

**Heritage Valley Assembly
Sunday Morning Sermon Series
“Not Just Hanging On, But Standing Strong!”
Ephesians 6:10-20**

**The Book of Ephesians – “Grace Given and Grace Applied”:
An Introduction and Outline**

***1. Authorship: The Apostle Paul**

The church has long accepted that Paul was the author of the letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:1, 3:1).

***2. Audience:**

The audience was mostly Gentile believers from churches in the area of southwest Asia Minor, beginning in Ephesus.

***3. City of Ephesus:**

Ephesus was the capital of the Roman province of Asia Minor in the first century. Its population was nearly 225,000 and was second in importance only to Rome. Its ruins are located on the west coast of modern Turkey.

- Ephesus was one of the worlds most prominent and bustling port cities in the first century.
- On the east side of the city was a harbour, which connected the Cayster River and Aegan Sea. Ships travelled in and out of the port regularly, making Ephesus a commercial hub that boasted its prosperity.
- On the west side of the city was “The Royal Road” which served as a trade route connecting the eastern part of Rome’s territory to the west. The route provided unique opportunity for spreading the Gospel.
- Ephesus was home to the temple of Artemis which was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The temple was 130 metres long by 70 metres wide with columns that stood 60 feet high and 6 feet in diameter. The devotion to the goddess Artemis (Diana) was woven into every aspect of the city’s life and economy.

***4. Date: the letter was written in 60 AD.**

***5. Outline of Ephesians:**

1:1 – 3:21: Doctrine: Who We Are In Christ

1:1-2: Greetings to the Saints in Christ

1:3–14: Praise for God’s Grace in Salvation

1: 15-23: Prayer for Understanding God’s Power

2:1-10: Testimony of a new Creation

2:11-22: Transformation of a New Creation

3:1-13: Plan to protect God’s Mysterious Wisdom

3:14-21: Prayer for Understanding God’s Love

4:1 – 6:24: Duty: How We Live in Christ

4:1-16: Walk in Unity

4:17-32: Walk in Holiness

5:1-6: Walk in Love

5:7-14: Walk in Light

5:15 – 6:9: Walk in Wisdom

6:10 – 20: Warfare Against Satan

6:21–22: Final Greetings of Grace

***6. Doctrines and Duties in Ephesians:**

- Identity (Ch. 1-3)
- Trinity (praise to the grace of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
- Prayer (ask God to help you comprehend truth)
- Salvation (God makes dead people alive by grace)
- Church (we are God’s dwelling for His glory)
- Unity (the church....one body, one Spirit, one Lord)
- Maturity (grow up strong into the fullness of Christ)
- Holiness (grow up pure into the likeness of Christ)
- Roles (beauty of design in relationships)
- Spiritual Warfare (battle Satan in Christ’s strength)

**God Bless,
Pastor Larry**