

INTRODUCTION to EPHESIANS

The epistles of Paul to the Ephesians and the Colossians are complimentary. They both carry the theme of the *fullness of Christ*. But Ephesians does this by focussing on the Body of Christ, while Colossians does this by focussing on the Head of the Body. Neither of these epistles are negative, unlike Paul's epistles to the Corinthians, or Galatian churches. They were written to encourage, not rebuke. They are constructive rather than corrective. Since they were written around the same time, it's not surprising that Paul deals with the similar themes in them. In this commentary we will explore the profound richness of the revelation that Paul had received from God about the Church. He thought it imperative that every believer understood what God had actually done for them and their new found place of privilege in Christ. This commentary will assist you to discover some of those privileges that you as a Christian are entitled to. I do not debate the meaning of original words, or attempt to explore some of the technical difficulties with this commentary. Instead I have tried to keep in mind the recurring theme of the epistle itself: *the revelation of the glorious position of the Church*.



(Rembrandt's painting of Paul the apostle)