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EPHESIANS

A Primer on Ephesus The City and Events Surrounding It¹

Ephesus was the capital of the Roman province of Asia and an illustrious city in the district of Ionia, nearly opposite the island of Samos. Conspicuous at the head of the harbor of Ephesus was the great Temple of Diana (or Artemis), the tutelary divinity (or guardian) of the city. Diana's Temple was raised on immense substructures, in consequence of the swampy nature of the ground. An earlier temple, which had been begun before the Persian War, was burnt down in the night when Alexander the Great was born; and another structure, raised by the enthusiastic cooperation of all the inhabitants of Asia, had taken its place. The magnificence of this sanctuary was a proverb throughout the civilized world. In consequence of this devotion, the city of Ephesus was called *neokoros* (or keeper) of the Temple of Diana.

Acts 19:35

And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, *Ye* men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter?

Another consequence of the celebrity of Diana's worship at Ephesus was that a large manufactory grew up there of portable shrines, which strangers purchased and devotees carried with them on journeys or set up in the houses. The theatre, into which the mob who had seized on Paul rushed, was capable of holding 25,000 or 30,000 persons, and was the largest ever built by the Greeks.

Acts 19:29

And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

The stadium (or circus), 685 feet long by 200 wide, where the Ephesians held their shows, is probably referred to by Paul as the place where he "fought with beasts at Ephesus." This reference may refer to fighting with men; but if it were with beasts, it most likely that such an event would have occurred in this stadium.

I Corinthians 15:32

If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die.

The Jews were established at Ephesus in considerable numbers. It is here and here only that we find disciples of John the Baptist explicitly mentioned after the ascension of Christ.

¹ Smith, William, Dr "Definition for Ephesus,; *Smith's Bible Dictionary*, 1884 (Public Domain).

Acts 18:25

This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Acts 19:3

And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

Paul remained in Ephesus more than two years, during which he wrote I Corinthians².

Acts 19:1

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples.

Acts 19:8

And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts 19:10

And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Acts 20:31

Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Later, Timothy was set over the disciples, as we learn from the two epistles addressed to him. Among Paul's other companions, two--Trophimus and Tychicus--were natives of Asia. Tychicus was possibly and Trophimus was certainly a native of Ephesus.

Acts 20:4

And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

II Timothy 4:12:

And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

Acts 21:29

(For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

The whole of Ephesus is now utterly desolate, with the exception of the nearby, small Turkish village at Ayasaluk (currently called Selcuk). The ruins are of vast extent.

² Cummins, Walter J., "The Writings of the New Testament, Part Two: Chronological Considerations," *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 26: September 2003), pp. 37-43.

Words and Phrases of Interest
Authorized King James Version

“One Another”

Ephesians 4:2

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.

Ephesians 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:21

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Romans 1:12

That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Romans 12:5

So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Romans 12:10

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 13:8

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Romans 14:13

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

Words and Phrases of Interest
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Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Romans 15:5

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:7

Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Romans 15:14

And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Romans 16:16

Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

I Corinthians 12:25

That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

Galatians 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Galatians 5:26

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Philippians 2:3

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Colossians 3:9

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

Colossians 3:13

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Words and Phrases of Interest
Authorized King James Version

I Thessalonians 3:12

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you.

I Thessalonians 4:9

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

I Thessalonians 4:18

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

I Thessalonians 5:11

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

I Thessalonians 5:15

See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

II Thessalonians 1:3

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.

Hebrews 10:24

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

I Peter 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently.

I Peter 4:9

Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

I Peter 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

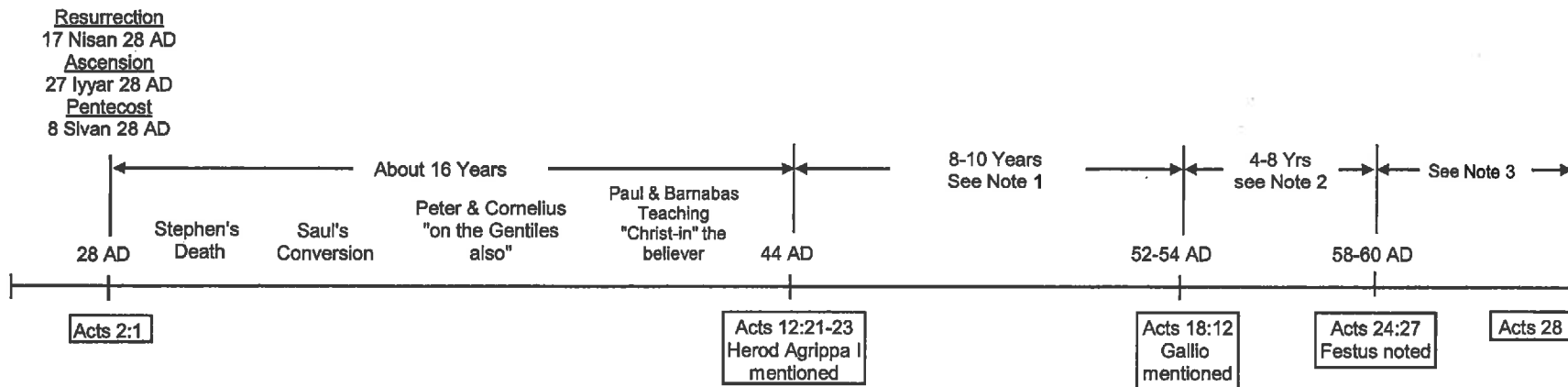
I John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

I John 4:11

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Chronological Considerations Regarding the Book of Acts



Note 1: 8 to 10 Year Period of Acts 13 to Acts 18

Acts 13 & 14 - Paul's First Itinerary - Visits include Antioch in Pisidia, Cyprus, Pamphylia, Pisidia, Lycaonia, Antioch in Syria.

Acts 15 - Dispute at Jerusalem - see also Gal 2:1-10.

Acts 16 & 17 - Paul's Second Itinerary - Visits include Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens.

Acts 18 - Visit to Corinth - meets Aquila & Priscilla, 1 yr 6 mo, I & II Thessalonians written at this time.

Note 2: 4 to 8 Year Period of Acts 18 to 24

Acts 18:18-23 - Third Itinerary - Visits include trip to Ephesus with Aquila & Priscilla, leaves them there, goes to Jerusalem, then Antioch, Galatia and Phrygia "strengthening all the disciples", returns to Ephesus.

Acts 19 - Meets Apollos at Corinth, helps about 12 receive the gift of holy spirit, spends 3 years and all Asia heard the Word, I Corinthians written at this time.

Acts 20 & 21 - To Troas then Macedonia (II Corinthians written at this time), then to Corinth (Romans most likely written at this time), then Macedonia, Troas, Miletus and then to Jerusalem.

Acts 21-24 - To Jerusalem, arrested there and imprisoned in Caesarea for two years.

With respect to the epistle to the Galatians, no firm time or place of its writing may be gleaned. It could have been after Acts 15, probably after Acts 18 or possibly later.

Note 3: The Period of Acts 25 to 28

Acts 25 & 26 - Paul judged by Festus, then by Agrippa.

Acts 27 - Paul appeals and is sent to Rome to appear before Caesar; he is shipwrecked but all survive.

Acts 28 - Paul arrives in Rome, is imprisoned, soon acquitted and dwells two whole years in his own hired house; he receives all that come in unto him, "Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

The epistles written to the Colossians, Ephesians and Philippians were all written while Paul "was in bonds" and could have been written while he was imprisoned for two years at Caesarea (Acts 24-27) or while he was briefly in bonds while in Rome (Acts 28).

Associated Studies

Students are encouraged to consider the additional studies noted below. These studies will be helpful in understanding the Epistle to the Ephesians.

The Epistle to the Ephesians¹

1:1 saints: Greek: *hagios*. The Greek word *hagios* is most often translated "holy" in the Authorized King James Version. It is an adjective form of the verb meaning "to sanctify."...For further information regarding this word, see "Sanctification: A Study in Vocabulary," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 18: April/May/June 2001).

1:1 at Ephesus: ...the original destination of this epistle was most likely Ephesus. For a further discussion, see "The Writings of the New Testament, Part Two: Chronological Considerations," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 26: September 2003), pp. 37-43....

1:3 Blessed ... hath blessed ... blessing: For further information on these three words, see "Blessed: A Study in Vocabulary," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 19: July/August/September 2001).

4:1 vocation: Greek: *klēsia* = calling. A cognate noun of the verb *kaleō* (to call)...For further information regarding these words, see "Called: A Study in Vocabulary," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 17: January/February/March 2001).

