Chapter 1

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus.
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Blessings in Christ
3 ¶ Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, according as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to the adoption of sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.
4 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and insight, having made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure that He purposed in Him, so that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth, in Him.
5 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will,
6 so that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.
7 ¶ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. In whom also after you believed you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer
8 ¶ Therefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love for all the saints,
9 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers
10 so that the eyes of your heart full of understanding, may be enlightened with the light of knowledge of God's glory in the face of Christ.

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be enlightened so that you may 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 exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

20 that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 far above all principalities and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come.

22 ¶ And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Chapter 2

Alive in Christ

1 ¶ And you were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 in which you once walked according to the ways of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

3 Among whom also we all once behaved in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as the rest.

4 ¶ But God, who is rich in mercy,
made both one, and has broken down
the middle wall of separation,
15 having abolished in His flesh the
enmity, which is the law of com-
mandments contained in ordinances,
in order to make in Himself of the
two one new man, thus making
peace,
16 and that He might reconcile both
to God in one body by the cross, by
which He put to death the enmity.
17 And He came and preached peace
to you who were far off and to those
who were near.
18 For through Him we both have
access by one Spirit to the Father.
19 ¶ Now, therefore, you are no
longer strangers and foreigners, but
fellow citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God.
20 And you are built on the found-
dation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the chief
corner stone,
21 in whom the whole building fit-
ted together grows to a holy temple
in the Lord,
22 in whom you also are being built
together for a dwelling of God in the
Spirit.

Chapter 3
Paul's Mission to the Gentiles

1 ¶ For this cause I, Paul, the pris-
oner of Christ Jesus for you Gen-
tiles—
2 if indeed you have heard of the
stewardship of the grace of God that
is given to me for you;
3 how that by revelation He made
known to me the mystery, as I wrote
before in few words.
4 Therefore, when you read you can
understand my knowledge in the
mystery of Christ,
5 which in other generations was not
made known to the sons of men, as it
has now been revealed by the Spirit
to His holy apostles and prophets,
6 that the Gentiles should be fellow
heirs of the same body and partakers
of His promise in Christ through the
gospel,
7 of which I was made a minister
according to the gift of God’s grace
that was given to me by the effective
working of His power.
8 ¶ To me, who am less than the least
of all saints is this grace given, so
that I should preach among the Gen-
tiles the unsearchable riches of
Christ,
9 and to make all see what is the
stewardship of the mystery, which
from the beginning of the ages has
been hidden in God who created all
things;
10 in order that now to the principal-
ities and powers in heavenly places
might be known through the church
the manifold wisdom of God,
11 according to the eternal purpose
that He purposed in Christ Jesus our
Lord,
12 in whom we have boldness and
access with confidence through the
faith of Him.
Therefore, I desire that you not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Prayer for the Ephesians

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Chapter 4

Unity of the Body

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you that you walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

Therefore, He says, “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men.”

(Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?) He who descended is the same also who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

Organic Function of the Body

And He gave some to be apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some shepherds and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, until we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a complete man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.
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14 Then we will no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men in cleverness to the deceitfulness of error.

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

16 from whom the whole body being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working of each part, causes growth of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

17 ¶ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as other Gentiles, in the vanity of their mind,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all impurity with greediness.

20 ¶ But you have not learned Christ in this way,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus,

22 to put off, concerning the former behavior, the old man that is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

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

25 ¶ Therefore, putting away lying, let everyone speak truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

26 Be angry, and yet do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath.

27 Do not give opportunity to the devil.

28 Let him who steals steal no more, but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, so that he may have something to give to him who has need.

29 ¶ Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for edification, so that it may give grace to the hearers.

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.

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3 ¶ But fornication and all uncleanliness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;
4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse joking, that are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this you know, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
6 Let no man deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Therefore, do not be partakers with them.
8 ¶ For you were formerly darkness, but now you are 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 finding out what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
12 For it is disgraceful even to speak of the things that are done by them in secret.
13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.
14 Therefore, He says, “Awake you who sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

15 ¶ “See then that you walk carefully, not as fools but as wise,
16 making the most of the time because the days are evil.
17 ¶ Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
20 always giving thanks for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Marriage Relationships

22 ¶ Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.
23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the church. And He is the Savior of the body.
24 Therefore, as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.
25 ¶ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it,
26 so that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 so that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not hav-
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ing spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord does the church.

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

31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery. But I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless, let each one of you in particular so love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see that she respects her husband.

Chapter 6

Children and Parents

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

2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with promise—

3 "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

4 ¶ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

Masters and Bondservants

5 ¶ Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 not with eyeservice as men-pleasers, but as the bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 with goodwill doing service as to the Lord, and not to men;

8 knowing that whatever good thing anyone does, the same he will receive from the Lord, whether he is bond-servant or free.

9 ¶ And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

The Armor of God

10 ¶ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places.

13 Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 ¶ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, and having put
on the breastplate of righteousness, 

15 and  \( \text{having shod your feet with} \) the preparation of the gospel of peace.

16 Above all, take up the  \( \text{shield of faith by which you will be able to} \) quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And  \( \text{take the helmet of salvation, and the} \) sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

18  \( \text{Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,} \) being alert with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

19 And  \( \text{pray for me so that utterance may be given to me,} \) so that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which  \( \text{I am an ambassador} \) in chains, that in  \( it \) I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

Final Greetings

21 ¶ In order that you also may know my affairs  \( and \) how I am doing,  \( Tychicus, \) a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make known to you all things.

22  \( \text{I have sent him to you for the same purpose that you might know our affairs and} \) what he might comfort your hearts.

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

24 Grace  \( be \) with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.