The Writer

* 1:1 “Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.”
  + Sent by God—A Messenger with a Message.

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

1Tim.1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

* + From Saul to Paul; From Chief of sinners to Christ’s Ambassador

Eph.6:20; I Tim.1:15; II Cor. 5:20

* 3:1 “Paul the Prisoner of Jesus Christ.”
  + Absolutely Devoted to Deliverance as a Prisoner of love.

Eph 3:9 “to make all men see…which…hath been hid”

* 4:1 “Prisoner of the Lord”
  + Comforted to Comfort others
  + A Worthy Calling to Call other’s to walk worthy; Called to Call others
* 4:3 “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”
  + Though physically bound; spiritually FREE.
  + Allowed to go through these things for a purpose.
* 6:20 “I am an ambassador in bonds”
  + Taking those in captivity of sin, captive for Jesus
  + Put in this **position to reach the world**.

Romans 11:14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

1Cor. 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

The Purpose of

Writing

* 1:1 To the Saints at Ephesus.
* 1:1 To the Faithful in Christ Jesus.
* 3:11 According to the Eternal Purpose.

Eph 1:11 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:

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

Eph 6:22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same **purpose**, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

The Theme

* The unity of the Spirit for faithful Believers in Christ.

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:13 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:

The Outline

1. What God Bestows Upon Us (Ch. 1-3)
2. What God Expects From Us (Ch. 4-6)

**Introduction: A Close Look at the Purpose and Theme of Ephesians**

### The Purpose of Writing

1. ”Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God”
2. This is a Proclamation of his faith
   1. “Paul…of Jesus Christ”
3. This is a statement of a fact.
   1. . “An Apostle” to saints and to the faithful.
   2. The Word Apostle has a two-fold meaning
      1. One sent forth
      2. An Ambassador in God’s stead
4. This is a Declaration of the Will of God.
   1. Commissioned to carry the gospel “by the Will of God”
   2. Paul preached the gospel through faith “by the Will of God” unto the Gentiles

Ephesus was the fourth largest city in Paul’s time with a population of 250,000 people, at one time the Capitol of the Roman Province of Asia. This made a good place to build the model Church.

Eph 1:5 “**good pleasure of his will**”

9 “**mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself”

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**:

5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the **will of the Lord** is.

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

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

1. “To the saints which are at Ephesus” 1:1
2. Saints –
   1. Holy – Holiness in character

Eph 1:4 “He hath chosen us in him … that we should be **holy** and **without blame** before him in love:

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**:

* + - (Saints, Holy in character and in love with Jesus)
    - He is in love with me and I am in love with Him.

1. “And to the faithful in Christ Jesus”
   1. Faithful
      1. Faith maintained – reliable – trusted
   2. A believer positioned “IN Christ Jesus”
   3. I heard of your faith and your love 1:15
   4. A special calling to “keep the unity of the Spirit” 4:3
   5. Be to the Praise of His Glory.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

* God works by Grace to bring to us full Salvation.
* God’s Grace always produces in the end results, Peace when received by faith.

Eph 1:10 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:

* He is going to “gather together in one all things in Christ”—“In Him”
* He is going to make good His Word for those who have chosen His Will and Grace unto His Glory.

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:18 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,

Eph 4:4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

1Cor. 1:26—*For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called*:

Mat. 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen

Mat. 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Many are called by the preaching of the Gospel into the outward communion of the Church of Christ; but few, are chosen to dwell with The Lord In His glory, because they do not come for a marriage garment—for that holiness without which none can see the Lord.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1. Rom. 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
2. Rom. 2:23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?
3. Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
4. Rom. 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
5. Rom. 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.
6. Rom. 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
7. Rom. 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

II Thess.1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Grace be to you
2. Eph 1:7; 2:7 “**riches of his grace”**
   1. Eph 1:18 “**riches of the glory”**
   2. Eph 3:16 “**riches of his glory** “
   3. 3:8 “Preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable **riches of Christ**.”
      1. That which cannot be traced by human effort.
3. 3:1-21, 3:2 “The dispensation of the **grace of God**.”

* Stewardship; the responsibility entrusted to Paul to preach the gospel that was revealed to Him

1Cor. 9:17 “a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me”

Eph 1:10 “That in the **dispensation** of the fulness of times”

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the **dispensation of the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward:

Col 1:25 “**dispensation of God** which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God”

1. Peace be unto you
   1. Eph 2:14 “For he is our peace”
   2. 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;
   3. 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
   4. 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
   5. 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
   6. 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
2. 3:11 “According to the Eternal Purpose”

1) To see and to know from God’s point of view.

