

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the **EPHESIANS**

Ephesians 1

1 After salvation and thanksgiving for the Ephesians, 4 our election, 6 and adoption.

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through 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.

3 ¶ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms with Christ,

4 even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

5 to Himself predestinating us to adoption through Jesus Christ according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace in which He has favored us in the One being loved,

7 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of deviations, according to the riches of His grace

8 which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding,

9 making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 for the administration of the fullness of the times to head up all things in Christ, both the things in the heavens, and the things on earth, in Him,

11 in whom we also were chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of the One working all things according to the counsel of His own will,

12 for us to be to the praise of His glory, the ones who had before trusted in Christ;

13 in whom also you, hearing the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also believing you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

15 ¶ Because of this, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love toward all the saints,

16 I also do not cease giving thanks on your behalf, making mention of you in my prayers,

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your mind having been enlightened, for you to know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength

20 which He worked in Christ in raising Him from the dead ones; yea, He seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, Psa. 110:1

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 coming age;

22 and He “put all things under His feet” and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Assembly, Psa. 8:6

23 which is His body: the fullness of the One filling all things in all;

Ephesians 2

1 By comparing what we were by nature, 3 with what we are 5 by grace: 8 faith is a gift of God 10 we are made for good works.

1 ¶ and you being dead in deviations and sins,

2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit now working in the sons of disobedience,

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3 among whom we also all conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh, acting out the wills of the flesh and of the understandings, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as 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 deviations, *He* made us alive together with Christ; by grace you are having been saved,

6 and *He* raised *us* up together and seated *us* together in the heavenly *realm* in Christ Jesus,

7 that He might demonstrate in the ages coming on the exceeding great riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus,

8 for by grace you are saved, through faith, and this not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God;

9 not of works, that not anyone should boast;

10 for we are *His* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them.

11 ¶ Therefore, remember that you, the nations, *were* then in *the* flesh (the *ones* being called Uncircumcision by the *ones* being called Circumcision in the flesh made by hand),

12 that at that time you were without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers of the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now, in Christ Jesus you who then were afar off, came to be near by the blood of Christ.

14 ¶ For He is our peace, He making us both one, and breaking down the wall of partition,

15 in His flesh having made to cease the enmity, the Law of the commandments in decrees, that He might in Himself create the two into one new man, making peace,

16 and might reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, slaying the enmity in Himself.

17 And coming, *He* proclaimed “peace to you, the ones afar off, and to the ones near.” *Isa. 57:19*

18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

19 So, then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but *you are* fellow citizens of the saints and *of the* household of God,

20 being built up on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being *the* cornerstone,

21 in whom all the building being fitly joined together grows into a holy temple in *the* Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in *the* Spirit.

Ephesians 3

5 The hidden mystery, 6 that the Gentiles should besaved, 3 was made known to Paul by revelation.

1 ¶ Because of this, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you, the nations,

2 if, indeed, you heard of the stewardship of the grace of God given to me for you,

3 that by revelation He made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief,

4 by the reading of which you are able to realize my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as now it was revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in *the* Spirit,

6 *for* the nations to be joint-heirs, and a joint-body and joint-partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 of which I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me, according to the working of His power.

8 This grace was given to me, *I being* less than the least of all the saints, to preach the gospel of the incomprehensible riches of Christ among the nations,

9 and to enlighten all, what *is* the fellowship of the mystery having been hidden from eternity in God, the *One* creating all things through Jesus Christ,

10 so that now to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly *realm* might be made known through the Assembly the manifold wisdom of God,

11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through His faith.

13 Therefore, I ask *you* not to weaken at my afflictions on your behalf, which is your glory.

14 ¶ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,

16 that He may give you, according to the riches of His glory, by *His* power to be empowered in the inward man through His Spirit,

17 that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts, having been rooted and founded in love,

18 that you may have full strength to grasp, with all the saints, what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height,

19 and to know the surpassing knowledge and love of Christ, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

20 Now to the *One* being able to do beyond all things exceedingly above *all of* which we ask or think, according to the power *of* the *One* working in us,

21 to Him *be* the glory in the Assembly in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

Ephesians 4

1 He exhorts to unity, 24 and to put on the new man.

1 ¶ Then I, the prisoner in *the* Lord, exhort you to walk worthily of the calling in which you were called,

2 ¶ with all humility and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love,

3 being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, even 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* above all and through all and in you all.

7 But to each one of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Therefore He says, “Ascending to *the* height, He led captivity captive,” and gave “gifts to men.” *Psa. 68:18*

9 But that He ascended, what is it except that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 The *One* descending Himself is also the *one* ascending far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

11 And indeed He gave the *ones to be* apostles; and the *ones* prophets; and the *ones* evangelists; and the *ones* shepherds and teachers;

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ,

13 until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ,

14 so that we may no longer be little children, being blown and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the trickery of men, in craftiness to the deceit of error,

15 but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the head, the Christ,

16 from whom all the body, having been fitted and compacted together through every assisting bond, according to *the* effectual working of one measure *in* each part, produces the growth of the body to the building up of itself in love.

