

INSPIRING Events, Part II INSPIRATION from Ephesians INDICTMENT in Revelation

Review



Previous Events

I. The IMPORTANCE of the Temple of Artemis to Ephesus

- A. The Goddess Artemis – the goddess of fertility
- B. The Temple

II. INCITING the crowd

- A. The temple was losing business
- B. Demetrius instigates the frenzy

III. The **INDIGNANT** crowd

- A. Enraged
- B. Rush to the theater
- C. Role of the town clerk
- D. Why do people oppose the gospel?

IV. A brief **INVESTIGATION** of the book of Ephesians

- A. Written approximately 62 AD
- B. YouVersion video

V. **INDICTMENT** of the Ephesian church – Revelation 2:1 – 9

- A. The Apostle John in exile
 - 1. The Roman Emperor Domitian
 - 2. John stand in trial before Domitian
 - a. Punishments
 - b. Banishment
 - 3. The Isle of Patmos
- B. Ephesus in Revelation
 - 1. Revelation 1: 9 – 11
 - 2. Revelation 2: 1 – 9
 - a. Commendations
 - b. Disagreement with the Nicolaitans
 - C. **INDICTMENT**– You have forsaken your first love.
 - 3. Challenge to us today

SYMMETRY
OF EPHESIANS

EPHESIANS 1-3	EPHESIANS 4-6
The Root	The Fruit
Spiritual Wealth	Spiritual Walk
Christian Privilege	Christian Conduct
The Position of the Believer	The Practice of the Believer
God Sees Us in Christ	World Sees Christ in Us
Privilege	Practice
Doctrine	Duty
Doctrinal	Practical
Revelation	Responsibility
Christian Blessings	Christian Behavior
Belief	Behavior
Privileges of the Believer	Responsibilities of the Believer
Our Heritage In Christ	Our Life In Christ
Know your Resources (Riches) in Christ	Live by faith in the light of your Resources (Riches) in Christ
The Finished Work of Christ	The Faithful Walk of the Christian
Work of Christ In Us	Work of Christ Through Us
We in Christ	Christ in Us

Word of God	Walk of the Christian
Heavenly Standing	Earthly Walk
Who You Are In Christ	Whose You Are In Christ
Identity	Responsibility
Position of the Believer	Practice of the Believer
Theology	Ethics

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Some points to ponder:

1. Should we question our impact for Christ if we are not experiencing Satan's opposition? Why / why not?

2. To what extent should Christians use political power for kingdom purposes? Where is the balance?

3. What are some ways that evangelicals commonly engage in idolatry? How can we rid ourselves of such idols?

4. When presenting the gospel, how confrontational should we be towards our sinful culture? Where is the balance between grace and salt (Col. 4:6)?

Timelines of Paul's Journeys and Writing the Epistles

The table below lists, as accurately as I have been able to determine, the years of Paul's journeys and imprisonments.

Journey or Imprisonment	Years	When in Acts
Paul at Damascus	37-40 AD	Acts 9:8-25
First Journey	45-47 AD	Acts 13:4 - 14:26
Second Journey	51-53 AD	Acts 15:36 - 18:22
Third Journey	54-58 AD	Acts 18:23 - 21:17
Imprisonment in Judea	58-60 AD	Acts 21:30 - 26:32
Voyage to Rome	60-61 AD	Acts 27:1 - 28:15
Imprisonment in Rome	61-63 AD	Acts 28:16-31
Post-Imprisonment	63-67 AD	after Acts

The table below lists, as accurately as I have been able to determine, the years in which Paul wrote his epistles.

Epistle	Year	When in Acts	Written from
First Thessalonians	52 AD	Acts 18:11	from Corinth during second journey
Second Thessalonians	52 AD	Acts 18:11	from Corinth during second journey
Galatians	55-57 AD	Acts 19:10	during third journey, probably from Ephesus
First Corinthians	57 AD	Acts 19:22	from Ephesus, during third journey

Second Corinthians	57 AD	Acts 20:1	from Macedonia, possibly at Philippi, during third journey
Romans	57-58 AD	Acts 20:2-3	from Corinth during third journey
Ephesians	62 AD	Acts 28:30	from Rome, while in prison in his own hired house
Philippians	62 AD	Acts 28:30	from Rome, while in prison in his own hired house
Colossians	62 AD	Acts 28:30	from Rome, while in prison in his own hired house
Philemon	63 AD	Acts 28:30	from Rome, while in prison in his own hired house
Hebrews	64-65 AD	after Acts	from Italy, while not in prison
Titus	64-65 AD	after Acts	while not in prison, from unknown location
First Timothy	64-65 AD	after Acts	while not in prison, from unknown location
Second Timothy	66-67 AD	after Acts	while in prison shortly before death, probably from Rome

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