

# Introduction To Ephesians

## The Background Behind Ephesians

*Ephesians is a [letter](#)... Therefore, we should read it as one. Let's say that your friend Paul gets an email from school saying that he is on probation. Does that apply to you? No! You're reading his mail. Though it isn't written to you, there are conclusions that you can draw from the email, such as "If you do poorly in school then you might get kicked out." Biblical letters should be read in the same manner. The letters are not addressed to you, but you can draw conclusions from them to apply to your life.*

*Who was "the letter to the Ephesians" written to? Surprisingly, likely not to the Ephesians. It was likely meant to be a circulating letter for many churches to read. (For more information on why this is an agreed upon belief, read [William Barclay's Intro to Ephesians Commentary](#), specifically the sections labeled "The Circumstances Of The Writing Of Ephesians," "The Problem," "The Destination of Ephesians," and "The Circular Letter.") We should read Ephesians from the understanding that Paul, as a prisoner, was writing to mostly Gentiles throughout the region. If this letter was meant to be passed from church to church, then Paul must have had an important revelation that he wanted every Christian to understand!*

## Do For Next Week:

- Read through all of Ephesians in one sitting. You don't have to "study it," just read through it.
- Give a 1-2 sentence summary on Ephesians 1.
- Watch the Bible Project video on the [Book of Ephesians Summary](#).