed of numerous rows of stone seats, and the central stage area is visible. The surrounding area includes other ancient ruins and modern infrastructure like roads and parking lots. The image is darkened to serve as a background for text.

Imperatives: absolutely necessary or required;  
unavoidable

No imperatives in the first 3 Chapters of Ephesians

Over 30 in the next 3 Chapters.

# Ephesians 4-6

## Chapter 4

Humble, Gentle, Patient  
Bearing with each other in love  
Every effort keep unity  
Prepared for works of service  
Change our thinking (futile)  
Put off falsehoods  
Don't sin in your anger  
Stop stealing  
Be constructive in life (give)  
No Unwholesome talk  
Don't Grieve the Holy Spirit  
Get rid of all Bitterness, Rage, Anger,  
Brawling, Slander, Malice  
Be Kind, compassionate, forgiving

## Chapter 6

Parenting advice, Children and respect for parents  
Conduct as employees and bosses  
Called to walk Powerfully with God  
Stand against our enemy (Satan)  
Be Alert & Prepared

## Chapter 5

Imitators of God  
Live life of Love  
No hint of Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Greed  
No Obscenity, foolish talk, Course joking  
Thanksgiving  
Don't be partners with someone taking advantage  
of you or deceiving you  
Live as children of Light  
(goodness, righteousness, truth)  
Find out what pleases God  
Stay away from fruitless deeds of darkness  
- Expose them!!  
Don't get drunk - be filled with the Spirit  
Submit to one and other - Reverence for Christ  
How Spouses should treat each other



# History of Ephesians Church



Planted 52 AD — Acts 18:19

Impact/Riot 54/56 AD — Acts 19

Prayer with Elders 57 AD — Acts 20:25-38

Book of Ephesians written 60/61 AD

Instructions for Timothy 62/63 AD — 1 Tim. 1:3-7

Book of Revelation written 95/96 AD - Rev. 2:1-5

Apostasy Church 200 AD

## 4 Practices

1. Micah 6:6-8: Walk with God

2. Hebrews 10:23-25: Meetings of the Body  
{Acts 2:42-47}

3. Malachi 3:6-10: Financial Sacrifice to God  
{Romans 12:1 / 2 Corinthians 9:7-8}

4. Matthew 4:18-20: Our Mission  
{Matthew 28:19-20 / Luke 19:10}

## **Ephesians 4:11-13**

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

## **Ephesians 2:8-10**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.