

INTRODUCTION TO PAUL'S *EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS*

(Ephesians 1:1)

- I. A Little _____
- A. Written by _____
- B. Written in A.D. _____
1. _____ years after Paul's _____ visit on second mission trip (Acts 18:18-28)
 - a. Accompanied by _____ and _____
 - b. Lasted only _____
 2. _____ years after Paul's _____ visit on third mission trip (Acts 19:1-41)
 - a. Lasted _____
 - b. Ended in _____ caused by Demetrius the silversmith
 3. _____ to _____ years after his meeting with the elders in Miletus (Acts 20:18-35)
 4. During Paul's _____ imprisonment, while under house arrest in a place he had rented, awaiting trial before _____
- C. Addressed to _____ "at _____"
1. Destination _____ from many _____ MSS

2. Delivered by Tychicus, who also carried the Epistle to the _____ (Eph. 6:21-22; Col. 4:7; cf. 2 Tim. 4:12)
3. Destination _____ from mid-_____ century

II. A Brief _____

A. Emphasizes our _____ in Christ

1. They are _____ (1:3; 3:8)
2. They are _____ (1:4-5; 3:20-21)
3. They are _____ (1:6; 2:8-10)

B. Teaches much about the _____

1. The church as a _____ (3:3-5)
2. The church as the _____ of _____ (1:23; 5:30)

C. Instructs believers in our _____

1. Chapters 1 through 3 contain _____ instruction on our _____ in Christ
2. Chapters 4 through 6 make _____ applications to our _____ in Christ