

Ephesians

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<p>1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: `</p> <p>2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,</p> <p>6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. `</p> <p>7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; `</p> <p>8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;</p>	<p>1:1 From Paul,¹ an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints (the believers in the Lord) who are at Ephesus, and to the other faithful ones in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>3 Praised be God, the Father-Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, for God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ,</p> <p>4 according as God has chosen us in God before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.</p> <p>5 God predestined us to adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will,</p> <p>6 to the praise of the glory of God’s grace, when God accepted us as His children through the gift of His beloved Son.</p> <p>7 We have been redeemed through the blood (the sacrificial death) of His Son, receiving the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace.</p> <p>8 Jesus Christ has poured His grace abundantly upon us. With His perfect wisdom, God</p>

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

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

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

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

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

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

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

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

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

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,

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

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

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

9 has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure in His purpose, 10 so that in the fullness of time, God might gather together all creation in one, in Christ, all things in the heavens and on the earth.

11 In Christ we have received an inheritance, being predestined to receive it according to the purpose of Him who does everything through the counsel of His own will,

12 so that we who first trusted in Christ might contribute to the praise of his glory.

13 In Christ you trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. In Christ you were sealed with the holy spirit of promise after you came to believe.

14 What we have already received of the Holy Spirit is the earnest (the first portion) of our inheritance, until we are redeemed to the praise of God's glory.

15 Therefore since I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love toward all the other saints (believers in the Lord),

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, mentioning you in my prayers,

17 requesting that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation through the knowledge of God.

18 May the eyes of your understanding be enlightened, so that you may know the hope God calls you to, and the riches of the glory God has promised to the saints (believers in the Lord),

19 and the exceeding greatness of God's power, which is above all power.

20 God worked this mighty power in Christ when God raised him from the dead and set him *at His own right hand* [in His presence] in the heavenly places,²

21 far above all earthly governments, and power, and might, and dominion, and every high name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

22 And God has put all things under the feet of Christ,³ and has given him to the church to be the head over all things.

23 The church is the body of Christ, the fullness of

all in all.	Christ that fills all in all.
<p>2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,</p> <p>5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)</p> <p>6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:</p> <p>7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.</p> <p>8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:</p> <p>9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.</p> <p>10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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:</p> <p>13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.</p> <p>14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;</p> <p>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;</p>	<p>2:1 And he has enlivened you, you who were dead in trespasses and sins,</p> <p>2 in which in time past you walked according to the ways of this world, following Satan, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.</p> <p>3 We all have lived in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, naturally deserving God's judgment, like the others.</p> <p>4 However, God who is rich in mercy, and loved us with great love,</p> <p>5 even when we were dead in sins, has given us life together with Christ (by grace you are saved).</p> <p>6 And God has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,</p> <p>7 so that in the ages to come God might show the tremendous riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.</p> <p>8 For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.</p> <p>9 We are not saved through good works; otherwise, we might boast.</p> <p>10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, and God has intended that we should do them.</p> <p>11 Therefore remember, that you who were formerly Gentiles in the flesh, are called uncircumcised by those who have received circumcision in the flesh made by hands.</p> <p>12 Remember that you were once 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.</p> <p>13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off from God are brought near by the blood (the sacrificial death) of Christ Jesus.</p> <p>14 For Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made both Jews and Gentiles one, and has broken down the wall between us,</p> <p>15 by abolishing in his flesh the enmity and the law of Moses, the law of commandments and ordinances, to make through himself out of two (Jews and Gentiles) one new individual, so making</p>

<p>16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:</p> <p>17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.</p> <p>18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.</p> <p>19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;</p> <p>20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;</p> <p>21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:</p> <p>22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.</p>	<p>peace.</p> <p>16 God did this so that he might reconcile by the cross both Jews and Gentiles to God in one body, having slain the enmity between them.</p> <p>17 God came and preached peace to you Gentiles who were far off, and to those Jews who were near.⁴</p> <p>18 For through him we both have access by one spirit, the spirit of God, to the Father.</p> <p>19 Therefore you Gentiles are now no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints (followers of Christ Jesus), and of the household of God.</p> <p>20 And you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone.</p> <p>21 In Christ Jesus the church, all parts perfectly fitted together, grows to become a holy temple in the Lord.</p> <p>22 In Christ Jesus you are being built together by the spirit of God to become a habitation of God.</p>
<p>3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,</p> <p>2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:</p> <p>3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,</p> <p>4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)</p> <p>5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;</p> <p>6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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;</p> <p>9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:</p>	<p>3:1 For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Jesus Christ, in a cell for you Gentiles.</p> <p>2 You have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given to me to pass on to you.</p> <p>3 By revelation God made known to me the mystery (as I wrote about to you),</p> <p>4 which if you read, you may understand my knowledge of the mystery of Christ.</p> <p>5 This mystery in other ages was not made known to people, but is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the spirit of God,</p> <p>6 so that the Gentiles should become fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel.</p> <p>7 I was made a minister of the gospel by the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.</p> <p>8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints (followers of Jesus), this grace was given, so that I should preach among the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,</p> <p>9 and make all persons see the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world was hidden in God, who created all things through Christ.</p>