4:24 the new man: A phrase which is set in contrast here to the old man....For a further discussion regarding this subject, see "One New Man," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 15: July/August/September 2000).

5:5 inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God: ...For further information regarding things that Jesus taught regarding the kingdom of God, see *The Acceptable Year of the Lord* (Franklin, Ohio: Scripture Consulting, 2005)....

5:26 sanctify: Greek: *hagiazō* = to sanctify, to divide, to mark off, to separate, or set apart from that which is common....For further information on the occurrences of this word, see "Sanctification: A Study in Vocabulary," published in *Scripture Consulting* (Issue 18, April/May/June 2001).

"Appendix 2.9: Ephesians 1:17; 4:1-6" in *Walking in God's Power: Intermediate Class Student's Study Guide* by Christopher C. Geer (Scotland: Word Promotions Ltd., 1995), pp. 193-196.

¹ These notes are taken from *A Journey through the Acts and the Epistles* translated and edited by Walter C. Cummins (Franklin, Ohio: Scripture Consulting, 2005), pp. 401-429; and are presented herein with the permission of Walter C. Cummins for use at the Pennsylvania Bible Teaching Fellowship, 2009 Family Camp.

Ephesians 1 (Emphasis Supplied)

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of **God**, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

²Grace be to you, and peace, from **God our Father**, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the **God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

⁴According 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:

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to **Himself**, according to the good pleasure of **His** will,

⁶To the praise of the glory of **His** grace, wherein **He** hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of **His** grace;

⁸Wherein **He** hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of **His** will, according to **His** good pleasure which **He** hath purposed in **Himself**:

¹⁰That 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:

¹¹In 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:

¹²That we should be to the praise of **His** glory, who first trusted in Christ.

¹³In 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,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

¹⁷That 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**:

¹⁸The 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,

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

²⁰Which **He** wrought in Christ, when **He** raised him from the dead, and set him at **His** own right hand in the heavenly places,

²¹Far 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:

²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

EPHESIANS 1: 1-23

Ephesians 1:1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

- saints = Gr. hagios = holy
These “holy ones” were set apart from the common lot of people. They were set apart by the gift of holy spirit. It is God’s spirit that made them holy. They were set apart for Him.

At Ephesus: All church epistles were encyclicals, designed to be read by all the church. Ephesus was most likely the original destination just as with Rome, Collosse, etc.

- faithful: They believed God consistently.
- **Romans 16:25 – 27**
²⁵Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
²⁶But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
²⁷To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.
- This closing section serves as a bridge to the book of Ephesians, where the mystery is explained. The mystery was to establish (strengthen, confirm) the believer, and it was to be made known to all the Gentile nations for believing obedience.
- **1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 8**

¹And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

²For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

³And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

⁵That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

⁶Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

⁸Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

When Paul came to Corinth, he did not declare unto them the mystery of God, but he spoke the wisdom of the mystery to the mature. This mystery was mentioned here in 1 Corinthians but was written and explained in Ephesians.

- **Colossians 1**

²⁵Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

²⁶Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

²⁸Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1: 3

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- God is blessed and He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1: 4

⁴According 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:

- foundation of the world = a laid foundation of the physically ordered world. This record in Ephesians does not refer to Genesis 1:1 the original creation, nor the reordering of the foundation laid again in Genesis 1:3 – 2: 3, but of the establishing of a different physically ordered world after the fall of man, Genesis 3: 22-24.
- that we should be holy and without blame (blemish) before Him

Ephesians 1:5

⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

- having predestinated = to decide or determine beforehand.
- **Romans 8: 29, 30**
²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

- **1 Corinthians 2:7**

⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

- In each context it is what God previously determined in Christ for mankind.
- Adoption of children. Gr: huiiothesia = a placing as a son. We became sons of God when we received holy spirit, when we were born again. This all was made available through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1: 6 – 9

⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- A great part of our lives is to praise Him for the glory of His grace (favor) by which He highly favored us in the beloved, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1: 9

⁹Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

- The mystery of His will in accordance with His good pleasure which He Himself purposed in Christ.

Ephesians 1: 10, 11

¹⁰That 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:

¹¹In 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:

- We have obtained an inheritance = we were chosen.
- which was determined beforehand in accordance with His plan and works all things according to the deliberation of His own will
- We are His inheritance. He chose us because that was His desire.

Ephesians 1: 12

¹²That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

- Those who had first trusted (previously hoped) were Israel with regard to Christ's 1st coming.
 - Acts 13:23
²³Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

Ephesians 1:13

¹³In 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,

- "Ye also" is all other faithful in Christ Jesus who wasn't of Israel.

Ephesians 1:14

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

- **2 Corinthians 1:22**

²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

- the down payment of OUR inheritance until . . . , unto . . .

- **Acts 20: 32**

³²And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

- told to them at Ephesus a few years before

- **1Peter 1:3,4**

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

- incorruptible, undefiled, fadeth not away, reserved

Ephesians 1: 15, 16

¹⁵Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

- believing on Jesus Christ and love

Ephesians 1:17

¹⁷That 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:

- spirit is used here by the figure of speech metonymy to refer to the information which originates with God which He then communicates or gives.
- God may give information or instruction which is revealed wisdom in the knowledge of Him. Not just knowing about Him, but acknowledging and recognizing what He is and what He has done.

Ephesians 1: 18, 19

¹⁸The 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,

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

- understanding = heart
- Our father wants us to know and be enlightened of:
 - The hope of our calling – V 14
 - His inheritance – V4, V11
- exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe – V 13
- He wants us to be enlightened in the knowledge of what our value is to him.
 - **Titus 2:14**
¹⁴Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

○ **1 Corinthians 6:20**

²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

○ **Romans 8:32**

³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Ephesians 1: 20 – 2:1

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

²¹Far 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:

²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2: ¹And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:1-10

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

The world needed a savior

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour** of the world.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die**.

Rom 5:16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the **judgment was by one to condemnation**, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justification.

Rom 5:17 For if **by one man's offence death reigned** by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Rom 5:18 Therefore as **by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation**; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 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.

The Flesh - our old nature

Rom 8:10 And if Christ *be* in you, **the body is dead** because of sin; but **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are **not under the law**.

Gal 5:25 If we **live in the Spirit**, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

Regarding the wrath

Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? **Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance?** (I speak as a man)

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, **we shall be saved from wrath** through him.

1Th 1:9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

1Th 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come**.

Recognize what God will do to bless, man's choices and the consequences of rejection

Rom 1:18 For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness** of men, **who hold the truth in unrighteousness**;

Rom 1:19 Because that which **may be known of God** is manifest in them; for **God hath shewed it unto them**.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from **the creation** of the world are clearly seen, being **understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead**; so that they are **without excuse**:

Rom 1:21 Because that, when **they knew God**, they **glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, **they became fools**,

Rom 1:32 Who **knowing the judgment of God**, that they which commit such things **are worthy of death**, not only do the same, but **have pleasure** in them that do them.

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art **inexcusable, O man**, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Rom 2:2 But we are sure that **the judgment of God is according to truth** against them which commit such things.

Rom 2:3 And **thinkest thou** this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, **that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?**

Rom 2:4 Or **despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering**; not knowing that the **goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

God's great love - the foundation for His rich mercy and grace

Eph 1:4 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:**

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, **for his great love wherewith he loved us,**

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

Eph 3:19 And to **know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, **with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;**

Eph 4:15 But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Eph 4:16 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.**

Eph 5:2 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 sweetsmelling savour.

God's love for us is "a great love"

Joh 3:16 For **God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom 5:8 But God **commendeth his love** toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

1Jn 4:9 In this was **manifested** the love of God **toward us**, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, **that we might live** through him.

1Jn 4:10 **Herein is love**, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us, and sent his Son to be** the propitiation for our sins.

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

Tit 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Tit 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Tit 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

This great love is the big picture of Ephesians

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

en tois epouraniois - in the heavenlies

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blest us with all spiritual blessings** in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought **in Christ**, when he raised him from the dead, and **set him at his own right hand** in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 2:6 And hath **raised us up** together, and made **us sit together** in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* **might be known** by the church the manifold **wisdom of God**,

Eph 6:12 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*.

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

God is good and kind, always

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God*: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, *that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all*.

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for **he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust**.

Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as **your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**

Rom 3:10 As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:**

Rom 3:11 There is **none that understandeth**, there is **none that seeketh after God.**

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is **none that doeth good, no, not one.**

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:11-22

Eph 2:11 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;

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye 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:

Eph 2:12 *and* that you were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and *being* without God in the world.

