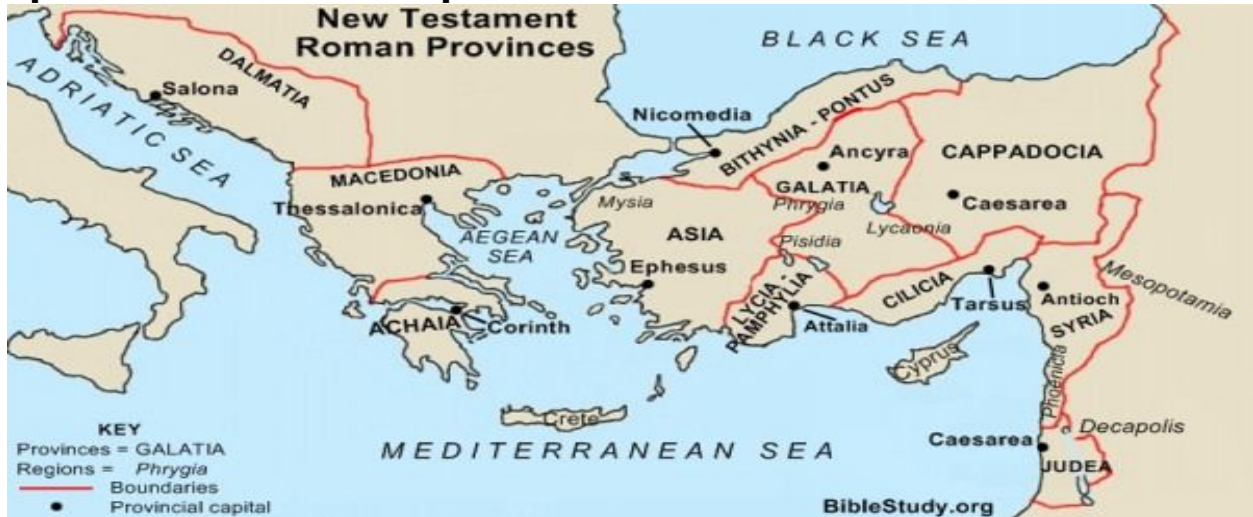


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## Ephesians 3:1-21 to Ephesians 4:1-32



### Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul identifies himself as the specific emissary from God to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. This letter may open with this statement due to a lack of knowledge of Paul by the Ephesians. Paul emphasizes the mystery that the Gentiles are now included in God's plan for humanity. Paul speaks of the rich variety of wisdom present in the church and asks the Ephesians not to lose heart over what happens with Paul.

### Why would the Ephesians not know much about Paul?

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### Ephesians 3:14-20

We must be rooted and grounded in love in order to see each other as family. This love is far greater than anything we have known or can imagine. Paul closes this section with a benediction focused on how great the power of God is in each of us by our faith.

### What can you imagine God do through you?

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### **Ephesians 4:1-6**

Paul encourages the Ephesians to walk in unity by holding each other in love. Paul emphasizes One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, and One God.

**How can we have unity and also cultural identity in God?**

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### **Ephesians 4:7-16**

Paul gives a list of spiritual roles that should guide how we work for the Lord. These are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. All of these roles work to equip people for the work of ministry. The work of these individuals moves all of us toward unity in Christ. Paul also tells us we must be grounded, not falling for every new philosophy. Some of the new philosophy is deceitful and not meant to bring us to unity.

**We put emphasis on Sunday worship but what are other ways that we can learn more about Christ?**

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### **Ephesians 4:17-32**

Paul is telling Gentiles not to live as Gentiles. Paul asks the Ephesians to become new creatures. We must speak truthfully. We can be angry but not sin (resolve before sun down). Only speak in an uplifting manner.

**How can we be angry but not sin? How do we offer correction without bitterness and wrath?**

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