

Text: *Ephesians 1:1-2*

Topics: Authority, Conduct, Grace, Identity

Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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## Starting Out Right

### I. The author (1a)

God gives \_\_\_\_\_ in His church to \_\_\_\_\_

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### II. The recipients (1b)

... to reinforce \_\_\_\_\_ that flows out of \_\_\_\_\_  
in Christ, and ...

### III. The blessing (2)

... \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being on fire, how would you rate your faith right now? (Write down a number, and a word.)

If it is not a 10, why is it not higher? What would it take to bring it up?

2. Read the following verses and note the authority and submission in each: Ephesians 6:1-2; 5:22; 5:21; Romans 13:1-2; Hebrews 13:17; and John 12:49. What might be the source of a person's resistance to authority? What might be the source of submission to authority?

What would God say is your attitude toward authority in general? What would He say about your attitude toward authority in the home, in your workplace, in the church? What is one way you could make your attitude toward authority more honoring to God?

3. Read Paul's parting words to the leaders of the church at Ephesus in Acts 20:24-32. What does he remind them of, and warn them of? What does he "commend" them to (v. 32), and how would they apply this?

4. Read about the church at Ephesus in Acts 19:1-20. Then read the message given to the church some 30 years later in Revelation 2:1-5. What happened? What are they told to do?

Do you see any parallel's in your life to the church in Ephesus? Is the Lord calling you to do something in response to this?

5. What is the main application of Ephesians 1:1-2, the sermon, and/or this study for you?

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing burgundy name tags.