- Gen 17:1-14
- Exo 12:43-49

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

One New Man - Occurs Eph 2:15, 4:24 and Col 3:10-11

Eph 4:24 And that ye **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Col 3:11 Where there is **neither Greek nor Jew**, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: **but Christ is all, and in all.**

To make: ktizt - to create

Joh 5:30 **I can of mine own self do nothing: I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father** which hath sent me.

Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and **having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this**, which ye now see and hear.

Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Main corner stone

Isa 19:13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, **even they that are the stay** of the tribes thereof.

Luk 20:9 **Then began he to speak to the people this parable**; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

Luk 20:10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent *him* away empty.

Luk 20:11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty.

Luk 20:12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out.

Luk 20:13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence *him* when they see *him*.

Luk 20:14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

Luk 20:15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

Luk 20:16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, God forbid.

Luk 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is **this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?**

Luk 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Act 4:11 **This is the stone which was set at nought [rejected by] of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.**

Act 4:12 **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and **whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

Speaking of the Coming One

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, **I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:** he that believeth shall not make haste.

Isa 8:14 And **he shall be for a sanctuary;** but for a **stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence** to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Psa 118:22 The **stone which the builders refused is become the head stone** of the corner.

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

1Pe 2:4 **To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,**

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, **I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.**

1Pe 2:7 Unto **you therefore which believe he is precious:** but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1Pe 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The Summary of Ephesians 2

Before

- Had been dead - Eph 2:1
- Formerly walked according to this worldly age - Eph 2:2
- Had our manner of life among them, were children of wrath - Eph 2:3
- Were dead in trespasses - Eph 2:5
- Were without Christ - Eph 2:12
- Were alienated from the citizenship of Israel - Eph 2:12
- Were strangers from the covenants of the promise - Eph 2:12
- Had no hope and *being* without God in the world - Eph 2:12
- Were formerly far away - Eph 2:13

After

- Made alive together with Christ - Eph 2:5
- Raised *us* up together - Eph 2:6
- Caused to sit together in the heavenly *realm* in Christ Jesus - Eph 2:6
- Saved [*delivered*] through believing - Eph 2:8
- His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus - Eph 2:10
- Able to walk in the good works that God previously prepared - Eph 2:10
- Become nearby by the blood of Christ - Eph 2:13
- Of one [*Judeans and Gentiles*] and the dividing wall is broken down - Eph 2:14
- Able to access the Father by one spirit - Eph 2:18
- No longer strangers and visiting foreigners - Eph 2:19

- Fellow citizens with the holy [*sanctified*] ones - Eph 2:19
- Members of the household of God - Eph 2:19
- Built together for God's dwelling place by the spirit - Eph 2:22

EPHESIANS 3:1-21

**We are given to know
the mystery of Christ
the unsearchable riches of Christ
the love of Christ**

Eph 3:1 ...the prisoner of Jesus Christ

...for you Gentiles...

Eph 3:2 ...dispensation of the grace of God which is given me
to you-ward:

Eph 3:3 ...by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;
(as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 ...when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the
mystery of Christ)

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known
as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body,
and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

The Gentiles are
joint-heirs
joint-members
joint-partakers of the promise

Eph 3:7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the
grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

God Calls Paul to the Gentiles

1Co 15:9

1Ti 1:12 - 16

Act 9:15 - 18

God sends an angel to direct Cornelius, a Gentile

Act 10:22

God shows Peter that He accepts the Gentiles

Act 10:44 - 46

Men of Cyprus & Cyrene speak unto the Grecians at Antioch

Act 11:19 - 24

Barnabus brings Paul to Antioch

Act 11:25 - 26

God does the directing

2 Peter 4:11

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship (administration) of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

The mystery was spoken to those who were perfect, or mature

1Co 2:1 - 6

To help us see, Paul showed contrasts with the old ministration to help understand the new

2 Co 3:6 - 4:6

He also showed both Jew & Gentile were in equal need of God's mercy

Ro 11:30 - 33

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Cummins working translation of verses 10 & 11:

..so that through the church the multifarious wisdom of God could now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realm in accordance with the purpose of the ages which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This wisdom is not general spiritual wisdom, but wisdom as it relates to the mystery, the One Body.

Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

We are a demonstration of God's wisdom in how He successfully accomplished the purpose of the ages, the mystery of the One Body.

Eph 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access [*to the Father*] with confidence by the faith [*through the right way of believing*] of him [*in Christ*].

Eph 3:13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Eph 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 3:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

“his Spirit” = Refers to the information which originates from God and which He communicates, --by the figure of speech *metonymy*.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by [*the right way of believing*] faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

May be able to **comprehend**

with all saints

what *is*
the breadth,
and length,
and depth,
and height;

And to **know** > the **love of Christ**,
which passeth [*surpasses*] knowledge,

The measures, the dimensions of Christ’s love are ours to comprehend and know.

The scriptures abound with explanations and illustrations of this love.

Eph 3:19b....that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

We are already filled with the gift of holy spirit, we are already complete.

The being “filled with all the fullness of God” is referring to our development to full maturity in our walk which is discussed in the remaining chapters of Ephesians.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

This walk to maturity is attainable as we adhere to the information in the next 3 chapters. It is to be a walk of the One Body together.

Eph 3:21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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- ❑ Chapters 1-3 - teach us of God and His greatness, His goodness and kindness toward us, His great love toward us in Christ and how we are His called out (the church) in Christ and the magnificence of the revelation of the mystery.
- ❑ Chapters 4-6 - teach us of how God would want us to walk worthily of the great blessings and truths contained in chapters 1-3
- ❑ Our walk before God is one of **appreciation not obligation**
- ❑ Our walk is not a walk to obtain or to maintain our standing as sons of God with all of its rights, privileges and abilities. – Jesus Christ’s walk before God accomplished that for us and in us.
- ❑ To walk worthy of our calling to which we were called is to walk (to live) in the acknowledgement and appreciation of God’s great love toward us in Christ Jesus with thanksgiving.
- ❑ We are able to walk worthily of our calling to which we have been called because God made us worthy according to His purpose of the ages which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ❑ The phrase, “Walking in love,” takes on a deeper meaning in light of Ephesians Chapters 1-3 It is walking in the acknowledgement and appreciation of God’s great love toward us in Christ Jesus.

We are exhorted to walk in the acknowledgement and appreciation of our calling with regard to:

- God having blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm.
 - God choosing us in Christ that we should be holy and without blemish before Him.
 - our redemption (eternal redemption) through Jesus Christ’s blood, the forgiveness of trespasses according to the riches of His grace.
 - being reconciled to God in one body with access to the Father by one spirit.
 - being made alive together with Christ, being raised together with Christ and being seated together in the heavenly realm in Christ Jesus.
 - the one new man created in Christ Jesus.
 - being joint heirs with Christ.
 - being joint members of the body of Christ.
 - being joint partakers of the holy spirit of promise, promised in Christ by the gospel.
- ❑ To walk worthily of the calling to which we were called is a walk of **appreciation not obligation** for salvation.

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Ephesians 4:1

- “Walking worthy”
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- John 6:28,29
John 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.
- Colossians 1:10- :14 1:17-:23
- W.T. 1:23 – It is not “if” you continue but
- Since indeed *you are reconciled in this manner, then* continue in the [*right way of*] believing, having a foundation *in* and *being* steadfast *in* and not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you heard, which was heralded among every created being under heaven, of which I, Paul, was made a minister.
 - vs. 10 the acknowledgement of God
 - vs. 11 being empowered with all power according to His glorious strength
 - vs. 12 God made us competent for a part in the share of the holy [*sanctified*] ones in the light
 - vs. 13 He delivered us from the authority of darkness, and He transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.
 - vs. 14 in whom we have redemption the forgiveness of sins,
 - vs. 20 reconciled, making peace through the blood of his cross.
 - vs. 22 “...holy and unimpeachable before him”
 - Since this is the reality of God’s great love toward us in Christ – continue in the right way of believing.
 - It’s a walk of acknowledgement and appreciation not obligation.
- I Thessalonians 2:12
 - I Thessalonians 1:6-10 “...did deliver us from the wrath to come.”
 - I Thessalonians 2:12,13
- It’s a walk of acknowledgement and appreciation not obligation for salvation.

