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Blessed Be The God Who Has Blessed Us In Christ With Every Spiritual Blessing

³ Blessed *be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the One having blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ—*

In Christ And By Grace He Chose Us To Be Holy, And Predestined Us For Adoption

⁴ ... even as He chose us in Him before *the foundation of the world that we might be holy and without-blemish in His presence, in^B love ⁵ having predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself according-to^C the good-pleasure of His will, ⁶ for the praise of the glory of His grace which He graciously-bestowed-on us in the Beloved^D One,*

In Christ And By Grace He Redeemed Us And Revealed The Mystery of His Will To Us

⁷ ... in^E Whom we have the redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He caused-to-abound to us, in^F all wisdom and understanding ⁹ having made-known to us the mystery of His will according to His good-pleasure, which He purposed in Himself ^G ¹⁰ for a stewardship^H of^I the fullness of times, *that He might sum-up^J all things in Christ— the things at the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him,*

In Christ He Predestined Us For an Inheritance

¹¹ ... in Whom also we were allotted an inheritance^K, having been predestined^L according to the purpose^M of the One working all things in accordance with the counsel^N of His will ¹² so-that we, the ones having previously-hoped^O in the^P Christ, *might be for the praise of His glory,*

In Christ He Sealed Us With The Holy Spirit As a Pledge of Our Inheritance

¹³ ... in Whom also you— having heard the word of truth, the good-news of your salvation, in which^Q also having put-faith— you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ Who is a pledge of our inheritance until the [final] redemption of His possession^R for the praise of His glory.

I Pray You May Understand The Hope of His Calling And The Greatness of His Power Toward Us

¹⁵ For this reason **I** also, having heard-of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving-thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the

A. On when this book was written, see Acts 28:30. **B:** presence, in love having predestined. Or, presence in love, having predestined. **C.** Or, based on, in harmony with. **D:** the Beloved One. Lit, the One having been loved. **E.** Or, in connection with, by means of. **F:** caused-to-abound to us, in all wisdom. Or, caused to abound to us in all wisdom and understanding, having made known. **G.** Or, purposed in Him (Christ). Or, set forth in Him. **H.** Or, arrangement, mode of operation, administration, government. **I.** Or, *belonging to*. **J.** Or, gather-together into one. **K.** Were allotted an inheritance, and thus, obtained an inheritance. Or, were allotted to God, and thus, were made an inheritance to God. **L.** This refers back to 'we'. **M.** Or, plan, design. **N.** Or, determination, intention, resolution. **O.** Or, hoped-beforehand. **P:** in the Christ. Or, in Christ. **Q:** in which also having put faith— you were sealed. Or, in Whom also having believed, you were sealed. **R.** Or, acquisition, obtained ones. Or, until the redemption, the obtaining of our inheritance for the praise.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of ^A glory, may give you a spirit^B of ^C wisdom and revelation in^D the knowledge of Him ¹⁸ so that you, **the eyes of your heart having been enlightened**, may know what is the hope of His calling, what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance among^E the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing

This Power Raised Christ From The Dead And Seated Him In Great Glory

... in-accordance-with the working of the might of His strength ²⁰ which He worked in Christ, having raised Him from the dead and having seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name being named— not only in this age, but also in the one coming. ²² And He subjected all things under His feet. And He gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of the One filling all things in all^F.

This Power Made Us Alive From The Dead And Seated Us With Christ As Recipients of Grace

2:1 Indeed, you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you formerly walked in accordance with the [present] age^G of this world, in accordance with the ruler of the authority^H of the air, of^I the spirit^J now being at-work in the sons of^K disobedience, ³ among whom even we all formerly conducted-ourselves^L in the desires of our flesh, doing the wants^M of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of^N wrath, as also the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even we being dead in trespasses, made-us-alive-with Christ— by grace you are saved— ⁶ and raised-us-with Him and seated-us-with Him in the heavenly-places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that He might demonstrate^O in the coming ages^P the surpassing riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For We Are Saved By Grace For The Good Works Which God Prepared For Us

⁸ For by grace you are saved through faith. And this^Q is not from you. It is the gift of God— ⁹ not of works, in order that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared-beforehand in order that we might walk in them.

So Remember Your Hopeless Condition As Gentiles Without Christ And God's Promises

¹¹ Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh— the ones being called “the uncircumcised” by the one being called “the circumcised” (one done-by-human-hands in the flesh)—¹² that you were at that time without Christ, having been excluded from the citizenship^R of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without-God in the world.

