

The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle
To The EPHESIANS

EPHESIANS 1

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world; Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, to the saints being in¹ Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus;

2 Grace to you, and peace, from our Father God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,

4 Just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish in front of his face in love,

5 Predestinating us into adoption through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good thinking of his will,

6 To *the* praise of the glory of his grace, in which he has graced us in the beloved,

7 In whom we have the redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, according to the riches of his grace,

8 Which he has caused to super-abounded to us in all wisdom, and *in the* exercise of our mind,

9 Having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good thinking which he placed beforehand in himself,

¹ **1:1 in, en.** Ephesians is the **in Christ** letter. Who we are, and what we have, in Christ, is the main theme of Ephesians. In is found 121 times in Ephesians.

10 That in the stewardship of the fullness of times he might sum up all things in Christ, both those in the heavens, and those upon earth, in him,

11 In whom also we have been allotted an inheritance, being predestinated according to the placing beforehand of the one supernaturally working all things according to the will¹¹ of his will,

12 For us to be to the praise of his glory, who in advance hoped in Christ,

13 In whom you also, having heard the word of truth, the good news of your salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Who is the security payment of our inheritance into the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of his glory.

15 Therefore I also, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love to all the saints,

16 Absolutely do not stop giving thanks for you, making mention of you upon 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 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

¹¹ **1:11 the will of his will, teen bouleen tou theleematos.** Both *boule* and *thelema* mean the act of the will. Both the noun forms and verb forms of these two words are used identically.

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of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the surpassing greatness of his power to us, those believing according to the supernatural working of the might of his strength,

20 Which he supernaturally worked in Christ, raising him out of the dead, and he seated him in his right hand in the heavenlies,

21 Far above all head rule, and authority, and power, and lordship, and every name being named, absolutely not only in this age, but also in the one about to be,

22 And has arranged all things under his feet, and gave him *who is* head over all to the church,

23 Who is his body, the fullness of the one filling all in all.

CHAPTER 2

1 And you being dead in transgressions and sins,

2 In which you at some time walked according to the age of this world, according to the first in rank of the authority of the air, the spirit now supernaturally working in the children who are unconvinced,

3 In whom also we all conducted ourselves around for some time in the longings of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and of the exercise of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, as also the rest.

4 And God, being rich in mercy, through his much love with which he loved us,

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5 Also our being dead by transgressions, he has made us alive together with Christ - by grace you are saved⁵ -

6 And has raised us up together, and seated us together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

7 That he might show in the ages coming on the surpassing riches of his grace in moral excellence upon us in Christ Jesus,

8 Because by grace you are saved, through faith, and that absolutely not out of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

9 Absolutely not out of works, so that no one should boast,

10 Because we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus upon inherent good works,¹⁰ which God has prepared beforehand so that we should walk in them.

11 Therefore remember, that you *were* for some time ethnics in flesh, those called Uncircumcision by those called Circumcision in the flesh, handmade,

12 That at that time you were apart from Christ, having been alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and atheists¹² in the

⁵ **2:5 you are saved**; both the verb to be and the verb to be saved are here; literally it is, **you are having been saved**.

¹⁰ **2:10** We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus upon the inherent good works which Jesus did. God prepared these inherent good works beforehand in Jesus [from the foundation of the world, 1 Pet 1:20.] By His new creation workmanship in Christ in us we are enabled to walk in those inherent good works.

¹² **2:12 atheists**, *atheos*, without God. Those

He is our peace, making both Jews and ethnics one; this oneness now revealed **EPHESIANS 3**
world;

13 And now in Christ Jesus you who for some time were far away have become near in the blood of Christ,

14 Because he is our peace, the one making both one, and having broken down the middle wall of enclosure,

15 In his flesh having rendered inoperative the hostility, the law of commandments in decrees, in order to create of the two in himself one new man, making peace;

16 And to fully reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, killing the hostility in it,

17 And coming, announced the good news of peace to you, those far away, and to those near,

18 Because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 Now therefore you are absolutely no more foreigners and foreign residents, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of *the* household of God,

20 Having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the corner stone,

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

who had not believed into the true and living God in reality are atheists, without God, even though they believe in and worship many gods, because all the other so-called gods are not gods, 2 Kng 19:18; 2 Chr 13:9; Isa 37:19; Jer 2:11; 5:7; 16:20; Act 19:26; 1 Cor 10:20; Gal 4:8; the other gods are either idols which are nothing, or demons who are not gods, but unclean spirits, so, they are still without God, that is, atheists.

