

“Introduction to Ephesians”

Ephesians 1:1-2

1. “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God”
 - a. Paul’s name and background
 - b. Converted, called, and commissioned by Jesus
 - c. Apostleship = the authority of Jesus

2. “God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus”
 - a. Paul’s first visit to Ephesus: Acts 18:19-21
 - b. Paul’s second visit, three-year stay: Acts 19; 20:17-38
 - c. Holy people/saints: set apart by God, for God
 - d. Key phrase in Ephesians: “in Christ Jesus”

3. “Grace and peace to you from God our Father...”
 - a. Grace in every chapter of Ephesians
 - b. Jesus is our peace
 - c. Praise, prayer, and love: Three more themes

Ephesians 1:1-2, NIV

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.