

Ephesus (*Ἔφεσος Ephesos*). The most important city in the Roman province of Asia, Ephesus was an international seaport on the west coast of Asia Minor. It was famous for its temple to the Greek goddess Artemis (Roman: Diana), which ranked among the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Paul visited Ephesus briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:19-21) and left Priscilla and Aquila there. Ephesus was later visited by Apollos (Acts 18:24-26). Paul stayed there extensively during his third missionary journey (Acts 19:1-41). Eventually, his teaching became a threat to the craftsman whose livelihood depended on the worship of Artemis, and a great riot broke out in the city (Acts 19:23-41). Paul later wrote epistles to the church at Ephesus (Ephesians 1:1) and to Timothy, whom he had left at Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3). The church at Ephesus was one of the seven churches addressed in the book of Revelation (Revelation 1:11; 2:1). (Bible Lands Photo Guide 4-Accordance Bible)



The Great Theater at Ephesus. Capable of seating 25,000 spectators, the theater at Ephesus boasted three stories, 22 staircases, and a diameter of 164 feet (50 meters).

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Sermon Outline

“Paul Warns The Spiritually Strong Church Of Ephesus, Of The Possibility Of Potential Problems!”

- **Ephesians 1:15-21; 2:1-19** -
(*Problems in the Church Series*)

I. THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS WAS A GOOD CHURCH, 1:15-21

- A. They Had A Strong Faith In Christ, v-15a
- B. They Had A Strong Love For All Of The Lord's People, v-15b (Saints)
- C. Paul Thanked God For Them, v-16
- D. Paul Prayed That They Might Know God Personally And Intimately, v-17-21
 - 1, He prayed for spiritual wisdom in God's revelation of Himself, v-17
--(Awareness of God's Character and Will)
 - 2. He prayed that in the very core of their being they would know,
 - (a) The Hope of God's Calling, v-18a
 - (b) The riches of God's inheritance in believers, v-18b
 - (c) The great power of God toward us believers, seen in the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ, v-19-21 "He is Lord!"
Cf. Col. 1:10, 11