

## Ephesians Fact Sheet

1. Ephesians is the fifth book in the New Testament and is known as the **Epistle**.
2. An Epistle is a letter or written communication.
3. There are 9 Church epistles
4. These books are called the church epistles because they are written to give instructions from God to the **Local Church**. The word *epistle* comes from the Greek word *epistole* that means “letter” or “message.” Epistles were a primary form of written communication in the ancient world, especially during New Testament times. Since many of the New Testament books were originally written as letters to churches or individuals, they are referred to as the Epistles.
5. Ephesians is the first book in the section of the **Prison Epistles**. The prison epistles—are so named because they were written by the apostle Paul during one of his incarcerations. It is generally accepted that Paul wrote the prison epistles during his first Roman imprisonment. The exact dates he wrote each of the prison epistles is unknown, but the two-year period he spent under house arrest in Rome has been narrowed down to the years AD 60-62.
6. How many prison epistles are there 5, List them below:  
**Colossians**—Warns believers against the dangers which threaten them.  
**1 Thessalonians** —Encourages new believers to stand firm in the face of strong persecution.  
**2 Thessalonians** —Written to clear up confusion about end times and the second coming of Christ.  
**1 Timothy** (Pastoral Epistle) —Describes Christ-centered living in the Christian church, both for leaders and members.  
**2 Timothy** (Pastoral Epistle) —Teaching us how we can be confident even during hardship.  
**Titus** (Pastoral Epistle) Choosing competent church leaders, a topic especially relevant in today’s immoral, materialistic society.  
Philemon (Prison Epistle) – One of the shortest books in the Bible, teaches an important lesson on forgiveness
7. What was the date of the writing of the Book of Ephesians 63 A.D.?
8. **Paul** was the authored under the direction of the Holy Spirit
9. Paul **Tychicus** used to take his letter back to Ephesus.

***Ezra 7:10** For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. NIV*

10. The keyword of Ephesians is **Grace.**
11. The Theme of Ephesians is **The Church Relationship to Christ.**
12. Ephesians is one of the greatest letters written on the doctrine of the **New Testament Church.**
13. What is the City of Ephesus famous for the **Temple of Diana?**