

## **Ephesians: Part 1 - In Ephesus *and* In Christ**

### **1. Ephesus Was Much Different Than You Might Imagine**

### **2. You Know, We Live In Ephesus Today...**

### **3. They Figured Out How To Be In Two Places At Once**

- Ephesians 1:1-2 *"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, & are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you & peace from God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ."*

### **4. It Means A Whole New Way To Be Human**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17- *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*
  - Kainos VS. Neos = big difference (new in kind, new in time)

### **5. In Christ, We Have A "New" Identity:**

### **6. We Get New Identity From A New Life**

- Galatians 2:20- *"I have been crucified w/ Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith IN the Son of God, who loved me & gave himself for me."*
- Romans 8:11- *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells IN you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you"*

### **7. It Cost Everything**

### **8. Dead People Who Pretend To Be Alive Are Worse Than Before**

- Romans 6:1-11- *"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore w/ him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in NEWNESS of life...So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin & alive to God in Christ Jesus."*

### **9. Jesus Is Worth It**