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

CHAPTER 3

1 On account of this, I, Paul, *am* the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you ethnics,¹

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

3 That according to revelation he made known to me the mystery (as I wrote previously in brief,

4 Upon your reading of which, you have power to exercise your mind on my putting the mystery of Christ together)

5 Which in other generations was absolutely not made known to the children of men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in *the* Spirit,

6 *For* the races to be fellow-heirs, and a joint-body, and partakers of the promise in Christ through the good news,

7 Of which I was caused to be a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me according to the supernatural working of his power.

8 To me, who am less than the least of all saints, this grace is given, to announce to the races the good news of the unsearchable riches of Christ,

¹ **3:1 Ethnics and races** (verse 6, etc.) are the same word, *ethnos*, but in some places races does not fit as well as ethnics. Ethnics means anyone not of your race.

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9 And to cause all to be enlightened *as to* what *is* the partnership of the mystery, having been hidden from the ages in God, the one having created all things through Jesus Christ,

10 That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known now to the head rulers and authorities in the heavenlies through the church,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 In whom we have outspokenness and access with confidence through his faith.

13 Therefore I ask, Do not be weary in my tribulations for you, which same is your glory.

14 On account of this I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Out of whom every family in heaven and upon earth is named,

16 That he may give you, according to the riches of his glory, to become mighty in power through his Spirit into the inner man,

17 For Christ to be permanently housed in your hearts through faith, having been rooted and having been founded in love,

18 That you have full strength to seize with all the saints what *is* the width, and length, and depth, and height;

19 Also to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

20 And to the one having power over all to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or exercise our mind upon, according to the power supernaturally working in us,

21 To him *be* the glory in the church, in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore I, the prisoner in *the* Lord, call on you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,

2 With all humility and meekness, with perseverance, bearing up one another in love,

3 Exerting earnest speed to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as you are 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 all of you.

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

8 Consequently he says, When he went up on high, he led captive a multitude of captives, and gave gifts to men. Psa 68:18

9 Since he ascended, what is it except that he also descended first into the lower sections of the earth?

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers; the body fitly joined; put on the new man **EPHESIANS 4**

10 He that descended is also the same one who ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things.

11 And he gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* shepherds¹¹ and teachers,

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

13 Until we all arrive into the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the maturity of the fullness of Christ,

14 That we no longer be infants, tossed to and fro¹⁴ and carried about with every wind of teaching, in the cheating of men, in shrewdness for trickery to lead astray;

15 And speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, who is the head, the Christ,

16 Out of whom all the body fitly joined together and compacted through what every connection supplies, according to the supernatural working in the measure of every single part, the growth of the body being made, to the building up of itself in love.

17 Therefore I say this and testify in the Lord, You *are* no longer to walk as the rest of the races walk, in *the* vanity of their mind,

¹¹ 4:11 shepherds, *poimen*, shepherd, pastor.

¹⁴ 4:14 tossed to and fro, *kludonizomai*, to surge, to fluctuate.

18 The exercise of their mind having been darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, through the hardness of their heart,

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over to lack of moral restraint, into *the* working of all uncleanness in covetousness.

20 And you have absolutely not so learned Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard him, and were taught in him, as *the* truth is in Jesus,

22 For you to put away concerning the previous behavior the old man, ruined according to the deceitful longings,

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And to put on the new man, which according to God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25 Therefore putting away falsehood, everyone speak truth with his neighbor, because we are members one of another.

26 Be angry, and do not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your rage;

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 The one stealing, let him no longer steal, but rather let him work hard, working the inherent good with the hands, that he may have to share with the one having a need.

29 Let no corrupt word go out of your mouth, but that which is inherently good for the need

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of building up, that it may give grace to the hearers.

30 And do not cause the Holy Spirit of God to be sad, in which you are sealed into the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and hard breathing, and wrath, and outcries, and blasphemy, be lifted away from you, with all badness,

32 And be excellent to one another, tenderhearted, gracing one another, even as God in Christ has graced you.

CHAPTER 5

1 Therefore as beloved children be imitators of God,

2 And walk in love, just as Christ also loved us, and gave himself over an offering for us, and a sacrifice to God for a good scented fragrance.