17 ¶ Therefore, I say this, and testify in *the* Lord, that you no longer walk even as also the rest *of the* nations walk, in *the* vanity of their mind,

18 having been darkened in the intellect, being alienated *from* the life of God through the ignorance which is in them because of the hardness of their heart,

19 who, having become callous, gave themselves up to unbridled lust, to *the* working of all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as *the* truth is in Jesus,

22 *for* you to put off the old man, as regards the former behavior, the *one* being corrupted according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and to put on the new man, the *one* being created according to God in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Therefore, putting off the lie, “speak truth each with his neighbor,” because we are members of one another. *Zech. 8:16*

26 “Be angry, but do not sin;” do not let the sun go down on your wrath, *LXX-Psa. 4:4; MT-Psa. 4:5*

27 nor give place to the devil.

28 The one stealing, let him steal no more, but rather let him labor, working what *is* good with the hands, that he may have *something* to give to the *one* that has need.

29 Let not any rotten word go out of your mouth, but if any *is* good to building up *in respect* to the need, that it may give grace to the ones hearing.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed to *the* day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, having forgiven one another, even as also God forgave you in Christ.

Ephesians 5

2 *After general exhortations, 22 he shows how wives ought to obey their husbands, 25 and husbands ought to love their wives.*

1 ¶ Therefore become imitators of God, as beloved children,

2 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a fragrance of a sweet smell.

3 ¶ But let not fornication, and all uncleanness, or greediness, be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 also baseness, and foolish talking, or joking (the things not becoming), but rather thanksgiving.

5 For be knowing this, that every fornicator, or unclean one, or covetous *one*, who is an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for through these the wrath of God comes on the sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not become partakers with them;

8 for you then were darkness, but *are* now light in *the* Lord; walk as children of light.

9 For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth,

10 proving what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove *them*.

12 For it is shameful even to speak of the things being done by them in secret.

13 But all things being exposed by the light are clearly revealed, for everything being revealed *is* light.

14 Therefore He says, “Rise up, the *one* sleeping, and stand up out of the dead *ones*, and Christ will shine on you.” *No O. T. passage*

15 Then watch how carefully you walk, not as unwise, but as wise ones,

16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 For this reason, do not become foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

18 And “do not be drunk with wine,” in which is debauchery, but be filled by the Spirit, *Prov. 23:31*

19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming in your heart to the Lord,

20 giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, even to God *the* Father,

21 ¶ subjecting ourselves to one another in *the* fear of God.

22 Wives, subject yourselves to *your* own husbands, as to the Lord,

23 because a husband is head of the wife, as also Christ *is* Head of the Assembly, and He is Savior of the body.

24 But even as the Assembly is subject to Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Assembly and gave Himself up on her behalf,

26 that He might sanctify her, cleansing *it* by the bathing of the water in *the* Word,

27 that He might present her to Himself *as* the glorious Assembly, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such things, but that she be holy and without blemish.

28 So, husbands ought to love their wives as their *own* bodies, (he loving his wife loves himself),

29 for then no one hated his *own* flesh, but nourishes and cherishes her, even as also the Lord the Assembly.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.

31 “For this *reason*, a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh.” *Gen. 2:24*

32 The mystery is great, but I speak as to Christ and as to the Assembly.

33 However, you also, everyone, let each love his wife as himself, and the wife, that she give deference to the husband.

Ephesians 6

1 The duty of children towards their parents, 5 of servants towards their masters.

1 ¶ Children, obey your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right.

2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is *the* first commandment with a promise, *Ex. 20:12*

3 “that it may be well with you, and you may be long-lived on the earth”. *Deut. 5:16*

4 And fathers, do not provoke to anger your children, but nurture them in *the* discipline and admonition of *the* Lord.

5 Slaves, obey *your* lords according to flesh, with fear and trembling, in simplicity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ doing the will of God from *the* soul,

7 serving as slaves with good will to the Lord, and not *as to* men,

8 each one knowing that whatever good thing he does, this he shall receive from the Lord, whether a slave or a freeman.

9 And lords, do the same things toward them, forbearing threatening, knowing that the Lord of you and of them is in Heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

10 ¶ For the rest, my brothers, be made powerful in *the* Lord and in the might of His strength.

11 Put on the full armor of God, for you to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,

12 because our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual *powers* of evil in the heavenlies.

13 Because of this, take up the full armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand.

14 Therefore stand firm, “having girded your loins about with truth” and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,” *Isa. 11:5; 59:17*

15 and having shod the feet with *the* preparation of the “gospel of peace.” *Isa. 52:7*

16 Above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the darts of the evil *one* having been made fiery.

17 Also, take “the helmet of salvation,” and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God; *Isa. 59:17 LXX-Isa. 11:4; MT-Isa. 49:2; LXX and MT-Hos. 6:5*

18 through all prayer and petition, praying at all seasons in *the* Spirit, and being alert to this same *end*, with all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints.

19 ¶ *Pray* also on my behalf, that to me may be given speech in *the* opening of my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may speak boldly as it is right for me to speak.

21 But that you also may know the things about me, what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in *the* Lord, will make known all things to you,

22 whom I sent to you for this same thing, that you might know the things about us, and *he* may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace to the brothers, and love with faith, from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.