

Introduction and Overview – 1:1-2 (Page 976 in Pew Bible)

Historical Setting

- Author:
- Date & Setting:
- Recipient(s):
- Important Scripture passages related to the Church in Ephesus:

Purpose (Why did God give us this Letter?)

- To remind us of **God's awesome glory** in initiating and achieving our salvation.
- To remind us of **what true Christian unity looks like in the Church.**
- To remind us of **our calling** to love God and one another.
- To remind us of **the role of church leaders** in assisting the spiritual edification, protection, maturity, and health of the Church.
- To remind us about **speaking the truth in love** rather than being swayed by sinful deceptions.
- To remind us that **our time on Earth is short and that we live in evil times as God's light-bearers.**
- To remind us that **every Christian is in "full-time ministry."**
- To remind us that **Christian marriage is a vitally important, God-given ministry** (and not simply a cultural tradition or temporary affection).
- To remind us that **we are engaged in a cosmic war** that has already been won by Jesus Christ.
- To remind us to **never leave our first Love.**

Overview

- Chapters 1-3:
- Chapters 4-6:

Introduction

1:1a Christians are fundamentally transformed when they are saved **according to God's will.**

1:1b Christians are called by God to be **holy and faithful.**

1:2 God gives His children **grace and peace** through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Big Idea: *Christians continuously need and receive God's grace.*

Questions

1. Are you a **true Christian that has peace with God** through faith in Jesus Christ?
2. Are you living a life that is **dependent on God's grace**?
3. Are you **pursuing biblical unity** with your local church and fellow Christians?
4. Are you living a holy and faithful life—**how are you "walking?"**
5. Are you sent out by God with a **love for Him and others**?