**A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: THE WEALTH AND WALK OF A BELIEVER**

*“Background and Introduction”*

*Ephesians 1:1*

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are* ***at Ephesus****, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

* **The Author: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **His Authority**

“an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ by the will of God..” (1:1a)

* “Apostle” means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ one”
* Not of his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 3:7a)
* By the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God (Eph. 3:7b)
* His commission was to preach the “unsearchable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of Christ (Eph. 3:8)

* **His Ministry**
* Ephesus was a metropolitan city at the time with a population estimated to be around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Located in modern-day \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* It was the capital of the province of Asia, a port city rich in commerce and industry.
* It was a draw for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + 25,000 seat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which chariot races were held and gladiators fought
  + The location of the temple of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Great \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not only because of it’s commercial importance and tourism, but because the temple of Diana housed great deposits of treasure and served as the federal bank of Asia.

**How did the “church” at Ephesus get it’s start?**

* A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stay (Acts 18:19-21)
* A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ministry (Acts 19:1-41)

**3 Key Events:**

1. Converts of John the Baptist **converted** (Acts 19:1-7)

Modern Day Theology: \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lead to God/heaven.

1. Seven sons of Sceva (Acts 19:11-16)

Modern Day Theology: Good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lead to God/heaven.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Modern Day Theology: I don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the God of heaven. I’ve got my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God and my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heaven.

* **His writing**

This is one of the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ epistles” (along with Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon)

* Around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D.
* House arrest in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:1; Eph. 6:20)
* Sent at same time as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Philemon. (Carried by Tychicus)

Paul didn’t allow his circumstance to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his ministry.

Paul used his circumstance to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his ministry.