

## EPHESIANS

- a. 1 Paul, an apostle of **Jesus Christ**
- b. by the will of **God**,
- c. to **the saints** which are at Ephesus,
- c'. and to **the faithful** in Christ Jesus:
- b'. 2 Grace be to you, and peace, from **God our Father**,
- a'. and from **the Lord Jesus Christ**.

### The predetermined purpose of God

- a. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly places in Christ:
- b. 4 According as he hath chosen us **in him before** the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before **him** in love: 5 Having **predestinated us** unto the adoption of children **by Jesus Christ** to himself, **according to the good pleasure of his will**, 6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace**,
- c. **wherein he hath made us accepted** in the beloved.
- d. **7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**,
- c. **according to the riches of his grace** 8 **Wherein he hath** abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
- b. 9 Having made known **unto us** the mystery **of his will**, **according to his good pleasure** which he hath **purposed** in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even **in him: In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of **his own will**: 12 That we should be to **the praise of his glory**, who first trusted in Christ.
- a'. 13 **In whom** ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom** also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **unto the praise of his glory**.

### The power of God

- a. 15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto **all the saints**, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give** unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

b. 19 And what is the **exceeding** greatness of his **power** to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

c. **20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**

b'. 21 **Far above** all principality, and power, and **might**, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

a'. 22 And hath put **all things** under his feet, and **gave** him to be the head over all things to the **church**, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth **all in all**.

### The grace of God

2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein **in time past** ye **walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,

b. the spirit that now **worketh** in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation 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 others.

c. 4 But God, who is **rich in mercy**, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

d. 5 Even when we were **dead** in sins, hath quickened us **together with Christ**,

e. **(by grace ye are saved;)**

d'. 6 And hath **raised us up together**, and made us sit **together** in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**:

c'. 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding **riches of his grace** in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by **grace** are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

b'. 9 Not of **works**, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus unto good **works**,

a'. which God hath before ordained that we should **walk** in them.

### Gentiles and Jews joined in one body in Christ

a. 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being **in time past** Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 2:12 being **aliens** from the commonwealth of Israel, and **strangers** from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

b. 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** **are made nigh** by the blood of Christ.

c. 14 For he is our **peace**, who hath made both one,  
and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

d. 15 Having abolished in his flesh **the enmity**,  
even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;

e. ***for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;***

d'. 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross,  
having slain **the enmity** thereby:

c'. 17 And came and preached **peace**

b'. to you which were **afar off**,  
and to them that were **nigh**.

a'.i. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

ii. 19 **Now** therefore ye are no more **strangers and foreigners**,  
but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

iii. 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

ii'. 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the  
Lord:

i'. 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

#### *Paul's God given mission to the Gentiles*

a. 3:1 For this cause I Paul, **the prisoner** of Jesus Christ **for you** Gentiles, 2 If ye have  
heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me **to youward**:

b. 3 How that by revelation **he made known unto me the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in  
few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery** of  
Christ) 5 Which in other ages was **not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is **now  
revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit**;

c. 6 That **the Gentiles** should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his  
promise in **Christ** by the gospel:

d . 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according **to the gift of the grace of God given  
unto me**

e. ***by the effectual working of his power.***

d'. 8 **Unto me**, who am less than the least of all saints, is this **grace given**,

c'. that I should preach among **the Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of **Christ**;

b'. 9 And **to make all men see** what is the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the  
beginning of the world hath been **hid** in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To  
the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places **might be known**  
by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he

purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

a'. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at **my tribulations for you**, which is your glory.