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<p>Ephesians 4:2</p> <p>Sometimes we have to be patient with each others shortcomings to enjoy their long suits in blessings that they supply to the body.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Vs. 2 starts the how we are to walk worthily of the calling to which we have been called ❑ “lowliness” – humbleness of mind ❑ “meekness”- a gentle willingness to receive God’s Word ❑ “long suffering” – a forbearing patience ❑ “Forbearing” – upholding – in love ❑ Colossians 3:12-17- A walk of acknowledgement and appreciation of God’s great love toward us in Christ. 								
<p>Ephesians 4:3</p>	<p>“Endeavoring” – putting forth a diligent effort</p> <p>“keep” – guard</p> <p>“unity” – the oneness – that is from the spirit (gift of holy spirit)</p> <p>“bond of peace” – in the uniting bond of peace – Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14)</p>								
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One baptism

Mark 1:7,8 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

John 1:30,31 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. [John's purpose for water baptism]

Acts 1:4,5 And, being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 2:38,39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Ephesians 4:6	The last of the "one" list God, the Father, Who is over all, through all, and in all
<p>This repetition of "one" is a figure of speech showing emphasis</p> <p>This is our true unity, man may try to manufacture unity through tolerance and indifference, but God has given us this unity, this "oneness" which He says we are to diligently guard.</p>	
Ephesians 4:7	W.T. Now grace was given to each of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
Ephesians 4:8	W.T. Wherefore He says: "When he ascended on high, he took captive those who captivate, he gave gifts to people."
Ephesians 4:9-10	Parenthetical phrase, vs. 9 "first" omitted vs. 10 compare with Ephesians 1:23
Ephesians 4:11	Continuation of thought from vs. 8 These are the gifts given.

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<p>Ephesians 4:11 (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>apostle</u> – a messenger sent out with orders as an envoy, a delegate, or an ambassador. It is used here as one who was called and sent out by God and His Son Jesus Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>prophet</u> - one who, as God’s spokesman, solemnly declares to men what he has received from God to declare. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>evangelist</u> – gospel messenger, one who joyfully proclaims the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ regarding the revelation of the mystery. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>pastor</u> – shepherd, one who provides nourishment, direction and protection to those whom he is among. <u>I Peter 5:1-4</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>teachers</u> – true teachers truthfully teach the truth <input type="checkbox"/> In this administration – the administration of the mystery, the administration of grace – The truth is the gospel of Jesus Christ regarding the mystery. This is the joyful proclamation of the gospel, this is the revelation, this is the nourishment, direction and protection for out day and time.
<p>Ephesians 4:12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reason for the giving of these gifts <input type="checkbox"/> for the complete equipping of the holy ones, II Timothy 3:16 <input type="checkbox"/> for the work of the ministry or service <input type="checkbox"/> for the edifying of the body of Christ – the Church <input type="checkbox"/> II Corinthians 10:8 and 13:10 the authority given them was for edification not demolition
<p>Ephesians 4:13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> unity of the right way of believing – one list <input type="checkbox"/> unity of the right acknowledgment of the Son of God <input type="checkbox"/> W.T. “...that is, a mature man, the measure of the full-grown Christ.” - Grow up
<p>Ephesians 4:14</p> <p>one Lord one spirit one right way of believing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> doctrine – deceptive teaching of crafty men <input type="checkbox"/> deceive – strategies of delusion <p>II Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in <u>craftiness</u>, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.</p> <p>II Corinthians 11:3, But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his <u>subtilty</u>, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. :4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or <i>if</i> ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with <i>him</i>.</p>

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<p>Ephesians 4:15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Contrast to deceptive teachings, of craftiness, speaking the truth - <u>in love!</u> ❑ let us Grow up in all ways in him who is the head, <i>even</i> Christ.
<p>Ephesians 4:16</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">Many different members of the body, many different functions, but all , supply, and edify in and by the same thing - love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ W.T. From him, the entire body, which is framed together and united by every joint of supply, causes the growth of the body by the measureable working of each single part for the edifying of itself in <u>love</u>. ❑ fitly framed – <u>Ephesians 2:20-22</u> ❑ Romans 12:4-8 W.T. <p>Even as we have many members in one <i>physical</i> body and <i>as</i> all members do not have the same function,</p> <p>so we, the many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another having gifts differing according to the grace given to us. <i>If it is prophecy, then let us prophesy</i> according to the proportion of the believing.</p> <p><i>Or if it is another ministry, then let us minister according to the proportion of the believing in the ministry. Or if it is teaching, then let us teach according to the proportion of the believing in the teaching.</i></p> <p><i>Or if it is any other service such as exhorting... in the exhortation; giving... in integrity; leading... in diligence; showing mercy... in cheerfulness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ I Corinthians 12:12-27 ❑ Colossians 2:19 W.T. <p>And not adhering to the head[Christ] from whom the whole body, which is supplied and united through the joints and ligaments grows with the growth of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Colossians 2:2 W.T. <p>so that their hearts may be encouraged, united in love, even unto all riches of the complete certainty of understanding, unto the knowledge [<i>acknowledgment</i>] of the mystery of God concerning Christ.</p>
<p>Ephesians 4:17-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ We walk worthily of the calling to which we were called by walk in the acknowledgement and appreciation of God's great love toward us in Christ. Calling us in one body. ❑ vs. 19 greediness – there is no room for “Me” thinking in the “We” body of Christ. ❑ Uncleaness and Greediness are characteristics often associated with the Gentiles and idolatry; see Colossians 3:5; Ephesians 5:3-5, II Corinthians 12:21, I Thessalonians 4:1-8

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Ephesians 4:23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> spirit – used here to refer to the life of man, its issues and characteristics 		

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Ephesians 4:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ “put on” to clothe as with a garment ❑ “holiness” devotion to the truth, or dedicated to the truth ❑ The same phrase used in Ephesians 2:15 refers to the accomplished reality for those who had been sealed with the gift of holy spirit. ❑ Here the phrase is used of that which is to be put on in our walk. To walk in the acknowledgement and appreciation of the accomplished reality declared in Ephesians 2:15
Ephesians 4:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ “because we are members of one another”
Ephesians 4:26,27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Anger is an emotion, it is not sin ❑ Jesus Christ got angry for a godly cause (Mark 3:1-6 healing the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath.) ❑ Way of saying don’t let anger go unresolved, don’t endeavor to sustain anger. Resolve anger as quickly as possible without giving place to the devil. ❑ Unresolved, sustained, prolonged anger is a greenhouse that grows bitterness and evil thinking - hence giving place to the devil and ultimately sin ❑ Psalm 4:4 Lamsa “Be angry and yet sin not; commune with your own heart and meditate upon your bed.”
Ephesians 4:28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Contrast
Ephesians 4:29-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Murdock Version ❑ Ephesians 4:29 Let no hateful language come from your mouth, but that which is decorous, and useful for edification, that it may convey grace to those who hear. ❑ Vs. 30 “holy Spirit” Used here to refer to God. “of God” is the genitive of apposition : “that is to say God” ❑ Vs. 31 “evil speaking” – slander, to vilify someone ❑ From a list of things the LORD hates Proverbs 6:19 “...he that soweth discord among brethren.”

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Ephesians 4:32	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ we are forgiven, we should forgive❑ II Corinthians 2:11 “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” The context of this verse is Forgiveness❑ This whole verse can relate back to vs. 26 as a way to resolve anger, so that we do not give place to the devil, for we are not ignorant of his devices❑ Colossians 3:1-15
Ephesians 5:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ therefore❑ be imitators of God, as dear or beloved children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Chapter 4 begins the section of the practical doctrine of how to walk worthily of our calling to which we were called, of all truths spoken of in chapters 1-3.❑ The focus book of Colossians is how to walk worthily and it is the correction epistle for the doctrine (the how to believe rightly) laid out in the book of Ephesians❑ To walk worthily of the calling to which we were called is to walk (to live) with the acknowledgment and appreciation of God’s Greatness, His goodness and His great love toward us in Christ and <u>not</u> out of obligation for salvation,❑ To walk in love, to live in light of the great love which God has showed toward us in Christ.❑ The “how to live” by putting off the old man and renewing the mind as one clothed with the new man (because we are)❑ To live with the “WE” thinking of the mystery and not the “ME” thinking that feeds on idolatry.	

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1. Ephesians 5:1 - So be imitators of God like beloved children. Context is from previous verse - kind to one another tenderhearted, forgiving each other as God forgave you in Christ. What a privilege to imitate our Father!

a. Matthew 5:43-48 - Jesus Christ taught disciples how to imitate God

b. Luke 6:27-36-

“But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek (a form of insult) offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive again, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful”

c. Romans 5:6-10 - We were enemies, and God loved us!

