



# ~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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## Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord help us to be filled with the will to study Your Word and meditate on it. Help us to remember to come to You first, instead of a another person. Keep each person safe and their families in these storms. I ask that all our needs are met, and that we are blessed with our daily bread. Bless us with favor and divine connections. May we bear fruit to Your glory and honor, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Worship Music

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## Scripture

### Ephesians Introduction (NKJV; 2005)

**14** For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **Eph 6:10**; **17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **Col 2:7**; **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **19** And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. **20** Now to him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **Rom 16:25**; **21** To him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Ephesians 3: 14-21**

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## **The Unity of the Church Jews and Gentiles Are One in Christ**

**Paul's Letters from Prison;**

**This is one of the four letters Paul wrote during his imprisonment in Rome (A.D. 59-61/62); the others are Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. With the exception of Philippians, they were written at the same time and carried by the same messengers (6:21; Colossians 4: 7-9; Philemon 10-12). We know of one other letter Paul wrote from prison that is now lost (Colossians 4:16). These letters are often called the "prison epistles."**

### **The Purpose of the Letter**

**Paul spent his life teaching Gentiles that they could be Christians without becoming Jewish proselytes (converts). This was very displeasing to Jews generally, for they thought of the Mosaic Law as binding for all people, and they were bitterly prejudiced against any uncircumcised Gentiles who presumed to call themselves disciples of the Jewish Messiah.**

**While Paul taught gentile Christians to stand like a rock for their liberty in Christ, as he did in the letters to the Galatians and the Romans, he did not want them to be prejudiced against their Jewish fellow Christians but to regard them as brothers in Christ.**

**Paul did not want to see two churches, a Jewish church and a gentile church, but one church; Jews, and Gentiles one in Christ. Paul's gesture on behalf of unity made to the Jewish elements in the church was the great offering of money from gentile churches, which he took at the close of his third missionary journey to the poor in the mother church at Jerusalem (Acts 21). His hope was that the demonstration of Christian love might make Jewish Christians feel more kindly toward their gentile brothers and sisters.**

**Paul's gesture on behalf of unity to the gentile elements in the church was this letter, written to the leading center of his own gentile converts, exalting the oneness, universality, and unspeakable grandeur of the body of Christ. To Paul, Christ was so marvelously great that in Him there is room for people of all different races, view points and prejudices. He is One who has power to solve all the problems of mankind and to bring all earthly social and family life (even the myriads of beings in the infinite, unseen universe; 3:10) into unity and harmony with God (5:22-6:9).**

**(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history, notes, commentaries; pages 803-805)**

**Ephesians is literally filled with wisdom, encouragement, and great teaching about what it means to be a Christian and how the church should operate. One of the most important messages in this letter is that you and I are unconditionally loved and totally accepted in Christ. One of the key points in this book is that God loves you and that you can receive and enjoy that love and become increasingly rooted and grounded in it.**

**This book addresses the spiritual blessings that belong to us in Christ, our position of authority in Christ, the mysteries of God, the need to walk in love and in the light, the importance of unity among believers, proper order in families and relationships, how to deal with anger, and how to war against the powers and principalities in the spiritual realm.**

**(KJV Bible; Scripture; notes and commentaries; 2005)**

**(Amplified Bible; Scripture; notes and commentaries; Joyce Meyers; 2005; page 1927)**

Ephesus was a proud, rich, busy port at the end of the caravan route from Asia. From Ephesus goods were shipped to other Mediterranean ports. This huge city contained a theater (seating about 25,000; Acts 19:29), an agora ("town square" that also served as the marketplace of goods and ideas), public baths, a library and a number of temples.

Ephesus was built near the shrine of an old Anatolian fertility goddess and became the center of her cult; this deity was known to the Greeks as Artemis and to the Romans as Diana. The temple of Diana was discovered by J. T. Wood in 1870; it may have been the largest building in the Greek world. Grottesquely represented with turreted head and many breasts, the goddess and her cult found expression in the famous temple, served like that of Aphrodite at Corinth, by a host of priestess courtesans.

The Diana cult generated much trade. Ephesus became a place of pilgrimage for worshipers all eager to carry away talismans and souvenirs hence the prosperous guild of the silversmiths, whose livelihood was the manufacture of silver shrines and images of the meteoric stone that was said to be Diana's image "fallen from heaven." This trade became increasingly important as the harbor of Ephesus silted up and commerce declined. In A.D. 65 an attempt was made to improve the seaway, but the task proved too great. Ephesus in the 1st century was a dying city.

It is probable that during Paul's two year stay the Gospel spread to other cities in the province of Asia (Colosse). Later, the apostle John lived in Ephesus, and it is the first of the churches addressed in Revelation (2:1-7).

## Psalm 1

**1** Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. [Ps 26:4](#); [Prov 1:10](#); [Prov 1:15](#); [Prov 4:14-15](#); [1Cor 15:33](#); [Eph 5:11](#);

**2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. [Deut 6:6](#); [Deut 17:19](#); [Josh 1:8](#); [Ps 119:1](#);

**3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. [Jer 17:8](#);

**4** The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. [Job 21:18](#); [Ps 35:5](#); [Isa 17:13](#); [Isa 29:5](#); [Hos 13:3](#);

**5** Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**6** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### **Psa 119:105**

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto  
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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