

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through a will of God,
To the holy ones who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus,
² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessing us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him, ⁵ having predestined us in devotion to recognition as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will ⁶ to the great praise of the glory of His grace, in which He favored us in the Beloved, ⁷ in Whom we are having the redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the secret of His will, according to His good pleasure, which He determined in Him ¹⁰ toward administration of the fullness of the times, to head up everything in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth – in Him. ¹¹ In Whom also we were constituted heirs, having been predestined according to the decision of He Who is working everything according to the purpose of His will, ¹² toward our being to great praise of His glory, the ones having previously anticipated the Christ. ¹³ In Whom, you also, hearing the word of the truth, the good message of your salvation, in Whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise, ¹⁴ Who is the down payment of our inheritance for the redemption of the acquisition, to great praise of His glory.

¹⁵ Because of this, I also, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your devotion which is toward all the holy ones, ¹⁶ am not ceasing giving thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, ¹⁷ so that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of the glory, might give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in a recognition of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your heart having been illuminated toward your knowing what is the anticipation of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the holy ones, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us, those believing according to the working of the might of His strength, ²⁰ which He worked in the Christ, having raised Him from the dead and seating Him at His right in the heavenlies, ²¹ far above every principality and authority and power and lordship and every name being named, not only in this age, but also in the one about to come. ²² And He subjected all under His feet and gave Him as Head over all to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him filling all in all.

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¹ And you, being dead in the trespasses and the sins ² in which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the prince of the authority of the air, the spirit now working in the sons of the disobedience, ³ among whom we all also once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the

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thoughts, and we were children of wrath by nature, as also the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, through His great devotion in which He was devoted to us, ⁵ and we being dead in the trespasses, enlivened us together with the Christ (by grace you are saved), ⁶ and He raised us together and seated us together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that He might demonstrate in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you are saved through the faith; and this is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God; ⁹ not from works, lest anyone might boast. ¹⁰ For we are His doing, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works which God previously prepared so that we should walk in them.

¹¹ Therefore be remembering that you, once the nations in the flesh – the ones being called Uncircumcision by those being called Circumcision in flesh, handmade – ¹² that you were in that time apart from Christ, having been alienated from the citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of the promise, not having expectation and godless in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you, those once being far away, have come to be near in the blood of the Christ.

¹⁴ For He is our peace, the One having made the both one and having destroyed the partition wall of the fence, ¹⁵ having nullified in His flesh the antagonism: the law of the commandments in ordinances, so that He might create in Himself the two for one new man, making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile the both to God in one body through the cross, in Himself putting to death the antagonism. ¹⁷ And having come, He announced good news: peace to you, the ones being far away, and to the ones near.

¹⁸ Because through Him we – the both – are having the access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then, no longer are you strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens of the holy ones and members of God's household, ²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the corner foundation stone, ²¹ in Whom all the building, being joined together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in Whom also you are being built together for a habitation of God in Spirit.

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¹ Because of this I, Paul, the prisoner of the Christ, Jesus, in behalf of you, the nations – ² if indeed you heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ that according to revelation He made known to me the secret – just as I previously wrote in brief, ⁴ toward which, as you are reading you are able to comprehend my understanding in the secret of the Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men as it is now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit, ⁶ that the nations should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and participants in His promise in the Christ through the good message, ⁷ of which I became a servant according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the working of His power.

⁸ To me, the absolute least of all holy ones, this grace was given, to announce the good message among the nations – the untraceable riches of the Christ – ⁹ and to enlighten all as to what is the stewardship of the secret which had been hidden from the ages in God, having created all through Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ so that the many-sided wisdom of God might now be made known through the assembly to the principalities and the authorities in the heavenlies ¹¹ according to the purpose of the ages, which He did in

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Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in Whom we are having the boldness and the access in confidence through the faith from Him. ¹³ Therefore I am asking you not to despair over my afflictions on your behalf, which is your glory.

¹⁴ Because of this I bend my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom every family in the heavens and upon earth is being named, ¹⁶ that He might give you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man, ¹⁷ the Christ to reside through the faith in your hearts, having been rooted and founded in devotion, ¹⁸ so that you may be fully able to grasp with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and depth and height, ¹⁹ and to know the knowledge-surpassing devotion of the Christ, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to the One being able to do exceedingly above what we are asking or thinking, according to the power which is working in us, ²¹ to Him is the glory in the assembly in Christ Jesus into all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

Ephesians 4

¹ Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, am encouraging you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, supporting one another in devotion, ³ being diligent to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one expectation of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one immersion, ⁶ one God and Father of all, the One upon all, and through all, and in us all.

⁷ But to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of the gift of the Christ. ⁸ Therefore it says, “Having ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men.”

⁹ Now this “He ascended,” what is it except that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ The One having descended – He is also the One having ascended far above all the heavens so that He might fill all. ¹¹ And He gave the apostles and the prophets and the messengers of the good message, and the shepherds and teachers, ¹² for the completion of the holy ones for work of service, for upbuilding of the body of the Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, namely of the recognition of the Son of God, to an entire man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be infants, being tossed as by waves and being carried about by every wind of the teaching in the trickery of men, in craftiness toward the scheming of the deception, ¹⁵ but having been truthful in devotion we may grow into Him in all, Who is the Head: the Christ, ¹⁶ from Whom all the body, being fitted together and being united through every joint of supply according to the working in a measure of one from each part, causes the growth of the body for the edification of itself in devotion.

