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EPHESIANS

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 ¶ ^aBlessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 according as ^bHe has chosen us in Him ^cbefore the foundation of the world so that we should ^dbe holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 ^ehaving predestined us to the ^fadoption of sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, ^gaccording to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace ^hby which He has made us accepted in the ⁱBeloved.

7 ¶ ^jIn Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to ^kthe riches of His grace

8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and insight,

9 ^lhaving made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure ^mthat He purposed in Him,

10 so that in the dispensation of ⁿthe

fullness of times ^oHe might gather together in one ^pall things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth, in Him.

11 ^qIn Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to ^rthe purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will,

12 ^sso that we ^twho first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

13 ¶ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard ^uthe word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. In whom also after you believed ^vyou were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 ^wwho is the guarantee of our inheritance ^xuntil the redemption of ^ythe purchased possession, ^zto the praise of His glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

15 ¶ Therefore, I also, ^aafter I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and love for all the saints,

16 ^bdo not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers

17 so that ^cthe God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, ^dmay give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

18 *I pray that* ^ethe eyes of your heart

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be enlightened so that you may know what is ^fthe 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, ^gaccording to the working of His mighty power

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

21 ^jfar above all ^kprincipality 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* ^lput all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* ^mhead over all *things* to the church,

23 ⁿwhich is His body, ^othe fullness of Him ^pwho fills all in all.

Chapter 2

Alive in Christ

1 ¶ And ^ayou were ^bdead in trespasses and sins,

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

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

4 ¶ But God, ⁱwho is rich in mercy,

for His ^jgreat love with which He loved us,

5 ^keven when we were dead in trespasses, ^lmade us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

6 And *He* has raised *us* up together and made *us* sit together ^min heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

7 so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* ⁿkindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 ^oFor by grace you are saved ^pthrough faith, and that not of yourselves, *it is* ^qthe gift of God;

9 not of ^rworks, lest anyone should ^sboast.

10 For we are ^tHis workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we should walk in them.

United in Christ

11 ¶ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles in the flesh—who are called “uncircumcision” by those called ^uthe “circumcision” in the flesh made by hands—

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

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 ¶ For He is our peace, who has

f Ep 2:12 g Cl 2:12 h At 2:24 i Ps 110:1 j Ph 2:9,10 k Rm 8:38,39 l Ps 8:6; 110:1; Mt 28:18; 1 Co 15:27 m Hb 2:7,8 n Rm 12:5 o Cl 2:9 p 1 Co 12:6 Chapter 2: a Cl 2:13 b Ep 4:18 c Cl 1:21 d Ep 6:12 e Cl 3:6 f 1 Pt 4:3 g Gl 5:16 h Ps 51:5 i Rm 10:12 j Jn 3A:16 k Rm 5:6,8 l Rm 6:4,5 m Ep 1:20 n Ti 3:4 o 2 Tm 1:9 p Rm 4:16 q Jn 1:12,13 r Rm 4:4,5; 11:6 s Rm 3:27 t Is 19:25 u Cl 2:11

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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 commandments *contained* in ordinances, in order to make in Himself of the two one ^vnew man, *thus* making peace,

16 and that He might ^wreconcile both to God in one body by the cross, by which He ^xput 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 ^ythrough Him we both have access ^zby 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 ^abuilt ^bon the foundation of the ^capostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the ^dchief corner *stone*,

21 in whom the whole building fitted together grows to ^ea holy temple in the Lord,

22 ^fin whom you also are being built together for a ^gdwelling of God in the Spirit.

Chapter 3

Paul's Mission to the Gentiles

1 ¶ For this cause I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God ^athat is given to me for you;

3 ^bhow that by revelation ^cHe 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 ^dshould be fellow heirs of the same body and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

7 ^eof which I was made a minister ^faccording to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by ^gthe effective working of His power.

8 ¶ To me, ^hwho am less than the least of all saints is this grace given, so that I should preach among the Gentiles ⁱthe 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 ^jcreated all things;

10 ^kin order that now ^lto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known through the church ^mthe manifold wisdom of God,

11 ⁿaccording to the eternal purpose that He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have boldness and access ^owith confidence through the faith of Him.

v Gl 6:15 w Cl 1:20-22 x Rm 6:6 y Jn 10:9 z 1 Co 12:13 a 1 Pt 2:4 b Mt 16:18; 1 Co 3:10,11 c 1 Co 12:28 d Ps 118:22; Lk 20:17 e 1 Co 3:16,17 f 1 Pt 2:5 g Jn 17:23 Chapter 3: a At 9:15 b At 22:17,21; 26:16 c Rm 11:25; 16:25 d Gl 3:28,29 e Rm 15:16 f Rm 1:5 g Rm 15:18 h 1 Co 15:9 i Cl 1:27; 2:2,3 j Hb 1:2 k 1 Pt 1:12 l Cl 1:16; 2:10,15 m 1 Tm 3:16 n Ep 1:4,11 o Hb 4:16; 10:19,35

13 ^pTherefore, I desire that you not lose heart at my tribulations for you, ^qwhich is your glory.

