

Questions on Chapter Six of Roetzel's
The Letters of Paul: Conversations in Context
Part Two: The Letter to the Ephesians

1. Describe the relationship between the letters to the Colossians and Ephesians. What main elements do these letters have in common? How are the letters different? (page 141)
2. Discuss the language and style of the letter to the Ephesians. How does it compare to the language and style of the undisputed pauline letters? (page 142)
3. On what three theological topics does the outlook of the letter to the Ephesians seem to contrast with that of the undisputed letters? Discuss the perspective of the letter the Ephesians on each of these three topics briefly. (pages 142—143)
4. What two main problems does Roetzel think evoked the letter to the Ephesians? Discuss each one briefly. (pages 144—145)
5. How did the author of the letter to the Ephesians address those problems? What resources (traditions) did the author probably use? What arguments did he give? How does he use the term *mystery* in those arguments? (pages 145—147)
6. Describe the way Paul and the other “apostles” are viewed by the author of the letter to the Ephesians. What terms or phrases does the author use to describe Paul and “the apostles”? (page 147)