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for (us) the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth (shows) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved (from the wrath to come) by his life.

d. Ephesians 2:2-6 - We were by nature children of wrath and God loved us

c. Psalm 103:10 - He hath not dealt with us after our sins

“He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy

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toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

2. Ephesians 5:2 - Walk in love as Christ also loved us delivered himself up for us as an **offering** and sacrifice to God for a sweet aromatic fragrance. His offering of himself was the offering all the Old Testament offerings pointed towards.

a. Genesis 4:3 -5a - (Abel recognized the need for the savior to come through his offering of a blood sacrifice, Cain's offering was of the fruit of the ground, which was cursed due to the sin of his parents.)

"And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and his offering he had not respect.

b. Genesis 8:20, 21a

"And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake.

a. Ephesians 2:8 - Gift (Greek - **doron** - offering, often used of offerings given in the temple. This refers to the **offering** made by God on behalf of mankind. Ephesians 5:2 talks of Christ **offering** himself to God for us.

b. Romans 8:32 - Jesus Christ delivered himself up, and God delivered him up for us.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things"

c. I Peter 2:18-24 - Christ suffered for us, an example to follow in his steps. He did not repay evil with evil.

3. Ephesians 5:3 - Fornication, uncleanness and covetousness are things associated with idolatry, and were things practice by idolators. Idolatry is something offered by the adversary to people who are without the true God, and without a true hope. The faithful in Christ Jesus were to not let idolatrous behavior be mentioned among them if they were to walk worthily.

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a. I Corinthians 5:1 - The Church at Corinth had reports of fornication.

“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife”

b. Galatians 5:19-20 - The practices of the flesh or old nature of mankind

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are fornication, uncleanness, unbridled lust, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, hot tempers, factious strifes, divisions, sects, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and such things like these.

4. Ephesians 5:4 - Ugly speech, foolish talk or mocking are also not proper. We do not imitate other Gentiles, but God. Words we speak should be about thankfulness to God, his Son and for other members of the body of Christ.

5. Ephesians 5:5 - Idolators have no **inheritance** in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

a. I Corinthians 6:9-12 - The Corinthians had received this **inheritance** and their thankful response should have been to not continue in those idolatrous practices, but some of them were.

“Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be misled. Neither fornicators nor idolators nor adulterers nor catamites nor homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor abusers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you, but you washed yourselves (an implied comparison to repenting and believing on Jesus Christ), but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit from our God. All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me but I will not be controlled by them.(WT)

b. John 3:3 & 6- Jesus told Nicodemus how a man needed to be born of spirit to enter the kingdom of God, and thus have an inheritance in it.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again (or from above) he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

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c. Ephesians 1:13, 14 - Those who have believed in Jesus Christ have been sealed with the holy spirit of promise, the token of their inheritance.

d. Matthew 16:28, Mark 9:1- Jesus Christ's disciples were told the kingdom of Christ and of God would come during their lifetime.

"Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

"And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

e. I Corinthians 15:24-28 - The future inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God when Jesus Christ puts down all other rule, authority and power

"(Then, the end, when he delivers over the kingdom to God, even the Father when he has made inoperative all rule and all authority and power. In fact, it is necessary for him to reign until 'He has put all the enemies under his feet' The last enemy to be made inoperative is death....When all things have been put in subjection under him, then the Son himself will also be subject under Him (God) Who put all things in subjection under him [the Son], so that God may be all in all."

f. Colossians 1:13 - We've already been transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, and delivered from the authority of darkness.

6. Ephesians 5:6 - The sons of disobedience - those who refuse to believe regarding Jesus Christ, who were already mentioned in Ephesians 2:2

a. Ephesians 2:3 - They are referred to as children of wrath

b. Romans 1:18 -. The wrath of God is revealed in the scriptures and it relates to the justice of God, because people chose to serve idols rather than honor God.

"Moreover, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and injustice of humans who suppress the truth with injustice, inasmuch as that which may be known about God is manifest among them because God has manifested it to them. In fact, since the creation of the world the invisible things of Him, both His eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen, being understood by means of His workmanship. So they are without excuse. Wherefore, when they knew God, they did not glorify

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Him as God nor were they thankful. Instead, they became futile in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image made in the likeness of corruptible mankind and of birds and of four-footed animals and of reptiles. Wherefore God gave them, in the cravings of their hearts, over to uncleanness for the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, that is, those who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and venerated and did service to the creation instead of the Creator (Who is blessed forever. Amen) (WT)

7. Ephesians 5:7 - Therefore (because the wrath of God is coming upon them), do not be joint partakers with them in their idolatrous practices.

a. Ephesians 3:6 - Now the Gentiles can be joint partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus by the gospel.

b. Colossians 3:5 - Therefore, deaden your idolatrous practices.

c. Modern Idolatry - Culturally today the outward forms of idolatry have changed. There's not the ancient Pagan temples of Greece or Rome, or the worship of the gods of their times, but there is the worship of other gods. They could be in the form of pervasive images or obsessions of the mind. Sometimes you can see a type of worship of athletes, entertainers in music or theatre, political leaders, or even religious and philosophical leaders whose words are held in higher esteem than God's Word.

Idolatrous practices such as fornication, drunkenness, greediness that appeal to the old nature of man still exist, and a born again believer can be tempted to be a partaker of those activities.

8. Ephesians 5:8 - You were formerly darkness (that included participation in the darkness as Ephesians 2:3 explains), but now are ye light in the lord. **Walk** as children of light. (in contrast to the children of disobedience of verse 6) This is part of walking worthily of the calling to which they were called.

a. I Thessalonians 5:4, 5

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day (referring to the Day of the Lord in I Thessalonians 5:2) should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night nor of darkness.

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9. Ephesians 5:9 - The fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth. The new man that they we are to clothe ourselves with was created in righteousness and devotion to the truth.
10. Ephesians 5:10 - proving (Greek: dokimazo - to prove by testing or to approve after examination) what is well-pleasing to the Lord.
 - a. Romans 12:2
“Do not be fashioned by this age, but be transfigured by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is the good and well-pleasing and mature will of God.”
11. Ephesians 5:11 - If they would have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness they would then be joint partakers with the sons of disobedience as was written Ephesians 5:7. They were to reprove these works by walking as children of light.
12. Ephesians 5:12 - There would be no need to discuss the things the Gentiles did in secret - that would be as gossip or even slander.
13. Ephesians 5:13 - when all things are reprovved they are made manifest by the light, because the light would make manifest the darkness.
 - a. Acts 19:17-20- An example how walking in light made manifest darkness
“This became known to all who were dwelling at Ephesus, both Judeans and Greeks. Fear [reverence] fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Many of those who had believed came, confessing and reporting their practices. A considerable number of them who practiced magical arts (that would have been unfruitful works of darkness) brought their books together and burned them before all. They also counted up the prices of them, and found the total to be 50,000 pieces of silver. In this manner, the Word of the Lord was growing and prevailing mightily.
(WT)
14. Ephesians 5:14 - Wherefore He says - this was not cited from another scripture, but it is something God says, perhaps by the spoken Word of the apostles and prophets such as Paul. The faithful in Christ are not to sleep (be inattentive) as others who are in darkness, and by walking in the light,

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those who are in darkness may hear the Word of the Lord from them, believe and be saved and “rise up from the dead”.

a. Romans 13:11-14

“This too: knowing the time that it is already the hour for us to awake from sleep. In fact, our salvation [deliverance - that is to come at the return of Christ] is closer now than when we first believed. The night is well advanced and the day is drawing near. Let us therefore put off the works of the darkness, and let us clothe ourselves with the armor of light. Let us walk with propriety of conduct as in the day, not with carousing and drunkenness, not with sexual excess and unbridled lust, not with strife and jealousy. Instead, clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no thoughtful provision for the flesh [the old nature] with regard to its cravings.”

15. Ephesians 6:15-17 - The days are evil, as Ephesians 6:13 refers to the evil day, this time period when Satan is the god of this age. The believers were to walk accurately and wisely, not waste time or be foolish by participating in the unfruitful works of darkness, but redeeming the time by being awake to walking in light and understanding the will of the Lord.

