

- ✓ <u>Author:</u> Paul, written during his first Roman imprisonment where Paul was kept under guard in rental quarters (Acts 20:28).
- ✓ Date: A.D. 60
- ✓ Theme: "The Glory of the Church" (Kent)
- ✓ <u>Recipients</u>: The church at the city of Ephesus, which
  no doubt consisted of many small house churches.
- ✓ <u>Purpose</u>: "To promote a love for one another that has the love of God and Christ as its basis" (Hoehner).
- ✓ <u>Structure and Outline</u>: The structure of the book is really quite simple. Chapters 1-3 deal with doctrine or theology (our *position* in Christ), and chapters 4-6 deal with our *practice*.

Here's where we are in the outline...

- III. Duties of the Church, 4:1 6:20
  - A. Walk in Unity, 4:1-16
    - 1. The Command, 4:1-3
    - 2. The Basis, 4:4-6
    - 3. The Divine Gifts, 4:7-13
    - 4. The Goal, 4:14-16
  - B. Avoid Pagan Conduct, 4:17 5:21
    - 1. The Old Life Described, 4:17-19
    - 2. The New Life Commanded, 4:20-24
    - 3. Specific Instructions Explained, 4:25 5:21
      - a. Lying, 4:25
      - b. Anger, 4:26-27
      - c. Stealing, 4:28
      - d. Speech, 4:29-32
      - e. Love, 5:1-2
      - f. Purity, 5:3-14
      - g. Wisdom, 5:15-21