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### Ephesians

#### What is the book of Ephesians?

- The book of Ephesians is a letter from Paul.
- Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. It's thought that he wrote it around the year AD 60.

#### Who was Ephesians written to?

- To believers in southwestern Asia Minor. Some were Jews but most were Gentiles.
- The oldest copies of this letter don't say that it was to believers in Ephesus. This means that it was a general letter to churches in several cities. The letter was read out loud in churches all around Asia Minor. This included the church at Ephesus.
- Paul hadn't met all the believers he was writing to.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Ephesians shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

#### Why was Ephesians written?

- To talk about God's plan for the whole world.
- To describe who Jesus Christ is and what the church is.

#### Main ideas

- Having peace through Christ.
- Being saved through having faith in Jesus Christ and by God's grace.
- Christ's work mattering for everything that God made.
- The church as a body, as a temple and as somewhere people belong as citizens. The church as God's family and as Christ's bride.

#### Outline

**Greetings (1:1-2).**

**God's plan for the world (1:3-14).**

**Paul's first prayer for the believers (1:15-23).**

**God's plan to save people and make them one in Christ (2:1 – 3:13).**

**Paul's second prayer for the believers (3:14-21).**

**How the church can live according to God's plan (4:1 – 6:20)**

**Final greetings and blessings (6:21-24).**