16. Ephesians 6:18, 19 - Debauchery was a practice in the worship of certain pagan gods. In contrast they could be filled with the totality of the new spirit nature in their walks, and be speaking to themselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

a. I Corinthians 14:15

“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

17. Ephesians 6:20 - Since the other occurrences of “giving thanks for all” are use to refer to all people, that is most likely the intended meaning here

a. I Timothy 2:1

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

Ephesians 5: 21

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²¹Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

- fear of God = reverence of Christ in all critical Greek texts

- **1 Peter 5: 5**
⁵Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
 - context V1-5
 - proud = Gr hyperēphanos = showing oneself above others, haughty

- **Philippians 2: 3**
³Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
 - better = Gr: huperecho = excellent, above

- **Romans 12: 10**
¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
 - preferring = take the lead. Take the lead in showing honor one to another

Children and parents

Ephesians 6: 1-4

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

²Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

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

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

- obey = Gr: hupakouō = to hear under as a subordinate, submit to, listen attentively
- V-4 bring them up = to nourish up to maturity (Same as Ephesians 5: 29)

Brothers and sisters in our earthly families are also our spiritual brothers and sisters and are to be treated accordingly.

- **Romans 14: 19**

¹⁹Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

- **Romans 15: 5**

⁵Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

- **Romans 15: 7**

⁷Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

- **Romans 15: 14**

¹⁴And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

- **Galatians 5: 13**

¹³For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

- **Galatians 5: 26**

²⁶Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Believers we live with, family members, people we are familiar with are never to be taken for granted.

- **1 Thessalonians 5: 15**

¹⁵See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

- **1 Peter 1: 22**

²²Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Eph 5:22 to 6:9 Ephesians and the Family

Eph 5:22, submit- be subject to

v. 25, even as- kathos, in the manner that, how, in what manner, according as

gave himself for it- delivered himself up for it

v. 26, sanctify- hagiazō, to sanctify, to divide, to mark off, to separate, or set apart from that which is common. Here it is used of Christ setting the church apart from the common lot in a comparison with a husband setting his wife apart from all other women.

v. 26, washing of water by the word- There is a comparison here between cleansing by washing in water and cleansing by the Word of God. The Church is cleansed by bathing in the Word of God.

v.27, *He did so that he might present the Church illustrious to himself without spot or wrinkle or any of those things, but so that it might be holy [sanctified] and without blemish.* Working Translation

v. 29, cherisheth- tenderly cares for

v. 30, of his flesh, and of his bones- omitted from some Greek texts

v. 31, Quoted from Gen 2:24

One Flesh – Adam and Eve

Gen 1:26, 27, God's image-spirit See John 4:24

Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Gen 2:7-9,

Gen 2:15-25,

Gen 2:18, help meet for him

Gen 3:1-24,
Gen 3:1, beast- living being or creature

v.13, Eve was beguiled.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Adam was not deceived. He received instruction from God and he knowingly disobeyed that instruction. Eve influenced Adam and the consequences of his disobedience were passed on to their children from generation to generation.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Wives have the potential for influencing their husbands. Choose wisely.

One Flesh – The Sexual Relationship

Gen 2:24 is also quoted in part in I Cor 6:16. Here we can learn more about this one flesh relationship.

I Cor 6:13b, ...Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

God didn't design our bodies for participation in fornication.

I Cor 6:14-16, The two shall be one flesh.

v. 17-19,

I Cor 6:18, Flee fornication. - Flee from fornication.
without the body- outside the body

v. 19, the temple of the Holy Ghost- a sanctuary of the holy spirit, the gift of
holy spirit received from God by people on and after Pentecost.

v. 20, and in your spirit, which are God's- omitted according to all critical
Greek texts

I Cor 7:1, to touch- in this context it refers to touching in the sense of having
sexual intercourse

v. 2, *to avoid* fornication- because of the temptations of fornication

**v. 3, Let the husband render to the wife *her sexual* dues, and likewise
the wife to the husband.**

**v. 4, The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the
husband *does*. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over
his own body, but the wife *does*.**

**v. 5, Do not deprive one another *sexually* except by consent for a time
that you may have time for prayer and *then* come together again so
that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.**

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v. 3, due benevolence- that which is due It refers to the sexual sharing
between a husband and wife.

v. 4, A husband and wife have a responsibility to take care of each other's
sexual needs.

v. 5, fasting and- omitted according to all critical Greek texts

**Heb 13:4 Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but
whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.**

v. 4, undefiled- unstained, unsoiled, unpolluted, immaculate (This word is used of Jesus Christ as the high priest being undefiled in Heb 7:26.)

Sex within a marriage is designed by God to be a blessing to the husband and wife. It builds the one flesh relationship.

Psa 139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

Psa 139:15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

Psa 139:17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

v. 13, possessed- to set up
reins- kidneys, loins This word is used of the seat of the desires and passions. It means the thoughts, affections, impulses. God designed us to have feelings, emotions.

v. 14, fearfully- awesomely
God designed our bodies to function the way they do.

Isa 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

God designed a woman's body to produce hormones as she nurses her baby that help her become attached to that baby. It helps her to love and care for her baby. She could choose to break that bond, but it wouldn't be easy to do.

1Th 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

1Th 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

v. 7, nurse- nursing mother

v. 8, affectionately desirous- to long for, yearn after, desire
dear- agapetos beloved

In much the same way God designed men and women to bond with each other as they share the sexual relationship in marriage. They become attached to one another. It helps them grow in love for one another. God designed the sexual relationship to strengthen a couple's love and commitment to their marriage.

It would be foolish and emotionally harmful to engage in sexual relations outside of marriage, because if the commitment to building their relationship with God and one another, both the woman and the man will be hurt when the relationship ends.

I Thess 4:1-12

v. 4, possess- control (his own body)

v. 5, in the lust of concupiscence- with passionate cravings

v. 6, that no one oversteps and takes advantage of his brother in *any* matter, because the Lord *is* the avenger concerning all these *matters*, just as we previously said and testified to you.

v. 7, In fact, God has not called us for uncleanness but in sanctification.

v. 8, So then, he who rejects *it*, does not reject man but God, the Giver of His holy spirit to you.

Working Translation

v. 12, walk honestly- walk with propriety of conduct Do the appropriate or right thing. Walk in love. The loving thing to do regarding sexual relations is to wait until you are married.

Pro 5:15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

Pro 5:16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the streets.

Pro 5:17 Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

Pro 5:18 Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Pro 5:19 *Let her be as* the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

Pro 5:20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

v. 18, rejoice- get thy joy with

God expects husbands and wives to enjoy each other for their lifetime.

Eph 5:32, This mystery is great, but I am speaking concerning Christ and concerning the church.

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By comparison, the husband joined to his wife becoming one flesh is like the mystery concerning the church by which the Judeans and Gentiles are joint heirs, joint members of one body, and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus by the gospel.

Eph 5:33, Nevertheless, let each one of you so love his own wife as himself, and *let* the wife fear [*reverence*] *her* husband.

Working Translation

Children, Servants and Lords

Eph 6:1, in the Lord- is omitted or noted as doubtful in Greek texts.

Col 3:20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Eph 6:2,3, The 10 commandments were the first commandments given to the children of Israel. This was the very first one to come with a promise, namely, long life. See Exo 20:12. Here the promise is made to the children

of the born again ones and God adds to the promise – that it may be well with thee. This promise is from God to our children.

Eph 6:4, Likewise, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but nurture them in the disciplined instruction and admonition of the lord.

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Col 3:21, Fathers, do not irritate your children lest they become discouraged.

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Eph 6:5, fear and trembling- reverence and obedience
singleness of your heart- integrity of your heart (as opposed to duplicity or double standards.

v. 6, heart- soul, used here to refer to the inner being of a person

v. 9, forbearing threatening- cease from threatening

What is said about lords in v.9 is in the context applicable to parents and husbands as well as employers and other kinds of lords in their relationships with those who are their servants. We all serve the same lord, Jesus Christ, once we become born again ones whether we're the husband, wife, child, lord or servant. He will reward each of us according to our service to him.

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PART I

I. CLOTHING OURSELVES WITH THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD - TO BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL'S STRATEGIES

1. Ephesians 6:10-18 - This section is in the context of **walking worthily** of the calling to which we are called and clothing ourselves with the new man
2. Ephesians 6:11- The reason we are to clothe ourselves with the full armor of God is to be **able to stand against** the strategies of the devil.
3. Ephesians 6:12 - **Against** is repeated - as a figure of repetition to emphasize we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, physical things in the natural realm.