A. Or, characterized by. **B.** Or, a disposition. Or, the Spirit. **C.** That is, characterized by, leading to. **D.** That is, in connection with. **E.** Or, in. **F.** That is, in all His people. Or, with all, filling all the universe with all things. **G.** Or, the course. **H.** Or, power, kingdom, empire. **I.** That is, and of the spirit; or, who is the spirit. **J.** That is, spirit being, spirit world, or spiritual influence. **K.** That is, characterized by; or, belonging to. **L.** Or, lived, behaved. **M.** Or, wishes, desires. **N.** That is, belonging to, destined for. **O.** Or, show, display, prove. **P.** Or, the ages coming-upon us. **Q.** That is, the being saved; all of v 4-8. **R.** Or, state, commonwealth. That is, the condition and rights of a citizen.

But Now Christ Made Peace And Reconciled Jews And Gentiles To God Through The Cross

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus **you**, the *ones* formerly being far-away, were made near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, the *One* having made both one and having broken-down the dividing-wall of partition^A, the hostility— in His flesh ¹⁵ having abolished^B the Law of commandments in decrees^C in order that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, making peace, ¹⁶ and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility by it^D. ¹⁷ And having come, He announced-as-good-news peace to you, the *ones* far-away, and peace to the *ones* near, ¹⁸ because^E through Him we both have the access in^F one Spirit to the Father.

So You Are No Longer Strangers, But In Christ You Are Fellow Citizens And Family Members

¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints and family-members of God, ²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of^G the apostles and prophets— Christ Jesus Himself being *the* cornerstone, ²¹ in Whom *the* whole building being fitted-together^H is growing into a holy temple in *the* Lord, ²² in Whom also **you** are being built-together into a dwelling-place of God in^I *the* Spirit.

For This Reason, I Paul, a Prisoner of Christ For You Gentiles...

3:1 For this reason, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you the Gentiles—

For I Am a Steward of God's Plan To Make Gentiles Partakers of His Promises

² ... if indeed you heard-of the stewardship^J of the grace of God having been given^K to me for you, ³ that by way of revelation the mystery was made-known to me (just as I wrote-before in brief, ⁴ with reference to which you are able, while reading, to perceive my understanding in^L the mystery of Christ) ⁵ which in other generations was not made-known to the sons of humans as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by *the* Spirit— ⁶ that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs and fellow-body-members and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good-news, ⁷ of which I was made a minister^M in-accordance-with the gift of the grace of God having been given^N to me by-way-of the working of His power.

It Was Granted To Me To Enlighten Everyone To See The Creator's Long Hidden Plan

⁸ This grace was given to me, the less-than-least of all saints, that I might announce-as-good-news to the Gentiles the untraceable riches of Christ, ⁹ and enlighten everyone to see what is the stewardship^O of the mystery having been hidden from the past ages in God, the *One* having created all things, ¹⁰ so that now the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made-known to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places through the church, ¹¹ in-accordance-with *the* purpose of the ages^P which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in Whom we have boldness and access in

A: partition... Law. Or, partition— in His flesh having abolished the hostility, the Law; or, partition, the hostility, in His flesh— having abolished the Law. **B:** Or, done away with. **C:** Or, regulations, ordinances. **D:** That is, the cross. Or, in Himself. **E:** Or, that. **F:** Or, by. **G:** That is, consisting of; or, laid by. **H:** Or, framed together, joined together, as stones were combined to make ancient buildings. **I:** Or, by; or, in spirit, in a spiritual manner. **J:** That is, the position of management responsibility; or, the arrangement or mode of operation in which Paul served. **K:** That is, the grace... given. **L:** That is, in connection with the mystery concerning Christ. **M:** Or, servant. **N:** That is, the grace... given. **O:** That is, mode of operation, arrangement. **P:** *the* purpose of the ages. Or, *the* eternal purpose.

confidence through faith^A in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask *that you* not lose-heart in connection with my afflictions for-your-sake, which is your glory!

For This Reason I Pray For You To Know The Love of Christ And The Fullness of God

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from Whom *the* whole^B family in *the* heavens and on earth is named, ¹⁶ *asking* that He might grant *to you* in accordance with the riches of His glory *that you* be strengthened *with* power through His Spirit in *your* inner person ¹⁷ *so-that*^C Christ may dwell^D in your hearts through faith, ¹⁸ in-order-that^E you, **having^F been rooted and founded in love**, might be strong-enough^G to grasp^H together-with all the saints what *is* the width and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ surpassing knowledge, in-order-that^I you might be filled to all the fullness of God.

