

What does the book of Acts have to say about Ephesians?

Paul is a tentmaker and works to raise money rather than ask churches for it:
So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. Acts 18:3 (NKJV)

Acts 18:23-21:17 Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

In Acts 18:19 we see Paul going to the synagogue and reasoning with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent.

Read Acts 18:24-28

What is the plan of salvation that Apollos preached called in these verses?

Read Acts 19:1-6

What was the difference between John's baptism and Jesus baptism?

Read Acts 19:8-12

What is the reaction of people in the synagogue in verse 18:20, 19:8, and 19:9?

Read Acts 19:13-17

The book of Acts does not treat sorcery and magic as ignorant superstition. It assumes a real and evil power at work in the lives of the Ephesians. Is this still relevant today? Why or why not?

Read Acts 19:20

What were some interesting things going on in Ephesus with Paul and the people? Would this great demonstration of power cause the word of the Lord to grow and spread?

Read Acts 19:23-29

"Artemis was one of the most widely worshiped deities in the Greco-Roman pantheon. Her temple in Ephesus was financially influential; it functioned essentially as a large lending bank for local businesses as well as a worship center..." p. 14

What false religions do we have in America?

Question: "What is pantheism?"

Answer: "Pantheism is the view that God is everything and everyone and that everyone and everything is God. Pantheism is similar to polytheism (the belief in many gods), but goes beyond polytheism to teach that everything is God. A tree is God, a rock is God, an animal is God, the sky is God, the sun is God, you are God, etc. Pantheism is the supposition behind many cults and false religions (e.g., Hinduism and Buddhism to an extent, the various unity and unification cults, and "mother nature" worshippers)."

Read more: <http://www.gotquestions.org/pantheism.html#ixzz2dgpSBxp9>

Read Acts 10:7-12 Eutychus

Tell this story to your kids or spouse who like to fall asleep in church.

Read Acts 20:17-38 (Important)

What is Paul's mission?

Does he shrink away from his mission knowing what is going to happen to him?

How did he have the strength to do this? Verse 24

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Gal 2:20 (NKJV)

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Phil 4:11-13 (NASB)

But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. 1 Cor 9:27 (NKJV)

In Acts 20:34-35 Paul says that his hands ministered to his own needs

How does this compare with some ministers today?

Walk Thru the Bible. (2009) *A Walk Thru the Book of Ephesians*. Baker Books.