II. THE HEAVENLY REALM (Greek: *en tois epouraniois*)

1. Ephesians 1:3 - He blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the **heavenly realm**
2. Ephesians 1:20 - God raised Christ from the dead and caused him to sit at his right side in the **heavenly realm**.
3. Ephesians 2:5, 6 - God caused us to sit together in the **heavenly realm** in Christ Jesus.
4. Ephesians 3:9, 10- the multifarious wisdom of God can now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the **heavenly realm** through the church
5. Ephesians 6:12 - The believers' wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, the world rulers of this present darkness and wicked spirits in the **heavenly realm**. But God has well equipped us in this wrestling in that he blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the **heavenly realm**, and he caused us to sit together in the **heavenly realm** in Christ.
6. Romans 8:35-39 - The rulers, and authorities may direct in some way the evil things that are against us, but in all these things we are more than conquerors and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ.
"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written (Psalm 44:22)

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'For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels (spirit messengers), nor principalities (rulers), nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

III. BE STRONG IN THE LORD...

1. Ephesians 6:10 - Be strong (Greek: **endunamoo**)

a. Romans 4:20

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith (or in the [right way of] believing), giving glory to God."

b. I Timothy 1:12

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me (or made me strong) for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry"

c. II Timothy 2:1

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

IV ...AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT - (THE STRENGTH OF HIS ABILITY)

1. Ephesians 6:10 - power of his might (Greek: **kratos + ischus**). These words are synonymous, and may be translated "**strength of ability**", referring here to the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ's ability to prevail, which ability came from his Father's ability to prevail.

2. Ephesians 1:19-21

"and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe. (That power is) according to the working of the strength of His ability, which He energized in the Christ when He raised him from the dead and caused him to sit at His right side in the heavenly realm. Far above every ruler and authority and power and lordship, even every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the coming age."(WT)

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3. Philippians 2:8-11 - Jesus Christ prevailed in humbling himself and becoming obedient unto the death of the cross in carrying out his Father's will.
"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess

4. Colossians 1:12, 13 - In exalting His son Jesus Christ above all principality and power, and giving him a name above every name, God delivered all who believe regarding His son from the authority of darkness.
"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son

5. Colossians 1:15, 18, & 19 - Jesus Christ is the firstborn of every created being in that he was the firstborn from the dead, the first being to be created with the new life-giving spirit and the new resurrected body. The phrase *"Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee"* quoted from Psalm 2:7 in Acts 13:33 is in regards to Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead
"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:... And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. (top rank) For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.

6. Colossians 2:9, 10 - All the fullness of the divine nature of God dwells in Christ, and we are completely filled in him.
"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead (divine nature) bodily, and you are complete (completely filled) in him, which is the head of (over) all principality and power.

7. Hebrews 1:1-5 - Jesus Christ was exalted and given a position above angels.
"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he made the world (or ages), Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the

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Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, 'Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee?' And again, 'I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?'

8. Hebrews 1:13, 2:5-11- As in Ephesians 1, here it states that God put all things under Jesus Christ's feet and that will be fully seen in the coming age
"But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

"For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world (or age) to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him

8. Colossians 2:13-15 - Describes Jesus Christ's triumph over the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realm. The word for triumphing in Greek is *thriambeuo* - A word used of leading in a triumphant military procession after a victory with the defeated captives bound in chains.
"Yes you, who were dead in the trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made alive together with him and forgave us all the trespasses. Having botted out the document handwritten against us in decrees, which was hostile to us, he even took it out of the way and nailed it to the cross. Having stripped the rulers and authorities, he exposed them openly to public shame, and by it he led them in a triumphal procession. (WT)

9. Ephesians 4:8 - *"...he took captive those who captivate"* What a victory!

V ...TAKE UP THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD SO THAT YOU ARE
ABLE TO WITHSTAND (RESIST) IN THE EVIL DAY

1. James 4:7 - Resist the devil

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.."

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2. I Peter 5:8, 9a - Be sober, be vigilant, and resist your adversary, the devil
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith ... (or [the right way] of believing).
3. Galatians 1:4 - The evil day - day of the wicked, refers to this present evil age that is also referred to in Ephesians 1:21 in contrast to the age to come.
"Who (Our Lord Jesus Christ) gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver (or rescue) us from this present evil world (or age) according to the will of God and our Father."

VI. THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD -A FIGURE OF SPEECH OF COMPARISON

1. Figures of Speech - The figures of speech in Ephesians 6:10-18 are a series of implied comparisons. Three figures of comparison to make note of would be:

Simile-would be a comparison using like or as (eg.-You are like a beast)

Metaphor - would be a more direct comparison (eg. - You are a beast)

Hypocatastasis - would be strongest, an implied comparison (eg.- Beast!)

The **armor of God** is a figure of comparison to armor worn by a soldier in battle. The **wrestling** seems to be a figure of comparison to an athlete wrestling

2. Other occurrences of these figures of comparisons

a. I Timothy 1:18 ,19 - **Warfare** - an implied comparison to the situations Timothy would need to deal with at Ephesus. Paul gave him a charge to charge some not to teach a different doctrine - it was compared to **warfare**. Some in Ephesus who taught different doctrines and did not obey the charge were said to have **ship-wrecked** concerning the the [right way of] believing. Deviating from teaching the right doctrine and the [right way of]believing is being compared to a ship getting off course and wrecking. Consider also Ephesians 4:14

"I deposit this charge with you, dear child Timothy, according to the prophecies brought upon you, that by them you may war a good warfare, having believing and a good conscience, which some have rejected and thus

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have ship-wrecked concerning the [right way of] believing (WT)

b. I Timothy 6:11-12a - **Contest** - an implied comparison to the situations Timothy dealt with at Ephesus due to some having been led astray from the [right way of] believing by the love of money. But Timothy was to flee these things and pursue godly things, which was being compared to him **contending in an athletic contest**.

*“However, you, oh man of God, flee from these things, and pursue justness, godliness, believing, love, patience, meekness. **Contend in the good contest of the [right way of] believing...**”*

c. II Timothy 2:3-6 - There is a series of implied comparisons from verses 3-6. As a **good soldier of Jesus Christ**, the comparison was to a good soldier of his country who would suffer hardships and not be entangled in the normal affairs of life to perform his service for his country, so Timothy would share with Paul in suffering hardships for the gospel (see also II Timothy 1:8) Verse 5 - Anyone **contending in athletic games** would need to contend according to the rules of the games to be crowned, a comparison to how Timothy was to maintain the purity of the gospel that had been deposited to him, in order to deposit to other faithful people. Verse 6 - The **farmer** who labors hard ought to be the first to partake of the fruits of the harvest is a comparison to the rewards for Timothy in his labor in the gospel, even though many had turned away from Paul by the time of II Timothy, and it might not have been an abundant harvest.

“Share with me in suffering hardships as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier entangles himself in the affairs of life so that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. Likewise, if anyone contends in athletic games, he is not crowned unless he contends lawfully in the athletic games. The farmer who labors hard ought to be the first to partake of the fruits of the harvest.

d. II Corinthians 10:3-5 - **the weapons of our warfare** are not of the flesh but powerful by God to the **demolition of fortified strongholds**. The demolition of fortified strongholds in a military battle is compared the demolition of reasonings and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God in the church at Corinth. **Leading captive** every kind of thinking in obedience to Christ, would be a comparison taking prisoners of war in a military battle. **Weapons of our warfare** is a comparison of the knowledge of God (which Paul and his company had brought to the

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Corinthians) to military weapons.

“for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but powerful by God to the demolition of fortified strongholds, demolishing reasonings and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and leading captive every kind of thinking in obedience to Christ.

We should not be distracted by the figure of speech to the point that we do not understand the literal truth it is emphasizing. In this section of Ephesians 6:10-18, people have been tempted to become so impressed with the figure, that they have not seen the literal truth that is being emphasized, which God is actually **calling attention to**.

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PART II

VII. THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD - WHAT IT IS

1. Ephesians 6:14-18 - If God have given Paul revelation to state this in the literal sense, it might read as 'Stand against the strategies of the devil by putting on truth, the righteousness [of God], the gospel of peace, the [right way of] believing, salvation (or deliverance), and the Word of God and pray always with prayer and prayer requests in the spirit and keep watch for all saints in this manner.

With the implied comparison to the putting on of military armor, and wrestling God is giving emphasis to the necessity of being prepared for the spiritual fight, as a soldier would be in battle, being prepared to stand as a wrestler would in the intensity of his struggle.

2. Ephesians 1::12, 13 - The armor that the faithful in Christ are exhorted to clothe themselves with here is also the same things they had heard when they first believed.
3. I Corinthians 15:1, 2a - The gospel that they received from Paul at Corinth was the same he was declaring unto them again - the gospel in which they stood and by which they had been saved.
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved.