¹⁷ This therefore, I am saying and testifying in the Lord: No longer are you to walk just as also the rest of the nations walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having been darkened in the understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance being in them through the callousness of their heart, ¹⁹ who, having become desensitized, gave themselves over to immorality for the working of all uncleanness with greed. ²⁰ But you did not thus learn the Christ, ²¹ if indeed you heard Him and were

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instructed in Him, just as truth is in Jesus: ²² for you to put off according to the former conduct the old person, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, ²³ but be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and to put on the new person, which according to God is created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

²⁵ Therefore, putting off the lie, each one be speaking truth to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry and don't sin. Don't let the sun set upon your irritation, ²⁷ nor be giving place to the slanderer. ²⁸ The one stealing, let him no longer be stealing, but rather toil, working the good with his hands, so that he may have to share with the one having need. ²⁹ Don't let any rotten word proceed out of your mouth, but only what is good toward upbuilding for the need, so that it may give grace to those hearing. ³⁰ And don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for a day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and outcry and defamation be removed from you, with all depravity. ³² And be kind to one another, good in the inward parts, forgiving one another, just as also God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5

¹ Therefore, become emulators of God as beloved children, ² and be walking in devotion, just as also the Christ was devoted to us and gave Himself in our behalf, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a fragrance of aroma. ³ But don't let fornication and all uncleanness or greed be named among you, just as is proper for holy ones, ⁴ neither indecency and foolish talking or suggestive jesting, which are not appropriate, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For you are knowing this: that no fornicator or unclean one or greedy person (who is an idolator) is having inheritance in the kingdom of the Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one be deceiving you with empty words; for because of these things the anger of God is coming upon the sons of the disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become participants with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now light in the Lord. Be walking 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 don't participate in the unfruitful works of the darkness, but rather also rebuke them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak the things being done by them in secret. ¹³ But all is made manifest, being rebuked by the light. For all being made manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says, "Rise, sleeping one, and arise from the dead, and the Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ You are watching therefore how carefully you are walking, not as unwise, but as wise, ¹⁶ buying up the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Because of this, don't become non-thinking, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And don't be drunk with wine, in which is profligacy, but be filled in spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to yourselves with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father, ²¹ submitting yourselves to one another in fear of God.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, ²³ because the husband is head of the wife, as also the Christ is Head of the assembly, and He is Savior of the body. ²⁴ But just as the assembly is submitted to the Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.

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²⁵ Husbands, be devoted to your wives, just as also the Christ devoted Himself to the assembly and gave Himself in behalf of her, ²⁶ so that He might consecrate her, having cleansed her by the washing of the water in the word, ²⁷ so that He might present her to Himself – the glorious assembly – not having spot or wrinkle or any such, but that she should be holy and blameless. ²⁸ So the husbands ought to devote themselves to their wives as to their own bodies. The one devoting himself to his wife is devoted to himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his flesh, but is nourishing and cherishing her, just as also the Lord the assembly, ³⁰ because 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 adhere to his wife, and the two shall be for one flesh.” ³² This secret is great, but I speak in reference to Christ and in reference to the assembly. ³³ Nevertheless, you also, each one individually, so be devoted to his own wife as to himself, even so that the wife may fear her husband.

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¹ Children, be obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment in a promise: ³ “so that it may be well with you and you will be long-lived upon the earth.” ⁴ And fathers, don’t provoke your children to anger, but be nurturing them in the training and warning of the Lord.

⁵ Slaves, be obeying your lords according to flesh, with fear and trembling, in genuineness of your heart, as to the Christ; ⁶ not according to eyeservice as pleasers of men, but as slaves of the Christ, doing the will of God from the soul, ⁷ with goodwill, slaving as to the Lord and not to men, ⁸ having known that if each one might do any good, he will be requited for this from the Lord, whether slave or free.

⁹ And lords, be doing the same toward them, giving up the threatening, having known that your own Lord also is in heaven, and there is no reception of faces with Him.

¹⁰ For the rest, my brethren, be empowered in the Lord, and in the might of His strength. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God toward your being able to stand against the schemings of the slanderer. ¹² Because with us the struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual beings of the evil in the heavenlies. ¹³ Because of this, take up the full armour of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and effecting all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist in truth, and having put on the breastplate of the righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod the feet in readiness of the good message of the peace; ¹⁶ above all having taken up the shield of the faith, in which you will be able to extinguish all the projectiles having been set afire by the evil one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of the salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is a word of God, ¹⁸ through every prayer and request, praying in spirit in every season, and to this same end being watchful in all intensified perseverance and request for all the holy ones – ¹⁹ and in behalf of me, that communication may be given to me, in the opening of my mouth in liberty of speech to make known the secret of the good message, ²⁰ for the sake of which I am an ambassador in a chain, so that in it I may speak freely, as it is necessary for me to speak.

²¹ Now that you also may know the things concerning me (what I am doing), Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make all things

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known to you, ²² whom I sent to you for this very purpose, so that you may know the things concerning us and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace to the brethren, and devotion with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The grace be with all those being devoted to our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility. Amen.