<p>10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 、 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 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; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 、 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 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, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.</p>	<p>10 God intends that the church might now show to the principalities and powers in heavenly places His wisdom in all its different forms, 11 according to the eternal purpose which God purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In Christ Jesus we have the courage to access God with confidence by our faith in him. 13 Therefore I desire that you do not be discouraged because of my tribulations for you, which are for your benefit. 14 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 praying that God, according to the riches of His glory, would grant you strength by His spirit in your inner selves. 17 I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all believers what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height of the love of Christ, 19 and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, so that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to His power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.</p>
<p>4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on</p>	<p>4:1 Therefore, I, a prisoner for the Lord, in a cell for him, urge you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called, 2 with all humility and meekness, with longsuffering, forgiving one another in love. 3 Endeavor to be one in the spirit of God united by our peace. 4 There is one body, and one spirit, the spirit of God, even as you are called in one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 To every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Therefore the Scripture says, "When he ascended</p>

high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

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

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

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

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to humanity.”⁵

9 Now he who ascended is he who descended first into the lower parts of the earth.

10 Christ Jesus who descended is the same person who also ascended up far above the heavens so that he might fill all things.

11 God made some to be apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers.

12 God made them so for the perfecting of the believers, for the work of the ministry, for the uplifting of the body of Christ,

13 until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to be perfect, to the achievement of the stature and the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be children, tossed to and fro, and changing our beliefs with every varying wind of doctrine, by the lies of people, and cunning craftiness, with which they lie in wait to deceive,

15 but rather, speaking the truth in love, may we grow up into him who is the head of all things, that is, Christ.

16 In Christ the whole body fits perfectly together, blessed by the work of every joint. And with the useful help of every part, the body grows and lifts itself up in love.

17 Therefore I say this in the name of the Lord, do not walk as other Gentiles walk, in the confusion of their minds.

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through their ignorance and because of the blindness of their hearts.

19 Being past feeling, these Gentiles have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all sorts of corruption with greediness.

20 But this is not what you have learned from Christ Jesus

21 if you have heard him, and have been taught by him, for the truth is in Jesus.

22 You have put off your former way of living, the old self which was corrupted by deceitful lusts and desires,

23 And have been renewed in the spirit of your

<p>24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.</p> <p>25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.</p> <p>26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:</p> <p>27 Neither give place to the devil.</p> <p>28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.</p> <p>29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.</p> <p>30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.</p> <p>31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:</p> <p>32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.</p>	<p>mind,</p> <p>24 and have put on the new self, which in the image of God is created in righteousness and true holiness.</p> <p>25 Therefore putting away lying, speak, all of you, truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.</p> <p>26 If you become angry, do not sin; do not let the sun go down upon your wrath,</p> <p>27 nor give way to the devil.</p> <p>28 Let those who stole steal no more; but rather let them labor, producing with their hands that which is good so that they may have something to give to those who are needy.</p> <p>29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but rather that which is good and uplifts, so that it may minister grace to the hearers.</p> <p>30 And do not grieve the holy spirit of God which has sealed you to the day of redemption.</p> <p>31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, cursing, and evil speaking be put away from you, along with all malice.</p> <p>32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.</p>
<p>5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;</p> <p>2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.</p> <p>3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;</p> <p>4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.</p> <p>5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.</p> <p>6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.</p> <p>7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.</p> <p>8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye</p>	<p>5:1 Therefore be followers of God, as dear children,</p> <p>2 and walk in love, as Christ Jesus also has loved us, and has given himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God, for a sweet-smelling fragrance.</p> <p>3 But do not let sexual immorality, or any indecency or greed, be known among you, as becomes followers of Jesus,</p> <p>4 speaking no filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor dirty joking, but rather giving thanks.</p> <p>5 For this you know, that no one who associates with prostitutes, or an impure person, or a greedy person, or an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.</p> <p>6 Do not let anyone deceive you with false words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience.</p> <p>7 Therefore do not associate with them.</p> <p>8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.</p>

