

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:* ²Grace 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

³Blessed *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 ⁵having predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself according-to the good-pleasure *of* His will, ⁶for *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 ⁸which He caused-to-abound to us, in all wisdom and understanding ⁹having made-known *to* us the mystery *of* His will according to His good-pleasure, which He purposed in Himself ¹⁰for *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 ¹²so-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, ¹⁴Who 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

¹⁵For this reason **I** also, having heard-*of* your faith in the Lord Jesus and love toward all the saints, ¹⁶do not cease giving-thanks for you, making mention *of you* in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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 ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and 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*, ²¹far 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. ²²And He subjected all *things* under His feet. And He gave Him *as* head over all *things* *to* the church, ²³which 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 ²in 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, ³among 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. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love *with* which He loved us, ⁵even we being dead *in* trespasses, made-*us*-alive-with Christ— *by* grace you are saved— ⁶and raised-*us*-with *Him* and seated-*us*-with *Him* in the heavenly-*places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷in 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

⁸For *by* grace you are saved through faith. And this *is* not from you. *It is* the gift *of* God— ⁹not of works, in order that no one may boast. ¹⁰For 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

¹¹Therefore 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*)—¹²that 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

¹³But now in Christ Jesus **you**, the *ones* formerly being far-away, were made near by the blood *of* Christ. ¹⁴For 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 ¹⁵having abolished the Law *of* commandments in decrees in order that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, making peace, ¹⁶and reconcile both in one body *to* God through the cross, having killed the hostility by it. ¹⁷And having come, He announced-as-good-news peace *to* you, the *ones* far-away, and peace *to* the *ones* near, ¹⁸because 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

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

²... if indeed you heard-*of* the stewardship *of* the grace *of* God having been given *to* me for you, ³that by way *of* revelation the mystery was made-known *to* me (just as I wrote-before in brief, ⁴with reference to which you are able, while reading, to perceive my understanding in the mystery *of* Christ) ⁵which *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— ⁶that 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 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

⁸This 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, ⁹and 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*, ¹⁰so that now the multifaceted wisdom *of* God might be made-known *to* the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places* through the church, ¹¹in-accordance-with *the* purpose *of* the ages which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in Whom we have boldness and access in confidence through faith *in* Him. ¹³Therefore 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

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from Whom *the* whole family in *the* heavens and on earth is named, ¹⁶asking 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 ¹⁷so-that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, ¹⁸in-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, ¹⁹and 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

²⁰Now *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—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, ²with all humble-mindedness and gentleness, with patience bearing-with one another in love, ³being 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

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

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

⁹Now what does the “He ascended” mean except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰The *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* evangelists, and others *as* shepherds and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for *the* work of ministry, for *the* building-up of the body of Christ ¹³until 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, ¹⁴so 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, ¹⁵but *that* while speaking-the-truth in love, we may grow *as to* all *things* into Him Who is the head— Christ, ¹⁶from 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

¹⁷Therefore 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, ¹⁸being 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— ¹⁹who, 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

²⁰But **you** did not learn Christ in this manner, ²¹if 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 in-accordance-with the desires of deception, ²³and *that* you be being renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and *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

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

³But let sexual-immorality and all impurity or greed not even be named among you, as is proper for saints— ⁴and 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

⁵For 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. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these *things* the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of 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 light (⁹for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰approving what is pleasing 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 *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. ¹⁴For 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

¹⁵Therefore be watching carefully how you walk— not as unwise, but as wise,¹⁶redeeming 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 which is wild-living, but be filled with *the* Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to each other with 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 to one another in the fear 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. ²⁴Nevertheless, 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

²⁵Husbands, be loving your wives just-as Christ also loved the church and handed Himself over for her ²⁶in order that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷in 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. ²⁸In this manner, husbands ought also to be loving their wives as their own bodies. The one loving his wife is loving himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but he nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, ³⁰because 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]. ³²This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference to Christ and with reference to the church. ³³Nevertheless, 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

⁴And 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

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

¹⁰Finally, become-strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength. ¹¹Put-on the full-armor of God so-that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil, ¹²because 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. ¹³For 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

¹⁴Stand [firm] therefore, having girded your waist with truth, and having put-on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having sandaled your feet with the readiness of the good-news of peace, ¹⁶with 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. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, ¹⁸praying 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— ¹⁹and 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 ²⁰for 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

²¹Now 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 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. ²³Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all the ones loving our Lord Jesus Christ with undecayability.