To God Be The Glory

²⁰ Now *to the One* being able to do super-abundantly beyond all *of the things* which we ask or think^J according to the power being at-work^K in us—²¹ *to Him be the glory* in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations forever and ever, amen.

Therefore I Exhort You To Walk Worthily of Your Calling, Keeping The Unity of The Spirit

4:1 Therefore **I**, the prisoner in *the* Lord, exhort you to walk *worthily of* the calling *with* which you were called, ² with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with patience bearing-with one another in love, ³ being diligent to keep^L the unity of^M the Spirit in the bond of^N peace—

God Made Us One, And Gave Gifts And Grace To Each One of Us

⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, the *One* over all and through all and in all; ⁷ and *to each one of us* grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

For Scripture Says Jesus Ascended On High And Gave Gifts To His People

⁸ For this reason it says, “having ascended to on-high, He led captivity captive^O, He gave gifts *to people*” [Ps 68:18].

⁹ Now what does the “He ascended” mean except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth^P? ¹⁰ The *One* having descended is Himself also the *One* having ascended far above all the heavens, in order that He might fill all *things*.

He Gave Gifted People To Equip The Saints To Build Up The Body of Christ To Maturity

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *as* apostles, and others *as* prophets, and others *as*

A: through faith in Him. Or, through His faithfulness. **B:** *the* whole. Or, every. **C:** *so that*. Or, *that*, parallel with ‘*that you* be strengthened’. **D:** Or, reside, live, have His home. **E:** in order that. Or, that, making this a second main thing he is ‘*asking that*’. **F:** having been ... in love. In the Greek word order, this phrase precedes ‘in order that you’ (it is part of v 17), making it emphatic. **G:** Or, fully able. **H:** Or, comprehend, lay hold of. Paul may be referring to the dimensions of God’s plan and wisdom (v 10); or, the dimensions of Christ’s love. **I:** in order that. Or, that, making this a third main thing he is ‘*asking that*’. **J:** Or, understand, imagine, perceive. **K:** Or, in-operation. **L:** Or, preserve, protect, guard. **M:** That is, produced by. **N:** That is, consisting of; or, leading to. **O:** led captivity captive. Or, took-prisoner prisoners of war. **P:** This may refer to Christ’s incarnation, or to His descent into Hades after His death.

evangelists, and others *as* shepherds and teachers, ¹² for^A the equipping^B of the saints for *the work of ministry*^C, for *the building-up of the body of Christ* ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature^D man, to *the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ*, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, being tossed-about and carried-around *by* every wind of teaching, by the trickery of people, by craftiness with-regard-to^E the scheme of^F error^G, ¹⁵ but *that* while speaking-the-truth in love, we may grow *as to* all *things* into Him Who is the head— Christ, ¹⁶ from Whom the whole body, being fitted-together^H and held-together by every joint of supply according to *the* working in measure of each individual part, is producing the growth of the body for *the* building-up of itself in love.

So Walk No Longer In The Futile Darkness of The Gentiles, As They Pursue Impurity

¹⁷ Therefore this I say and testify in *the* Lord, *that* you be walking no longer as indeed the Gentiles are walking, in *the* futility of their mind, ¹⁸ being darkened in *their* understanding, having been excluded *from* the life of God because of the ignorance being in them, because of the hardness of their hearts— ¹⁹ who, having become callous, gave themselves over to sensuality for *the* practice^I of every impurity with greed.

Lay Aside The Old Person. Be Renewed In Your Mind And Put On The New Person

²⁰ But **you** did not learn Christ in this manner, ²¹ if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, even as it is *the* truth in Jesus ²² *that* in-relation-to *your* former way-of-life you lay-aside the old person being corrupted^J in-accordance-with the desires of^K deception, ²³ and *that* you be being renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and *that* you put-on the new person having been created in accordance with God, in righteousness and holiness of^L truth.

Live Out Righteousness And Truth

²⁵ Therefore, having laid-aside the lie^M, each of *you* be speaking truth with his neighbor, because we are body-parts of one another. ²⁶ Be angry and-yet do not be sinning. Do not let the sun go down upon your angriness^N, ²⁷ nor give a place^O to the devil. ²⁸ Let the *one* stealing be stealing no longer. But rather let him be laboring, working the good *thing* with *his* own hands in order that he might have *something* to give to the *one* having a need. ²⁹ Let every bad^P word not proceed out of your mouth, but if *there is* something good for edification of the need, *speak* in order that it may give grace to the *ones* hearing. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with^Q Whom you were sealed for *the* day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and blasphemy^R be taken-away^S from you, along-with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other just as God in Christ also forgave you.