<p>light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.</p>	<p>9 The fruit of the spirit of God is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, 10 proving what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done by some in secret. 13 Everything that is exposed by the light comes to the light and becomes light. 14 Therefore the Scripture says, "Awake, you that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."⁶ 15 See then that you walk carefully, not as fools, but wisely, 16 using this time for good, because these days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but rather understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, which is harmful, but be filled with the spirit of God, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. 20 Give thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Submit yourselves to one another in reverence of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and the savior of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so let wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ Jesus loved the church, and gave himself for it, 26 so that he might sanctify and cleanse it, washing it as with water by the word. 27 Christ Jesus did this, so that he might present to himself a glorious church, not having a spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but so that it would become holy and without blemish. 28 And so husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. The husband who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For none of us ever hate our own flesh, but</p>
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<p>29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:</p> <p>30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.</p> <p>31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.</p> <p>32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.</p> <p>33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.</p>	<p>nourish and cherish it, even as the Lord nourishes and cherishes the church.</p> <p>30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.</p> <p>31 As the Scripture says, "For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."⁷</p> <p>32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.</p> <p>33 Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular love his wife even as himself, and let the wife be sure to reverence her husband.</p>
<p>6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.</p> <p>2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)</p> <p>3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.</p> <p>4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.</p> <p>5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;</p> <p>6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;</p> <p>7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:</p> <p>8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.</p> <p>9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.</p> <p>10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.</p> <p>11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.</p> <p>12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against</p>	<p>6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.</p> <p>2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promised reward),</p> <p>3 so that it may be well with you, and so that you may live a long time on the earth.⁸</p> <p>4 And, you parents, do not provoke your children to anger, but rather bring them up in the nurture and instructions of the Lord.</p> <p>5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your human masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, sincerely, as to Christ,</p> <p>6 not only when you are being watched, as persons desiring to please others; but as followers of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.</p> <p>7 With goodwill do service as to the Lord, and not to mortals,</p> <p>8 knowing that whatever good thing people do, they will, in turn, receive good from the Lord, whether they are slaves or free.</p> <p>9 And you who govern others, do the same things to your slaves, not threatening them, knowing that the Master of both you and your slave is in heaven; and he is not partial.⁹</p> <p>10 Finally, my beloved friends, be strong in God, and in the power of His might.</p> <p>11 Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the evil manipulations of the devil.</p> <p>12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against forces of evil, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against</p>

<p>spiritual wickedness in high places.</p> <p>13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.</p> <p>14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;</p> <p>15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;</p> <p>16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.</p> <p>17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:</p> <p>18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;</p> <p>19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,</p> <p>20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.</p> <p>21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:</p> <p>22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.</p> <p>23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.</p>	<p>spiritual wickedness in high places.</p> <p>13 Therefore take the whole armor of God to you so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having given your all, to stand firm.</p> <p>14 Stand therefore, having truth as your armor, wearing the breastplate of righteousness,</p> <p>15 and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.¹⁰</p> <p>16 Above all, hold firmly the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.</p> <p>17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit of God, which is the word of God.</p> <p>18 Pray always in the spirit of God, and ask for God's help. Always be alert, and pray for all the saints (the believers in the Lord).</p> <p>19 And pray for me, that the right words may be given to me so that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.</p> <p>20 I am an ambassador for the gospel, although I am currently in prison for teaching and preaching it. Pray that I may speak boldly on behalf of the gospel, as I ought to speak.</p> <p>21 So that you may know my affairs, and how I am, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make known to you all my situation.</p> <p>22 For I have sent Tychicus to you, so that you might know our affairs and, so that he might comfort your hearts.</p> <p>23 Peace to the fellow believers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>24 May grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.</p>
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¹ (1:1) Mainstream Bible scholars agree that the Apostle Paul did not write Ephesians. Verses 5:22-24, in particular, are not in accord with the Apostle Paul's theology. Nowhere in any of the seven authentic letters of Paul do mainstream Bible scholars think that Paul asks women to routinely submit to their husbands. Paul was more of a believer in the equality of a husband and wife.

² (1:20) Psalms 110:1

³ (1:22) Psalms 8:6

⁴ (2:17) Isaiah 57:19

⁵ (4:8) Psalms 68:18

⁶ (5:14) Isaiah 60:1

⁷ (5:31) Genesis 2:24

⁸ (6:2, 3) Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16

⁹ (6:9b) Deuteronomy 10:17)

¹⁰ (6:15) Isaiah 52:7