VIII. ...AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND. STAND THEREFORE...

1. Ephesians 6:11, 13 & 14 - The repetition of the word **stand** in these verses is gives emphasis that they were to stay put on truth, the righteousness of God, the gospel of God, etc. despite the devil's strategies in this evil age, and when they had accomplished everything, **stand. Stand** therefore...

IX. ..WITH LOINS GIRDED IN TRUTH

1. Ephesians 4:14-16 - Speak the truth in love
"This is so that we may no longer be infants, billow tossed and carried about by every wind of the deceptive teaching of crafty men with their

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strategies of delusion. In contrast as we speak the truth in love, let us grow up in all ways in him who is the head, even Christ” (WT)

2. Ephesians 4:17, 20-25 - Speak the truth with each other
“Wherefore putting off the lying, speak the truth, each one with his neighbor because we are members of one another.” (WT)
3. Galatians 2:14 - Walk uprightly according to the truth of the gospel.
“But when I saw they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all....”

X. HAVING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS (JUSTNESS) OF GOD

1. Philippians 2:9 - A higher standard than the Mosaic law of works
“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ (or believing concerning Christ), the righteousness which is of God by faith (or the [right way of] believing)
2. Galatians 3:21 - No law could accomplish the regaining of spirit life
“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid, for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.
3. Revelation 1:10 - Satan is the accuser of our brethren
“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”
3. Romans 8:31-34 - No legal charges are able to stand against God the justifier, or Christ who intercedes for us at God’s right hand.
“Who shall bring legal charges against God’s chosen one’s? God, the justifier? Who can condemn them, Christ? No he is the one who died and rather was raised [from the dead],, who is also at the right side of God, and who also makes intercession for us.” (WT)

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3. I Peter 2:19-24 - Following in Christ's steps and living unto righteousness.
"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow in his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
4. I John 3:18-21 - Even if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart
"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

XI. .. YOUR FEET BOUND WITH THE READINESS OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

1. Ephesians 2:14 - 18 - Jesus Christ's work is the cause of our peace
"In fact, he is our peace, who has made both [Judeans and Gentiles] one and who has broken down the dividing wall. (that is the hostility) by means of his flesh, and who has made the law of commandments in decrees inactive so that he could create in himself one new man from the two (thus making peace) and so that he could reconcile them both to God in one body by means of the cross, by which he killed the hostility. He also came and proclaimed the gospel regarding peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were nearby, because through him we both have access to the Father by one spirit. (WT)
2. Romans 10:13-15 - The salvation spoken of is the combined undertaking of God and his Son Jesus Christ, who send others to faithfully proclaim it!
"In fact, everyone who calls on the name of the lord will be saved [delivered]. How then can they call on him whom they have not believed, and how can they believe him of whom they have not learned, and how can they hear without someone heralding. and how can they herald unless they

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have been sent? Accordingly, it has been written (Isaiah 52:7) "How seasonably beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the gospel regarding peace, who proclaim the gospel regarding good things!" (WT)

3. Acts 4:19b, 20 - Peter and John's response to threats was to obey God.
"...Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard"
4. Acts 5:20 - The angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and told them
"Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life".
5. Acts 5:27-29 - Peter and the other apostles respond again to questioning
Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men"
6. Acts 8:3-5 - In the face of great persecution they spoke the Word everywhere and there was great deliverance in Samaria, as in Jerusalem.
"As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
7. II Timothy 4:2a - Despite Asia turning away, Paul exhorts Timothy to preach the Word.
"herald the Word, stand ready when it is convenient, and when it is not convenient,...."

XII. ... TAKE UP THE SHIELD OF THE [RIGHT WAY OF] BELIEVING

1. Romans 10:8-10 - The [right way of] believing brings salvation to anyone
"but what does it [the justice from believing] say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of the [right way of] believing, which we herald, that if thou wilt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and will believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead then you will be saved [delivered], for with the heart it (the word of the [right way of] believing) is believed unto justness and the mouth it is confessed unto salvation [deliverance]

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2. Philippians 1:27 - 30 - Paul exhorted the Philippians to contend together in the [right way of] believing of the gospel. There were adversaries and conflicts for Paul and the Philippians, and there was deliverance for them and him.
“Only, live as a citizen worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or whether I am absent, I may hear regarding you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one soul, contending together in the [right way of] believing of the gospel, and in nothing intimidated by the adversaries (which to them is a demonstration of their destruction but of your salvation [deliverance] and that from God). Do this because it has been given to you concerning Christ to not only believe [the right way] regarding him but also to suffer concerning him, that is, to contend in the same manner that you have seen in me and now hear to be in me.” (WT)

XIII. ...TAKE ALSO THE HELMET (HEAD COVERING) OF SALVATION

1. II Corinthians 1:8-10 - The salvation spoken of in Ephesians 6:17 refers to salvation or deliverance with regard to the spiritual fight described in this context. (Example - Paul and the others with him trusted in God's deliverance in these situations)
“In fact, we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning our affliction that occurred in Asia, (Acts 19:21-41 at Ephesus) that we were exceedingly weighed down, overpowered, so that we despaired even of living. Moreover, we ourselves had the sentence of death in ourselves with the result that we could not have confidence in ourselves but in God, Who raises the dead. He delivered out of such a great death, and He will deliver. In him we have set our hope that he will still deliver” (WT)
2. II Corinthians 12:7-10 - Jesus Christ told Paul concerning his thorn in the flesh
“My grace is adequate for you, for my power is perfectly accomplished in weakness...” (WT)
3. II Timothy 4:18 - Paul still believed in that deliverance at the end of his life.
“The lord will deliver me from every wicked work, and he will save [deliver] me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

XIV. ...AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

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1. Hebrews 4:12- **What A powerful armor to clothe ourselves with!**

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

XV. PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER...AND WATCHING ..WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE..FOR ALL SAINTS

1. Ephesians 6:18- There is an emphatic figure of speech in the repetition of the words **always, all, all and all** throughout this verse. It emphasizes a dedication and perseverance in our prayer-praying **always with all prayer - with all perseverance, for all saints.**

2. I Corinthians 14:14, 15 -Ephesians 6:18 speaks of prayer and prayer requests in the spirit, although prayer with our understanding is also needed.

“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding (mind) in unfruitful

“What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding (mind) also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding (mind) also.

3. Romans 8:26, 27- Prayers and prayer requests in the spirit make intercession for the saints in accordance with God, when we don't know what to pray for with our understanding. This is needed in the spiritual fight

“Likewise, the spirit also jointly helps us with our weakness. Moreover, we do not know what we should pray for as necessary, but the spirit itself makes intercession with inexpressible groaning. He Who searches the hearts knows what the thinking of the spirit (gift from God in manifestation) is, because it makes intercession for the holy [sanctified] ones in accordance with God.(WT)

4. Colossians 4:2 - We give persistent attention to prayer like watchful servants

“Give persistent attention to prayer, keeping watch in it with thanksgiving.
(WT)

a. Psalm 123:2

“Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as

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the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us."

5. I Timothy 2:1 - Part of the solution to problems that developed in Ephesus.
"Therefore, I exhort that first of all prayer requests, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanksgiving be made for all people, including for kings and all who are in prominent positions, so that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life with all godliness and dignity." (WT)

XV. PAUL IN THE CLOSING OF EPHESIANS MAKES REQUEST FOR PRAYER AND ENCOURAGES THEM

1. Ephesians 6:19, 20 - Paul's one great desire was to continue to have the opportunity to make known the mystery, with freedom of speech- the ministry to which he was called, even though he was in prison
2. Acts 28:30, 31 - We read of this prayer request being answered in these verses, taught the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ - including the mystery
"Then he stayed two whole years in his own rented dwelling, and he welcomed all who came to him, heralding the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all freedom of speech and without hindrance"
3. Ephesians 6:21, 22- Tychicus was the faithful minister who delivered this epistle and would encourage their hearts. (He also, along with Onesimus delivered the epistles to the Colossians and likely the epistle titled Philemon). That would have comforted them after he had told the elders of Ephesus at Miletus he would not see him face to face anymore
4. Acts 20:17-35, 36-38 - His final meeting with the elders at Ephesus
Now after he had spoken these things, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. Then they all wept considerably, and they hugged and kissed Paul, being distressed most of all for something that he had said, namely, that they were about to see his face no more. So they accompanied him to the ship."
What a comfort this epistle would have been to those at Ephesus

5. Ephesians 6:23, 24 - Peace and love with believing to the brothers from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ without corruption