

Ephesians

Chapter 1

- ¶1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God. To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
2. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ¶3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in Christ has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven,
 4. for in him, He chose us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him in love,
 5. having predestined us to adoption as sons for Himself through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 6. for the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He blessed us in him who is loved,
 7. in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the richness of His grace,
 8. which, in all wisdom and understanding, He abundantly shed on us
 9. once He had made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He put on display in him,
 10. for the administration of the fullness of time, to sum up everything in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth,
 11. in him, in the one in whom we have obtained an inheritance according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will,
 12. so that we might live for the praise of His glory who first hoped in Christ,
 13. in whom also, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation in which you also believed, you were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,
 14. which¹ is the down payment on our inheritance until the redemption of the acquired property, for the praise of His glory.
- ¶15. For this reason, I also, having heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,
 16. do not cease giving thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers,
 17. that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, might give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in His knowledge,

¹ Byzantine text has “who”.

10. For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we might walk in them.
- ¶11. Wherefore, remember that when you were Gentiles in the flesh (who are called “uncircumcision” by that which is called “circumcision” wrought in the flesh by hand),
12. you were at that time without Christ, being aliens to the state of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
13. But now, in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
14. For he is our peace, who made of the two one and destroyed the dividing partition,
15. the enmity in his flesh, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, nullifying it so that he might make of those two one new man in himself, thus making peace,
16. and that he might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, having put to death the enmity within himself,
17. and after he was gone, he preached the gospel of peace to you who were far off as well as to those who were near,
18. for through him, we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
19. So then, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God,
20. built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone,
21. in whom the whole building, being fit together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
22. in whom also you are being built up together as a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Chapter 3

¶1. For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles,

2. if indeed you have understood the stewardship of the grace of God that was given to me for you,
3. for by revelation the mystery was made known to me, even as I briefly wrote before,
4. concerning which, you are able, as you read, to perceive my understanding in the mystery of 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 by the Spirit:
6. the Gentiles are to be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers with the Jews of His promise in Christ through the gospel,
7. whose servant I have become, according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the operation of His power.
8. To me, the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach among the Gentiles the incomprehensible richness of Christ
9. and to enlighten all men as to what is the plan of the mystery that has been hidden from the Aeons by the God who created all things through Jesus Christ
10. so that through the Assembly of God, the multi-faceted wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities among heavenly beings,
11. according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
12. in whom we have boldness and access to God, with confidence, through faith in him.
13. Wherefore, I beg you not to be discouraged over my sufferings for you, which is your glory.
- ¶14. For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15. by whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is known,²
16. that, according to the richness of His glory, He might grant you power by His Spirit to be strengthened in the inner man
17. (Christ dwells in your hearts through faith),

² Or, "from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name".

18. being rooted and grounded in love, that you might be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height,
19. and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.
- ¶20. Now, to Him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or think, by the power that is working within us,
21. to Him be glory in the Assembly in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Chapter 4

- ¶1. I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling to which you were called,
2. with all humility and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love,
3. making every effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the unifying bond of peace:
4. one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to the one hope of your calling;
5. one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
6. one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.
7. Now, to each of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
8. Wherefore it says, "When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to men."
9. But how is it that "he ascended" except that he first also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
10. The one who descended is the same one who ascended far above all heavens so that he might fulfill all things.
11. And he gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers
12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for edification of the body of Christ

13. until we all attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the measure of the full stature of Christ,
14. so that we no longer be children, tossed by waves and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, by the cunning of their deceitful contrivances.
15. But speaking truth in love, let us grow in every way in him who is the head, Christ,
16. from whom the whole body, fitted and held together by the support of every ligament, according to the work measured out to each individual member, produces the growth of the body for edification of itself in love.
- ¶17. This I say then, and testify in the Lord, that you are no longer to live the way other Gentiles live, in the vanity of their mind,
18. having their understanding darkened, being aliens to the life of God through the ignorance that is in them because of the dullness of their heart,
19. who, being dead to feelings, have given themselves to licentiousness, to perform with insatiable desire every kind of uncleanness.
20. But you have not so learned Christ,
21. if indeed you have heard him and been taught by him, for truth is in Jesus,
22. that you are to put away, as concerns your former conduct, the old man who is corrupted by deceitful lusts,
23. and be renewed in the disposition of your mind,
24. and that you put on the new man, who in God's likeness is created in true righteousness and holiness.
- ¶25. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.
26. Be angry, but do not sin. The sun of your wrath is not to go down!
27. Give no place to the Accuser.
28. Let him who stole steal no more, but rather labor, doing honest work with his hands, that he might have something to give to him who is in need.

29. No foul speech is to come out of your mouth, but only what is useful for edification, as the need may be, that it might minister grace to the hearers.
30. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, by which you were sealed until the day of redemption.
31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking be put away from you, with all malice.
32. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave us, in Christ.

Chapter 5

- ¶1. Be followers of God, as dear children,
2. and live in love, as Christ also loved us, and gave himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a fragrant aroma.
3. But let neither fornication – indeed, any uncleanness – nor covetousness be mentioned among you, as befits saints,
4. nor obscenity, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather, the giving of thanks.
5. For this you know, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous person (who is an idolater) has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
6. Let no one deceive you with vain words, for the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience because of these things.
7. Do not be partakers with them!
8. For you once were darkness, but now, in the Lord, you are light. Live as children of light
9. (the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
10. proving what is acceptable to the Lord,
11. and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather, expose them.
12. For the things done in secret by them are shameful even to say.
13. But everything exposed by the light comes to light; furthermore, everything that is brought to light is light.

14. And so, it says, “Get up, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light!”
- ¶15. Take heed, then, that you live carefully, not as fools, but as wise men,
16. redeeming the time, for the days are evil.
17. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
18. And do not be drunk on wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19. speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and playing in your heart to the Lord,
20. giving thanks always for all things to our God and Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21. submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.
- ¶22. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord,
23. for the husband is head of the wife, as Christ is head of the Assembly of God, and he is the Savior of the body.
24. Indeed, as the Assembly is submissive to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything.
25. Husbands, love your own wives, just as Christ loved the Assembly and gave himself up for it,
26. that he might sanctify it, having purified it by the washing of spoken water,
27. that he might present it, with himself, as a splendid Assembly without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it might be holy and blameless.
28. Men ought thus to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself,
29. for no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord does the Assembly of God,
30. seeing we are members of his body, of his flesh and his bones.
31. “For this reason, a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one body.”
32. This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the Assembly of God.