As Beloved Children, Be Imitators of God And Walk In Love

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And be walking in love, just as

A. Or, with a view to. Not the same word as in the next two phrases. **B.** Or, preparing, furnishing, training. **C.** Or, service. **D.** Or, finished, complete. **E.** Or, with a view to. **F.** That is, leading to; or, proceeding from; or, characterized by. **G.** Or, deception. **H.** See 2:21. **I.** Or, pursuit, business, working. **J.** Or, corrupting *itself*. **K.** That is, proceeding from; or, belonging to; or, characterized by. **L.** That is, characterized by truth (true holiness); or, belonging to the truth. **M:** the lie. Or, falsehood. That is, the lie of the Gentile way of thinking and living, v 17-19 (introducing v 25-32); or, falsehood in general, in direct contrast to speaking truth next (and part of that point only). **N.** Or, irritation, exasperation, angry mood. **O.** That is, opportunity, chance. **P.** Or, corrupt, worthless, unfit. **Q.** Or, by, in. **R.** Or, harmful speech. **S.** Or, removed.

Christ also loved us and handed Himself over for us— *an offering and a sacrifice to God for an aroma of fragrance.*

But Don't Let Any Kind of Impurity Or Greed Exist Among You

³But let sexual-immorality and all impurity or greed not even be named^A among you, as is proper *for saints*— ⁴and filthiness^B and foolish-talk or coarse-joking^C, which are not fitting, but rather thanksgiving.

You Know This Is Right, So Don't Be Partakers With Those Inheriting Wrath

⁵For you know this^D— recognizing^E that every sexually-immoral or impure or greedy *person* (that is, *an idolater*) does not have *an inheritance* in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you *with empty words*, for because of these *things* the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of^F disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not be fellow-partakers *with* them.

For You Were Formerly Darkness, But Now You Are Light; Walk As Children of Light

⁸For you were formerly darkness, but now *you are light* in the Lord. Be walking as children of^G light (⁹for the fruit of the light *is* in^H all goodness and righteousness and truth),¹⁰ approving what is pleasing^I to the Lord.

Expose The Works of Darkness To God's Light

¹¹And do not be participating *in* the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even be exposing^J *them*. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak the *things* being done *in secret* by them, ¹³but all *things* being exposed by the light become-visible^K. ¹⁴For everything becoming-visible is^L light. Therefore he^M says, “Awake, sleeping *one*, and rise-up from the dead, and Christ will shine-on you.”

So Walk Wisely, Redeeming The Time. Be Filled With The Spirit, And Subject To One Another

¹⁵Therefore be watching carefully how you walk— not as unwise, but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming^N the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷For this reason, do not be foolish *ones*, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And do not get-drunk *with wine*, in^O which is wild-living, but be filled with^P the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking *to each other* with^Q psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making-melody *with your heart to the Lord*, ²⁰giving-thanks always for all *things* in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ *to our God and Father*, ²¹being-subject^R *to one another in the fear*^S of Christ—

Wives, Be Subject To Your Husbands As The Church Is Subject To Christ

²²... wives— *to your own husbands*, as *to the Lord*. ²³Because *a husband is the head of his wife* as also Christ *is the head of the church*, He *being the Savior of the body*.

A. That is, identified as part of your behavior. **B.** Or, indecency, obscenity, shamefulness in word or deed. **C.** Or, vulgar-wittiness. **D.** That is, v 3-4. **E:** For you know this— recognizing that. Or, For know this with certainty— that. **F.** See 2:2. **G.** That is, characterized by. **H.** That is, consisting of; or, in the sphere of. **I.** Or, acceptable. **J.** Or, bringing to light, rebuking. **K:** by the light become-visible. Or, are made-visible by the light. **L.** That is, reflects. **M.** Or, it. That is, the one exposing the sin says this; or, Paul may be referring to a written source, perhaps Isa 60:1. **N.** That is, buying up the time for the Lord, saving it from being lost or wasted; making the most of your time. **O.** That is, in connection with. **P.** Or, by. **Q.** Or, in, by means of. **R.** Or, subjecting *yourselves*, voluntarily-submitting. **S.** Or, respect, reverence.

