



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

The Letter to the Ephesians

1. **The writer** : The apostle Paul, according to Ep1v1 & 3v1, wrote this letter filled with references to the people addressed, whom he knew well. The word "you" appears 71x in the 6 chapters. Paul had evangelized Ephesus according to Ac18v19-21 & 19v1-20v1. He came back to see them according to Ac20v17-38, and at last he wrote this letter.
2. **The date** : According to Ep3v1 & 6v19 Paul is a prisoner. Ep6v21-22 reveals that Tychicus was also there, as in 2Ti4v19 where Tychicus is sent to Ephesus. This is the second time Paul is in prison in Rome. Paul is on "death row", about to die for Christ according to 2Ti4v7. The year must be around 60 AD.
3. **The readers** : Paul is addressing the believers of Ephesus, Christians who have come out of a pagan world according to Ep2v11 ; who are not former Jews. They are called "saints" in Ep1v15, just like all Christians who are separated from the world.
4. **The divisions** : Two Pearls -

Ch 1-3 Our possessions acquired in Christ.
Ch 4-6 Our practices applied to daily life.
5. **The key words** : "In" the Lord Jesus Christ - 28 times !
6. **The message** : "To Him be the glory" Ep3v21
7. **The application** : "Walk worthy" Ep4v1