#### The love of Christ

a. 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

b. 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of **his glory**, to be strengthened with **might** (*dynamis*) by his Spirit in the inner man;

c. 17 That **Christ** may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in **love**,

d. **18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;**

c'. 19 And to know **the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

b'. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power** (*dynamis*) that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be **glory** in the church

a'. by **Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

#### The Ecclesia is the One Body

a. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another **in love;**

b. 3 Endeavouring to keep **the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, **one faith**, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is **given** grace according to **the measure** of the **gift** of Christ.

c. 8 Wherefore he saith, When **he ascended up on high**, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that **he ascended**, what is it but that **he also descended** first into the lower parts of the earth?)

c'. 10 **He that descended** is the same also that **ascended up far above all heavens**, that he might fill all things.)

b'. 11 And he **gave** some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto **the measure** of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and

fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

a'. 15 But speaking the truth **in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in **the measure** of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself **in love**.

### The new man in Christ

a. 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk** not as other Gentiles **walk**, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all **uncleanness** with **greediness**.

b. 20 But ye have not so learned **Christ**; 21 If so be that **ye have heard him**, and have been taught by him, as the **truth** is in Jesus: 22 That ye **put off** concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

**c. 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

b'. 25 Wherefore **putting away** lying, speak every man **truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace **unto the hearers**. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be **put away from you**, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for **Christ's** sake hath forgiven you.

a'. 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And **walk** in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all **uncleanness**, or **covetousness**, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

### Walk in light

a. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8 For ye were sometimes **darkness**, but now are ye **light** in the Lord:

b. **walk** as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no

fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

c. 14 **Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.**

b'. 15 See then that ye **walk** circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

a'. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

### The One Body of Christ

wives

a. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto **your own husbands**, as unto the Lord.

b. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ** is the head of the **church**:

c. **and he is the saviour of the body.**

b'. 24 Therefore as the **church** is subject unto **Christ**,

a'. so let the wives be to **their own husbands** in every thing.

husbands

a. 25 Husbands, **love your wives**, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

b. 26 **That he might** sanctify and **cleanse** it with the washing of water by the word,

c. 27 **That he might present it to himself a glorious church,**

b'. not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish.**

a'. 28 So ought men **to love their wives** as their own bodies.

*Christ and the ecclesia*

a. **He that loveth his wife loveth himself.** 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it,

b. even as the Lord **the church**:

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

d. 31 ***For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.***

c'. 32 This is a great mystery:

b'. but I speak concerning Christ and **the church**.

a'. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular **so love his wife even as himself;** and **the wife** see that she reverence **her husband**.

#### *Children*

a. 6:1 **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

b. 2 Honour thy father and mother;

c. ***(which is the first commandment with promise;)***

b'. 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

a. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your **children** to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

#### *Servants and masters*

a. 5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your **masters** according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

b. 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the **servants** of Christ, **doing** the will of God from the heart;

c. 7 ***With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:***

b'. 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man **doeth**, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be **bond** or free.

a'. 9 And, ye **masters**, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your **Master** also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

#### *The armour of God*

a. 10 Finally, my **brethren**, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

b. 11 Put on **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able **to stand** against the wiles of the devil.

c. ***12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,***

***against the rulers of the darkness of this world,  
against spiritual wickedness in high places.***

b'. 13 Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **to stand**.

a'. 14 **Stand** therefore,  
having your loins **girt** about with truth,  
and having on the **breastplate** of righteousness;  
15 And your feet **shod** with the preparation of the gospel of peace;  
16 Above all, taking the **shield** of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.  
17 And take the **helmet** of salvation,  
and the **sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God:  
18 Praying always with all **prayer** and supplication in the Spirit,  
and **watching** thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

a. 19 And for me, that **utterance (logos)** may be given unto me,

b. that I may open my mouth **boldly (parrēsia)**,

c. to make known the mystery of the gospel,

c'. 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds:

b'. that therein **I may speak boldly (parrēσίαςομαι)**,

a'. as I ought to **speak (laleo)**.

### Farewell

21 But **that ye also may know my affairs**, and how I do, Tychicus, a **beloved** brother and faithful minister in the **Lord**, shall make known to you all things: 22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, **that ye might know our affairs**, and that he might comfort your hearts.

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

24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.