3:9 “To make all men see.”

3:18 “May be able to comprehend”

3:19 “And to know…that ye might be filled with all the **fullness of God.”**

4:13 “in the unity of the faith…of the **fulness of Christ**:”

1:3 “In heavenly places in Christ” See from God’s point of view

a) We go by time

1:10 “Times” 3:4 “Whereby, when”

(1) God is eternal Deut.33:27; Isa. 57:15; Eph.3:9

b) We must read and study

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

(1) You will never know God just by reading and studying

(2) It takes a revelation “by the Spirit” 3:5

(3) Paul was given the revelation 3:2-12

Eph 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

(The Lord is so Wonderful, He hath persuaded us with His Word.)

1:6 “He hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

2:18 “For through Him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father.”

2:22 “In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.”

* 1:11 “worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.”

(a) God wants entrance into your life

(b) God wants to dwell in you

(c) God wants total control of you

(d) God wants to give you access to Himself.

1:3 “all spiritual blessings”

1:8 “all wisdom and prudence”

1:11-18 “we have obtained an inheritance”

1:19 “the exceeding greatness of His power”

1:23 Christ is our “all in all”

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

3:12 unlimited faith “by the faith of Him”

3:19 unlimited knowledge and love “all the fullness of God”

1. It takes God to reveal truth; He authored it, He must reveal it.

1. We must share it.

3:1 “For this cause”

3:2 “If ye have heard”

3:4 “Ye may understand”

3:13 “That ye faint not”

2. We pray continually as God reveals it we would receive it.

3:14 “For this cause I bow my knees”

1:15,16 “Cease not”

6:18 “Praying always”

1. “*To make all men see*.”

Make—to shine so that all men can see 3:9

5461 photizo “make” to shed rays, to shine

Eph. 5:8, 14; 6:6; John 9:5; Phil. 2:15; John 1:4-9

**Men must see**:

* but not from the point of limited vision, limited aim or limited action,
* but **from God’s point of view.**

In Christ, In God

II Cor. 4:18 Col. 3:1-3

Eph. 1:10; 2:13, 18; 3:9, 11; 4:13; 6:10, 11, 19

### The Theme of the book of Ephesians

The unity of the Spirit for faithful believers in Christ

1. This is shown by key words reoccurring.
2. “In Christ Jesus” 1:1; 2:6, 10, 13
3. “In” is used 102 times 1:23 “All in all”
4. “Together” 1:10; 2:5,6,21,22
5. “One” 1:10; 2:14-16,18; 4:2,4-7,25,32; 5:21,31,33
6. “Unity of the Spirit” 4:3,13
7. “Walk” 2:2,10; 4:1,17; 5:2,8,15
8. “Body” 1:23; 2:16; 3:6; 4:4,12,16; 5:23,30
9. “Therefore” 2:19; 4:1,17; 5:1,7,24
10. “Members” 4:25; 5:30
11. “Church” 1:22; 3:10,21; 5:23-25,27,29,32
12. “Fellowship” 3:9; 5:11
13. “Fellow citizens” 2:19
14. “Fellow heirs” 3:6
15. “Saints” 1:1,15,18; 2:19; 3:8,18; 4:12; 5:3; 6:18
16. “Children” 1:5; 2:2,3; 4:14; 5:1,6,8; 6:1,4

1. “Family” 3:15

1. “Brethren” 6:23

1. “Obey/obedient” 6:1, 5

1. “Perfect man” 4:12,13

1. The word sin written once 4:26

B. The means of this unity is faith in God’s grace 2:8; 4:7; 2:6-10

1. The book of Ephesians is like the chambers of God’s grace.

S. of S. 1:4 “The King hath brought me into His chambers.”

Plural – chambers Not chamber

a. The chamber of salvation and redemption

1) The father planned it—thought it 1:4-6

2) The son paid for it—bought it 1:7-12; 2:13

3) The Holy Spirit applies it—wrought it 1:13, 14; 4:30

Total redemption is the most glorious work of God. To make the world, He spoke the Word. To redeem the world, He sent His only Son to shed His blood on a cruel cross and arise the third day morning from death, hell, and the grave and ascend forty days later to the throne and sat down at the Father’s right hand and sent the Holy Ghost to lead us and guide us into all truth.

