

# EPHESIANS

**1:1** Paul, *an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints being in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus:* **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *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 love **5** having predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself according-to 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 *One*,

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

**7** ... in 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 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 **10** for a stewardship of the fullness of times, that He *might* sum-up 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, having been predestined according to *the* purpose of *the One* working all *things* in accordance with the counsel of His will **12** so-that we, the *ones* having previously-hoped in the 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 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 for *the* praise of His glory.

## *I Pray That 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 God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in *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 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.

### *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 of this world, in accordance with the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit now being at-work in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom even **we** all formerly conducted-*ourselves* in the desires of our flesh, doing the wants of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of 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 in the coming ages 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 *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*

<sup>11</sup>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*)—<sup>12</sup>that you were *at* that time without Christ, having been excluded *from* the citizenship of Israel, and strangers *from* the covenants of promise, having no hope and without-God in the world.

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

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup>... if indeed you heard-of the stewardship of the grace of God having been given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that by way of revelation the mystery was made-known to me (just as I wrote-before in brief, <sup>4</sup>with reference to which you are able, while reading, to perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ) <sup>5</sup>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— <sup>6</sup>that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs and fellow-body-members and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good-news, <sup>7</sup>of which I was made a minister in-accordance-with the gift of the grace of God having been given 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*

<sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and enlighten everyone to see what is the stewardship of the mystery having been hidden from the *past* ages in God, the *One* having created all things, <sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>in-accordance-with *the* purpose of the ages which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in Whom we have boldness and access in confidence through faith in Him. <sup>13</sup>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*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from Whom *the* whole family in *the* heavens and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>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 <sup>17</sup>so-that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, <sup>18</sup>in-order-that you, **having been rooted and founded in love**, might be strong-enough to grasp together-with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ surpassing knowledge, in-order-that you might be filled to all the fullness of God.

### *To God Be The Glory*

<sup>20</sup>Now to the *One* being able to do super-abundantly beyond all of *the things* which we ask or think according to the power being at-work in us—<sup>21</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with patience bearing-with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace—

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

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you also were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, the *One* over all and through all and in all; <sup>7</sup>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*

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

<sup>9</sup>Now what does the “He ascended” mean except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>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*

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *as* apostles, and others *as* prophets, and others *as* evangelists, and others *as* shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for *the* work of ministry, for *the* building-up of the body of Christ <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to *the* measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>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 the scheme of error, <sup>15</sup>but *that* while speaking-the-truth in love, we may grow *as to* all *things* into Him Who is the head— Christ, <sup>16</sup>from Whom the whole body, being fitted-together 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*

<sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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— <sup>19</sup>who, having become callous, gave themselves over to sensuality for *the* practice of every impurity with greed.

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

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

### *Live Out Righteousness And Truth*

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having laid-aside the lie, each of *you* be speaking truth with his neighbor, because we are body-parts of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and-*yet* do not be sinning. Do not let the sun go down upon your angriness, <sup>27</sup>nor give a place to the devil. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Let every bad 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with Whom you were sealed for *the* day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and blasphemy be taken-away from you, along-with all malice. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And be walking in love, just as 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*

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

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

<sup>5</sup>For you know this— recognizing 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. <sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these *things* the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not be fellow-partakers with them.

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

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

### *Expose The Works of Darkness To God's Light*

<sup>11</sup>And do not be participating in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even be exposing *them*. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak the *things* being done in secret by them, <sup>13</sup>but all *things* being exposed by the light become-visible. <sup>14</sup>For everything becoming-visible is light. Therefore he 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*

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

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

<sup>22</sup>... wives— to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Because a husband is the head of his wife as also Christ is the head of the church, He being the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup>Nevertheless, 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*

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, be loving your wives just-as Christ also loved the church and handed Himself over for her <sup>26</sup>in order that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>In this manner, husbands ought also to be loving their wives as their own bodies. The one loving his wife is loving himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but he nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are body-parts of His body. <sup>31</sup>“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]. <sup>32</sup>This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference to Christ and with reference to the church. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>“Be honoring your father and mother”— which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>“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*

<sup>4</sup>And fathers, do not be provoking your children to anger, but be nourishing them in the training and admonition of the Lord.

#### *Slaves And Masters, Live As Slaves of Christ*

<sup>5</sup> Slaves, be obeying your masters according-to the flesh with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ— <sup>6</sup>not by way of eye-service as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul, <sup>7</sup>servicing with good-will as to the Lord and not to people, <sup>8</sup>knowing that each one, if he does anything good, will receive this back from the Lord, whether slave or free. <sup>9</sup>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*

<sup>10</sup>Finally, become-strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength. <sup>11</sup>Put-on the full-armor of God so-that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil, <sup>12</sup>because the struggle for us is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evilness in the heavenly-places. <sup>13</sup>For this reason, take-up the full-armor of God in order that you may be able to resist on the evil day, and having worked everything, to stand.

#### *Stand Armored With Truth, Righteousness, And Faith, Wielding The Word of God And Prayer*

<sup>14</sup>Stand [firm] therefore, having girded your waist with truth, and having put-on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and having sandaled your feet with the readiness of the good-news of peace, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying with every-kind-of prayer and petition at every opportunity in the Spirit, and keeping-alert for it with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints— <sup>19</sup>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 <sup>20</sup>for the sake of which I am-an-ambassador in a chain, that with it I may speak-boldly as I ought-to speak.

#### *Closing Remarks*

<sup>21</sup>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 in the Lord <sup>22</sup>whom I sent to you for this very reason, in order that you may know the things concerning us and he may encourage your hearts. <sup>23</sup>Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>Grace be with all the ones loving our Lord Jesus Christ with undecayability.