3 And sexual promiscuity, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named among you as appropriate for saints,

4 Neither shameful, nor stupid talking, nor vulgar witticism, which are absolutely not proper, but rather giving of thanks,

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

6 Do not let anyone deceive you with empty words, because through these things the wrath of God comes upon the children who are unconvinced.

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7 Therefore do not be partakers with them,

8 Because you were darkness for some time, and now light in the Lord; walk as children of light,

9 Because the fruit of the Spirit is in all inherent goodness, and righteousness, and truth,

10 Testing what is fully agreeable to the Lord.

11 And do not be partners together with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather also convict them,

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

13 And all things that are convicted are made manifest under the light, because everything being made manifest is light.

14 Therefore he says, Rise up sleeping one, and stand up out of the dead ones, and Christ will shine upon you.

15 Watch therefore exactly how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Because of this do not be mindless, but putting together what *is* the will of the Lord.

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is unsavedness, but be filled in the Spirit,

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your heart to the Lord,

Subordinate yourselves; husband and wife relations; honor your father and mother **EPHESIANS 6**

20 Giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 Arranging yourselves under one another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, subordinate yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord,

23 Because the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ *is* head of the church, and he is Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is arranged under Christ, so also *are* the wives *to be* to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself over for it,

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it by the washing of water in the spoken word,

27 That he might stand it alongside of himself the glorious church, not having a blemish, or a wrinkle, or any such things, but that it be holy and unblemished.

28 In this way husbands are under obligation to love their wives as their own bodies; the one loving his wife loves himself,

29 Because absolutely no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourished and cherished it, even as the Lord the church,

30 Because we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. Gen 2:23; 2 Sam 19:12

31 Because of this the man shall leave his father and mother behind, and shall be glued to his

wife, and they two will be one flesh. Gen 2:24

32 This is the great mystery, and I speak as to Christ and as to the church.

33 And further, you, one by one, each of you, in this way love his wife even as himself, and the wife *likewise*, in order that she reverence³³ her husband.

CHAPTER 6

1 Children, listen to your parents attentively in the Lord, because this is right.

2 Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment in a promise,

3 That it may be well with you, and you will be long-lived upon the earth.

4 And the fathers, do not enrage your children, but nourish them in child training and warning of the Lord.

5 *You* servants, listen attentively to the lords according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of your heart, as to Christ,

6 Not with eye-service,⁶ as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God out of the soul,

7 Serving with a good mind, as to the Lord, and absolutely not to men,

8 Seeing that whatever inherent good anyone does, he will be provided for the same along-

³³ 5:33 reverence, *phobeo*, to fear, to be in awe.

⁶ 6:6 eye-service, *ophthalmodouleia*, literally eye-service, meaning someone who only works when the master's eyes are upon him.

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side of *the* Lord, whether servant or free.

9 And *you* lords, do the same to them, refraining from threatening, seeing that their Lord is also yours in heaven, and there is absolutely no respect of faces with him.

10 For the remainder, my brothers, be empowered in the Lord, and in the might of his strength.

11 Put on the whole armor of God for you to have power to stand against the trickery of the devil,

12 Because to us is absolutely not the wrestling against blood and flesh, but against head rulers, against authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness, against spiritual depravity in the heavenlies.

13 Because of this take up the whole armor of God, so that you will have power to withstand in the evil day, and having fully worked all things, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girded all around in truth, and putting on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 And having put shoes on the feet in the preparation of the good news of peace,

16 Above all, having taken up the large shield of faith, in which you will have power to extinguish all the fiery missiles of the evil one.

17 And receive the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the spoken word of God,

18 Praying through all prayer, and petition, in all times, in *the* Spirit, and for this same thing, staying awake in all perseverance, and petition concerning all the saints;

19 And for me, that *the* word may be given to me, in opening my mouth in outspokenness, to make known the mystery of the good news,

20 For which I am an elder in chains, that in the same I may be outspoken, as is necessary for me to speak.

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

22 Whom I sent to you for this same thing, that you may know the things about me, and 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 loving our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.