

Ephesus: History of a Church

The Apostle Paul





Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

Western Asia Minor



Ephesus: Ruins of ancient marketplace





Ephesus: Public bathroom



Ephesus: Great Theater



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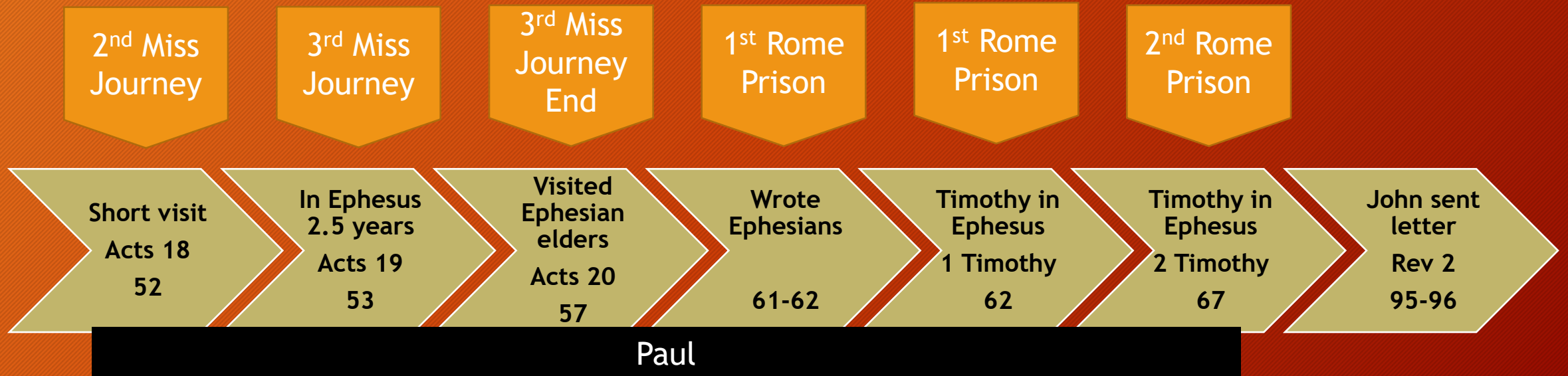


Temple of Artemis



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“Grace”



- God’s undeserved favor toward sinners
- “It is no mere introductory cliché. It is the gospel in one word”

(Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 149)

“Peace”



- Idea comes from the Hebrew “Shalom”, a wish for someone’s total well-being
- Greek word was used in the NT for peace with God and with one another

Major Doctrines in Ephesians

- **Trinity** - God in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- **Theology Proper** - Emphasis on the Fatherhood of God
- **Christology** - Jesus is fully God and is God's promised Messiah who died for sinners and is Head of the Church
- **Pneumatology** - The promised Holy Spirit is fully God promotes unity in the Church, seals and fills believers
- **Soteriology** - Ephesians proclaims the glorious nature of our salvation where we are redeemed, forgiven and regenerated
- **Ecclesiology** - Emphasis on the universal Church as the bride of Christ, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is its cornerstone and the apostles and prophets form the foundation. It is a "new man" reconciling former hostile groups. Spiritual gifts are given for the work of the ministry and growth in grace. Jesus is the Head of the Church.

Paul wrote Ephesians so that
believers will discover the
vastness of God's love in calling
them

and

so that this knowledge would
motivate them to walk in a
manner worthy of their calling.

**Purpose of
Ephesians**