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Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians

Book Summary:

The letter to the Ephesians was written by the Apostle Paul. It is considered by many as the crown of Paul's writings for its strong Pauline theology, distinct writing style and explicit claim to authorship. It was written around AD 61–62 during Paul's first imprisonment. Paul's audience was made up of Gentile and Jewish Christians living in and around Ephesus, though some scholars believe it may have been a circular letter for several cities because of its lack of personal references. Ephesians highlights God's plan to unite everything under his headship, the call to peace amongst believers, and the rich meaning of being "in Christ." Through this identity, believers are to seek to maintain peace, grow in maturity, live in humility, and walk in the unique grace gifted to them. Sexual immorality and filthy talk are explicitly forbidden. Believers fight a weighty spiritual battle, but are to put on God's whole armor to defeat Satan.

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Memory Verse for December 2025:
Ephesians 6:11 (KJV)
Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

What to Look For:
- Notice what it means to be "in Christ" and the realities that come from putting faith in Jesus.
- Paul prays for believers—what qualities does he highlight in that prayer?
- Observe the relationship between grace and faith, and how they function together in salvation.
- Because of our rich identity in Christ, notice the practical life changes Paul calls believers to

Selected Reading
- **Week 1**: Ephesians 1
- **Week 2**: Ephesians 2–3
- **Week 3**: Ephesians 4
- **Week 4**: Ephesians 5–6

Questions to Consider:
- Do you understand and regularly consider the rich position you hold in Jesus?
- Are your prayers for yourself and others aligned with Paul's own prayers?
- Does your life display the kind of unity with others that Ephesians describes?
- Do you fight the enemy with the intentionality that Paul calls for?