²⁴ Nevertheless^A, as the church is subject to Christ, in this manner also *let the wives be to their husbands in everything.*

Husbands, Love Your Wives As Christ Loved The Church

²⁵ Husbands, be loving *your* wives just-as Christ also loved the church and handed Himself over for her ²⁶ in order that He might sanctify^B her, having cleansed^C *her with*^D the washing^E of water by^F *the* word, ²⁷ in order that **He** might present the church to Himself *as* glorious— not having spot or wrinkle or any of such *things*, but that she might be holy and without-blemish. ²⁸ In this manner^G, husbands ought also to be loving their wives as their *own* bodies. The *one* loving his wife is loving himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his *own* flesh, but he nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, ³⁰ because we are body-parts of His body. ³¹ “For this *cause* a man shall leave-behind *his* father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh” [Gen 2:24]. ³² This mystery is great, but **I** am speaking with reference to Christ and with reference to the church. ³³ Nevertheless, you also individually, let each in this manner be loving his wife as himself. And *let the wife see* that she be respecting *her* husband.

Children, Honor Your Parents

6:1 Children, be obeying your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right. ² “Be honoring your father and mother” — which is *the* first commandment with a promise— ³ “in order that it may be well *with* you and you may be long-lived upon the earth” [Deut 5:16].

Fathers, Nourish Your Children In The Lord

⁴ And fathers, do not be provoking your children to anger, but be nourishing them in *the* training^H and admonition^I of *the* Lord.

Slaves And Masters, Live As Slaves of Christ

⁵ Slaves, be obeying *your* masters according-to *the* flesh with fear and trembling, in *the* sincerity of your heart, as to Christ— ⁶ not by way of eye-service as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from *the* soul, ⁷ serving with good-will as to the Lord and not to people, ⁸ knowing that each *one*, if he does anything good, will receive this back from *the* Lord, whether slave or free. ⁹ And masters, be doing the same *things* to them, giving-up the threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in *the* heavens, and there is no respect-of-persons with Him.

Finally, Put On The Full Armor of God So You Can Stand Against The Spiritual Forces of Evil

¹⁰ Finally, become-strong in *the* Lord and in the might of His strength. ¹¹ Put-on the full-armor of God so-that you *may* be able to stand against the schemes^J of the devil, ¹² because the struggle^K for us is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-powers^L of this darkness, against the spiritual forces^M of evilness in the

A. Or, But, However. That is, although your husband is not your savior. Or, So, Indeed. **B.** Or, make her holy. **C.** Or, cleansing, concurrently with the sanctifying. **D.** Or, by, in. **E.** Or, bath. **F.** Or, with, in. **G:** In this manner, husbands. That is, like Christ loved His body, the church, referring back to v 25. Or, In this manner husbands... wives: as their *own* bodies. **H.** Or, instruction, discipline. **I.** Or, warning, instruction. **J.** Or, stratagems, methods. **K.** Or, wrestling, conflict, one-on-one battle. **L.** Or, world forces, world rulers. **M.** Or, beings, hosts.

heavenly-places. ¹³ For this reason, take-up the full-armor of God in order that you may be able to resist^A on the evil day, and having worked^B everything, to stand.

Stand Armored With Truth, Righteousness, And Faith, Wielding God's Word And Prayer

¹⁴ Stand [firm] therefore, having girded^C your waist with truth, and having put-on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having sandaled your feet with the readiness^D of the good-news of peace, ¹⁶ with all these having taken-up the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword^E of^F the Spirit, which is the Word of God, ¹⁸ praying with every-kind-of prayer and petition at every opportunity^G in the Spirit, and keeping-alert for it with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints— ¹⁹ and for me, that a word may be given to me in connection with the opening of my mouth with boldness to make-known the mystery of the good-news ²⁰ for the sake of which I am-an-ambassador in a chain, that with^H it I may speak-boldly^I as I ought-to speak.

Closing Remarks

²¹ Now in order that **you** also may know the things concerning me, what I am doing, Tychicus will make everything known to you— the beloved brother and faithful minister^J in the Lord ²²whom I sent to you for this very reason, in order that you may know the things concerning us and he may encourage your hearts. ²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all the ones loving our Lord Jesus Christ with undecayability^K.

A. Or, oppose, withstand. **B.** Or, done, accomplished, overcome. **C.** Or, tied. **D.** Or, preparedness. **E.** Or, saber, dagger. **F.** Or, belonging to; from. **G:** at every opportunity. Or, at all times; or, on every occasion. **H.** That is, with the word, or, with my mouth; or, in order that in-connection-with it [the mystery of the good news]. **I.** Or, speak freely, speak openly. **J.** Or, servant. **K.** Or, immortality. That is, with a love that is unfading, undiminishing, and thus, sincere; or, a love in union with immortality, a forever love. Or, Grace with immortality be with all the ones loving our Lord Jesus Christ.