Prayer for the Ephesians

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

15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 that He would grant you, ^saccording to the riches of His glory, ^tto be strengthened with power through His Spirit in ^uthe inner man,

17 ^vso that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, ^wbeing rooted and grounded in love,

18 ^xmay be able to comprehend with all the saints ^ywhat *is* the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled ^zwith all the fullness of God.

20 ¶ Now ^ato Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly ^babove all that we ask or think ^caccording to the power that works in us,

21 ^dto Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Chapter 4

Unity of the Body

1 ¶ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you that you ^awalk worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

2 with all humility and gentleness,

with patience, forbearing one another in love,

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

4 *There is* ^cone body and one Spirit, even as you were called in one hope of your calling;

5 ^done Lord, ^eone faith, ^fone baptism,

6 ^gone God and Father of all, who *is* above all and ^hthrough all and in all.

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

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

9 ^k(Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?)

10 He who descended is the same also ^lwho ascended far above all the heavens, ^mso that He might fill all things.)

Organic Function of the Body

11 ¶ And He gave some *to be* apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some shepherds and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, ⁿfor the edifying of the ^obody of Christ,

13 until we all come to the unity of the faith, ^pand of the knowledge of the Son of God, to ^qa complete man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

p Ph 1:14 q 2 Co 1:6 r Ep 1:3 s Ph 4:19 t Cl 1:11 u Rm 7:22 v Jn 14:23 w Cl 1:23 x Ep 1:18 y Rm 8:39 z Ep 1:23 a Rm 16:25 b 1 Co 2:9 c Cl 1:29 d Rm 11:36 **Chapter 4:** a 1 Th 2:12 b Cl 3:14 c Rm 12:5 d 1 Co 1:13 e Jd 3 f Hb 6:6 g Mt 2:10 h Rm 11:36 i 1 Co 12:7,11,14 j Ps 68:18; Mk 16:19; At 1:9; 1 Co 12:4-11 k Jn 3:13; 20:17 l Ps 68:18; At 1:9 m At 2:33; Ep 1:23 n 1 Co 15:26 o Cl 1:24 p Cl 2:2 q 1 Co 14:20

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14 Then we *will* no longer be ^rchildren, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men in cleverness to the ^sdeceitfulness of error.

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

16 ^ufrom 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 ^vno 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 ^wblindness of their heart.

19 ^xWho, being past feeling, ^yhave 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 ^zput off, concerning the former behavior, the old man that is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and ^abe renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and to ^bput on the new man which after God is created in righteousness

and true holiness.

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

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

27 ^fDo not give opportunity to the devil.

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

29 ⁱLet no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but ^jwhat is good for edification, ^kso that it may give grace to the hearers.

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

31 ^mLet all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and ⁿslander be put away from you, *along* ^owith all malice.

32 And ^pbe kind to one another, tenderhearted, ^qforgiving one another, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you.

Chapter 5

1 ¶ Therefore, ^abe imitators of God as ^bdear children.

2 And ^cwalk in love ^das Christ also loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a ^efragrant aroma.

r 1 Co 14:20 s Rm 16:18 t Ep 1:22 u Cl 2:19 v Ep 2:2; 4:22 w Rm 1:21 x 1 Tm 4:2 y 1 Pt 4:3 z Cl 3:8 a Rm 12:2 b Rm 6:4; 7:6; 12:2 c Zc 8:16 d Rm 12:5 e Ps 4:4; 37:8 f Rm 12:19 g At 20:35 h Lk 3:11 i Cl 3:8 j 1 Th 5:11 k Cl 3:16 l Is 7:13 m Cl 3:8,19 n Js 4:11 o Ti 3:3 p 2 Co 6:10 q Mk 11:25 Chapter 5: a Lk 6:36 b 1 Pt 1:14-16 c 1 Th 4:9 d Gl 1:4 e 2 Co 2:14,15

3 ¶ But fornication and all ^funclean-ness or ^ecovetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;

4 ^hneither filthiness, nor ⁱfoolish talking, nor coarse joking, ^jthat are not fitting, but rather ^kgiving of thanks.

