

Ephesians 1:1~ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus¹ and faithful ones in union with Christ Jesus.

Footnote: In Ephesus !cABcDVgSyh,p; P46!*B* omit

- 1· The Letter to the Ephesians was written during Paul's imprisonment in Rome, and was delivered to the Ephesians through Paul's slave, Tychicus. It is similar to the Letter to the Colossians, for it was written from the same place, and during the same general time period.**

[Question] When and where, was the letter to the Ephesians written, and who likely delivered it?

[Question] What is it similar to, and why?

- 2· Paul shows his appointment to be an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, and through God's great undeserved kindness. He then addresses his comments to the holy anointed ones and faithful ones there is Ephesus, who are in union with Christ.**

[Question] What does Paul now show about his appointment to counsel them thus, and who does he address his letter to?

- 3· Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through God's will, and Sosthenes our brother. (1 Corinthians 1:1)**

[Question] Through whose will, did Paul become an apostle?

- 4· Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, and Timothy our brother to the congregation of God that is in Corinth, together with all the holy ones who are in all of Achaia. (2 Corinthians 1:1)**

[Question] How did Paul similarly greet the Corinthian congregation?

- 5· You are also showing endurance, and you have borne up for my name's sake and have not grown weary. (Revelation 2:3)**

[Question] What did Jesus Christ commend the congregation for showing?

- 6· Remain in union with me, and I in union with you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it remains in**

the vine, in the same way neither can you, unless you remain in union with me. (John 15:4)

[Question] What must all anointed Christians remain in union with, so as to be able to bear fruit spiritually?

- 7· I am the vine, you are the branches. He that remains in union with me, and I in union with him, this one bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing at all. (John 15:5)**

[Question] What is Christ in relation to the individual branches?

[Question] What then, must they all remain connected to, to bear righteous fruitage?