

# **Encouragement to the Saints**

## **Ephesians 1:1-2**

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Important Background to the Book**

- A. Date – likely AD 61-62**
  
- B. Luke records Paul’s ministry in Eph. (Acts 19 -20)**
  
- C. The close literary relationship to Colossians**
  
- D. The central message of Ephesians – the mystery and centrality of the church as the body of Christ**

### **III. Four Important Considerations**

- A. Paul the apostle is the author of Ephesians (Gal. 1:15, Acts 9:1-9)**
  
- B. The Recipients are set apart through Faith in Jesus (1 Cor. 1:1-2, 2 Cor. 1:1, Rom. 1:1, Phil. 1:1, 1 Cor. 1:2, Rom. 1:17)**
  
- C. A Double Blessing for Christians v. 2**
  
- D. The Source of our Blessings v. 2b**

### **IV. Conclusion / Applications**