5 For this you know, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any ^linheritance 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 ^mpartakers with them.

8 ¶ For you were formerly darkness, but now *you are* ⁿlight in the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 (for the ^ofruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

10 ^pfinding out what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And have ^qno fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose *them*.

12 ^rFor it is disgraceful even to speak of the things that are done by them in secret.

13 But ^sall things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

14 Therefore, He says, ^t“*Awake you who sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.*”

15 ¶ ^uSee then that you walk carefully, not as fools but as wise,

16 ^vmaking the most of the time ^wbecause the days are evil.

17 ¶ Therefore, ^xdo not be foolish, but ^yunderstand ^zwhat the will of the Lord *is*.

18 And ^ado not be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another ^bin psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making ^cmelody in your heart to the Lord,

20 ^dalways giving thanks for all things to God the Father ^ein the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

21 ^fsubmitting to one another in the fear of God.

Marriage Relationships

22 ¶ Wives, ^gsubmit to your own husbands as to the Lord.

23 For the ^hhusband is the head of the wife as ⁱChrist 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 ^jin everything.

25 ¶ ^kHusbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and ^lgave Himself for it,

26 so that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the ^mwashing of water ⁿby the word,

27 ^oso that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, ^pnot hav-

f Cl 3:5-7 g Lk 12:15 h Mt 12:34,35 i Ti 3:8 j Rm 1:28 k Ph 4:6 l 1 Co 6:9,10 m 1 Tm 5:22 n 1 Th 5:5 o Gl 5:22 p Rm 12:1,2 q 2 Co 6:14 r Rm 1:24 s Jn 3:20,21 t Is 26:19; 60:1 u Cl 4:5 v Cl 4:5 w Ec 11:2 x Cl 4:5 y Rm 12:2 z 1 Th 4:3 a Pv 20:1; 23:31 b At 16:25 c Js 5:13 d Ps 34:1 e 1 Pt 2:5 f Ph 2:3 g Cl 3:18 - 4:1 h 1 Co 11:3 i Cl 1:18 j Ti 2:4,5 k Cl 3:19 l At 20:28 m Jn 3:5 n Jn 15:3; 17:17 o Cl 1:22 p Ss 4:7

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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 ^awe are members of His body, [of His flesh and of His bones].

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

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

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

Chapter 6

Children and Parents

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

2 ^b“*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 ^cyou, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but ^dbring them up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

Masters and Bondservants

5 ¶ ^eBondservants, be obedient to

those who are *your* masters according to the flesh, ^fwith fear and trembling, ^gin sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

6 ^hnot 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 ⁱknowing that whatever good thing anyone does, the same he will receive from the Lord, whether *he is* bondservant or free.

9 ¶ And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your ^jMaster also is in heaven, and ^kthere 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 ^lPut 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 ^mrulers, against the powers, against the ⁿworld forces of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts of* wickedness in high *places*.

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

14 ¶ Stand therefore, ^qhaving girded your waist with truth, and ^rhaving put

q Gn 2:23 r Gn 2:24 s 1 Co 6:16 t Cl 3:19 u 1 Pt 3:1,6 Chapter 6: a Cl 3:20 b Dt 5:16 c Cl 3:21 d Gn 18:19 e 1 Tm 6:1 f 2 Co 7:15 g 1 Ch 29:17 h Cl 3:22 i Rm 2:6 j Cl 4:1 k Rm 2:11 l 2 Co 6:7 m Rm 8:38 n Lk 22:53 o 2 Co 10:4 p Ep 5:16 q Is 11:5 r Is 59:17

on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and ^shaving shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

16 Above all, take up the ^tshield of faith by which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked *one*.

17 And ^utake the helmet of salvation, and the ^vsword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

18 ^wPraying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, ^xbeing alert with all perseverance and ^ysupplication for all saints.

19 And *pray* for me so that utterance may be given to me, ^zso that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which ^aI 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, ^bTychicus, a beloved brother and ^cfaithful minister in the Lord, will make known to you all things.

22 ^dI have sent him to you for the same purpose that you might know our affairs and *that* he might ^ecomfort 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.

s Is 52:7 t 1 Jn 5:4 u 1 Th 5:8 v Hb 4:12 w Lk 18:1 x Mt 26:41 y Ph 1:4 z Cl 4:3 a 2 Co 5:20 b At 20:4 c 1 Co 4:1,2 d Cl 4:8 e 2 Co 1:6