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### **Riches of Grace**

### **Today's Sermon:**

### **Of, In, and From**

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# Ephesians Part 1: Riches of Grace Of, In, and From

## Paul

- Also known as Saul (Acts 13:9)
- Was an enemy of Christians (Acts 8:1)
- Met Jesus (post ascension) on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19)
- Became the apostle focused on the Gentiles (Galatians 1:15-16)
- Went on three missionary journeys planting churches (Douglas & Tenny, 1987)
- Was arrested and imprisoned in Rome.
- Was put to death for his faith.

## Ephesus

- A port city along the Aegean Sea. (Douglas & Tenny, 1987)
- Located in what was considered Asia 2,000 years ago. (modern Turkey)
- Home of the temple of Artemis (Greek) / Diana (Roman).
- During New Testament era, it was a city in transition from being a port of commerce to a tourist stop.
- Paul stopped here twice. During his third missionary journey, he stayed here for three years and had a big impact on spreading the gospel throughout Asia. (Wiersbe, 2009)
- A riot broke out regarding Christianity and Artemis. (Acts 19:23-41)

## The Epistle

- Written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome circa 60 A.D.—62 A.D. (Mohler, 2021)
- The letter is very general in content. It does not address any specific people or issues of the church of Ephesus. (Wiersbe, 2009)
- Typically organized in two sections.
  - \* Chapters 1-3 (Riches of Grace)
  - \* Chapters 4-6 (Responsibilities of Grace)
- In the first three chapters:
  - \* “in Christ” occurs eleven times.
  - \* “grace” occurs nine times.

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<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:1-2 NIV)