

The Word 101 - Week 10

PAUL'S EPISTLES

PART 2



Ephesians

Author: Paul

Time/Place: In Rome, in
prison, AD 60-62

Theme: Christian unity

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1. All people are by nature spiritually dead, transgressors of God's law, and under the rule of Satan.	<u>1:7; 2:1-3, 5, 11-12</u>
2. God predestined his elect to redemption and holiness in Christ according to the free counsel of his will.	<u>1:3-14; 2:4, 8-9</u>
3. God's rich mercy in Christ has saved sinners; this free gift is by grace through faith alone.	<u>1:7-8; 2:4-14</u>
4. Christ's earthly work of redemption was part of his cosmic reconciliation and exaltation in this age and the next.	<u>1:15-23; 3:1-13</u>
5. Christ's reconciliation entails uniting all people, whether Jew or Gentile, into his one body, the church, as a new creation.	<u>1:23; 2:10-15; 3:1-21; 4:1-6</u>
6. Christ's people are renewed to new lives of holiness in thought, word, and deed, and must reject their old, sinful lifestyles.	<u>4:1-3, 17-32; 5:1-20</u>
7. Holiness of life entails submission to proper authorities, and loving and considerate care for those in submission.	<u>5:21-6:9</u>
8. Christ has given powerful gifts to his church to bring about her unity, maturity, and defense against the onslaughts of the devil and his allies.	<u>4:7-16; 6:10-19</u>

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Philippians

Author: Paul

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Theme: Joy

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1. Christians need to keep making progress in their lives.	1:12, 25; 3:12–16
2. A proper spiritual outlook is critical for progress in the faith.	1:5–11; 2:1–11; 3:7, 15; 4:7–9
3. Christ is the supreme example of loving and faithful service to God, and mature Christians can also serve as role models in this regard.	1:12–26; 2:5–11, 19–30; 3:3–17; 4:9
4. Suffering will come, but through faith it can be met with joy.	1:12–26; 2:14–15; 4:4, 11–13, 19
5. Prayer is crucial for maintaining a joyful Christian life.	1:3–11; 4:5–7
6. The gospel is not individualistic: Christians are to share in rich fellowship with one another, and to be united together in service to promote the gospel.	1:4, 7, 24–27; 2:1–4, 19–30; 4:2–4, 14
7. The old covenant and observance of the law cannot provide the necessary right standing with God. Believers can be saved only through faith in Jesus Christ.	3:2–10
8. Jesus is fully God and fully man. Because of his suffering on the cross, he is now exalted as Lord and Christ.	2:5–11

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Colossians

Author: Paul

Time/Place: In Rome, in
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Theme: Supremacy of
Christ

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1. Jesus Christ is preeminent over all creation, Lord over all human rulers and cosmic powers.	1:15–20 ; 2:9–10 ; 3:1
2. God has worked through Christ to secure redemption and reconciliation for all who put their faith in him.	1:13–14 , 20–22
3. Believers are in Christ and thus participate in a relationship of solidarity with Christ in his death on the cross, his resurrection from the dead, his new life, and his fullness.	2:9–14 ; 3:1–4
4. Christ has defeated the powers of darkness on the cross, and Christians share in his power and authority over that realm.	2:10, 15 ; see also 2:8, 20
5. Jesus is the fulfillment of Jewish expectation, and Christians now share in the heritage of the old covenant people of God through their union with him.	1:12, 21–22, 27
6. Believers are called to grow in maturity in Christ by getting rid of sinful practices and cultivating Christian virtues.	1:10–12, 28 ; 3:1–4:6

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1 Thessalonians

Author: Paul

Time/Place: Probably from Corinth, AD 50-51

Theme: The second coming of Christ

1. The wrath of God comes on those who reject the gospel.	2:16 ; 5:3
2. Jesus' death and resurrection are the basis for the Christian's hope.	4:14 ; 5:10
3. Christians are destined not for wrath but for salvation at Jesus' coming.	1:10 ; 5:4, 9
4. Christians who die will participate fully in the second coming.	4:14–17 ; 5:10
5. Those who respond to the gospel have been elected by God in prehistory and called by God, and they continue to be called by God throughout their earthly lives.	1:4 ; 2:12 ; 4:7 ; 5:9, 24
6. Christians should live lives of comprehensive holiness.	3:13 ; 4:3–8 ; 5:23
7. Christians must never shirk their responsibility to work.	4:9–12 ; 5:14
8. The authenticity of the gospel is confirmed by the integrity of its preachers.	1:5 ; 2:1–12
9. Joy, especially in suffering, is a mark of the Christian.	1:6 ; 5:16
10. Christians experience the realities of the prophesied new covenant.	4:8–9
11. Faith, hope, and love are essential and universal traits of the Christian.	1:2–3 ; 5:8

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2 Thessalonians

Author: Paul

Time/Place: Probably from Corinth, AD 50-51

Theme: The second coming of Christ
(continued)

1. God's righteous judgment will be fully manifest when Jesus returns. At that time unbelievers will be condemned and believers will be saved.	<u>1:5-10; 2:9-14</u>
2. Christians will share Christ's glory.	<u>1:10, 12; 2:14</u>
3. The lawless one's revelation and humanity's final rebellion are prerequisites for Jesus' second coming.	<u>2:3-4, 9-12</u>
4. The lawless one will deceive all those who have rejected the gospel, guaranteeing their condemnation when Jesus returns.	<u>2:3, 6-12</u>
5. Christians must not exploit the charity of fellow Christians.	<u>3:6-15</u>

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