

Living History

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Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: (NIV)

Unlikely Messenger

Paul: _____

Acts 7:57-8:3; Acts 9:1-9a; Acts 9:13-16

Recognized as a _____.

Recognized as an _____ **of Jesus Christ.**

Ephesians 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1:1

Recognized him as an Apostle to the _____.

Galatians 2:7-9

Opposed by: _____.

i.e. 2 Corinthians 11:12-15; Galatians 2:4

Confirmed by: _____.

The Message

The Message is _____, **recognized from the beginning.**

i.e. Ephesians 4:17

Written in _____, **the common dialect of the Roman world.**

Has two _____ **words:** _____.

Ephesians 1:1

No question to the _____ and _____ of the contents (or message) of the book.

Written to the _____ at Ephesus

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

Message applies to _____ believers everywhere.

Ephesians 6:21-22; Ephesians 4:4-6

For _____ and _____.

Acts 19:1a, 8-10; Ephesians 2:14-18; (Acts 18:19-20; Acts 19:1-10, ref 20:31b; Acts 18-35); Acts 20:25-31a

Message was written by a _____ in Rome (circa _____ A.D.)

Ephesians 4:1; Ephesians 6:13

Written to a people who were

_____ and to be _____ to a lost, corrupt, and wicked society

Ephesians 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-19; Romans 1:21-32; Acts 19:23-28

The message of Ephesians is for the _____.

Similar _____

Same _____

Unchanging _____

Ephesians 2:1-10 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of

us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)