From Chamber to Chamber

b. The chamber of power or baptism

Eph. 1:13, 14, 19; 2:18; 3:7, 16, 20; Luke 24:4; Acts 1:8; I Cor. 12:13

c. The chamber of sanctification and cleansing

Eph. 5:26, 27; 1:4; John 17:17; 3:5; I Peter 1:2

d. The chamber of banqueting or revelation

Eph. 1:9, 15-21; 2:7; 3:2;-5, 9, 14-20; 4:7, 17-32

5:3-17, 32; 6:17, 19

* 1. The chamber of ministry and calling

1,4,5,11; 3:7; 4:1,2,4,7,8,11-13,17,28,29; 5:8-11

Gifts come and operate by faith – Eph. 4:7; Rom. 12:3,6

Fruits come and grow by character – Eph. 5:9

f. The chamber of intercession and prayer

1:16; 3:14; 5:19,20; 6:14,18

g. The chamber of love and perfection

1:4,6,15; 2:4; 3:16-19; 4:2,13,15,16,24,31,32; 5:1,2, 25,27-29,33; 6:23,24

## What God Bestows Upon Us (Ch. 1-3)

### “Spiritual Blessings” 1:3

1. Birth rights 1:6, 7, 2:1, 5, 10

1) “Created in Christ Jesus” 2:10

2) “We have redemption through His blood.” 1:17

3) “He hath made us accepted in the beloved.” 1:6

4) birth by the Spirit John 3:5, 6

5) birth by the Word Eph. 5:26; I Peter 1:23; John 3:5

1. Throne rights

1:3, 20-22; 2:6

1) The believer can share in the Redeemers throne now in the Spirit.

a) “Who hath blessed us” 1:3

b) “He hath chosen us” 1:4

c) “We have redemption” 1:7

d) “Ye were sealed” 1:13

e) “Hath raised us” 2:6

f) Enthroned us –

“Made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” 2:6

2) Throne life requires a revelation

1:15-19 “Revelation in the knowledge of Him”

a) “The hope of His calling” 1:18

b) “The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” 1:18

c) “The exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe” 1:19

3) Throne life requires faith

1:19 “To usward who believe”

According to the working of His mighty power.1:19

Unlimited faith – Unlimited power

Limited faith – Limited power

c. “Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise” 1:13, 14

1. Baptism requires salvation through the blood.

1:13, 7

2) The baptism of the spirit is the earnest of our inheritance.

1:14

3) Two commands

a) Eph. 4:30 “grieve not”

b) Eph. 5:18 “be filled”

d. Redemption 1:7, 14

1) The purpose of redemption

1:6 “adoption”

The placing of sons – Heb. 2:10; Rom.8:19-23, 29, 30

a) This is the work of the Spirit Rom. 8:14 Eph. 1:13,14

He draws us to Christ; He seals us as God’s possession, shewing divine ownership and leads us on to the purchased possession. (The complete state of release.) Fully matured sons of God.

b) This is the work of the Father to bless us (Acts 3:26; Gal.3:14)

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

* The Abundance of Spiritual Blessings

All Covenant Blessings

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

Five things should be noted about this.

1. Spiritual blessings *are for your Spirit*.

It is man’s Spirit that should control man not the circumstances that surround him.

A man may feel bad; his thoughts down, depressing and oppressing; but if his spirit is strong, he arises and conquers his feelings. He controls his own spirit and overcomes the oppressing circumstances, and he lives a victorious obedient life.

But if his spirit is weak, whether at work or at play, he often wallows around in self-pity, grumbling and griping and living in defeat having no victory.

The days turn into weeks and months into years until a person's life is down more than it is up because the spirit is too weak to conquer.

The major blessings of God are spiritual that enable a person to control his life.

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

Mat. 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

1. Spiritual blessings are the very opposite of temporal blessings. They are the *blessings of the inner man*, the blessings for the new man, But of all blessings, they are the most glorious and satisfying.

They are the blessings that erase the loneliness and purposelessness of man.

They are the blessings that give man an over-abundance of life.

The most glorious and satisfying. but must guard from pride, lukewarmness, lack of (prayer and bible reading)

Deut 28:47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Romans 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.)

2Cor. 4:15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

2Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

1Tim. 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1Peter 1:3 Blessed 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,

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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,

Titus 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;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour

3.  Spiritual blessings are superior to material blessings. They are *permanent and perfect and eternal*, lasting forever. They are of the very same nature as God Himself. Spiritual blessings exist and can be experienced upon earth

4.  Spiritual blessings are found only *in Christ*.

Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead and exalted to the right hand of God the Father. He is in heaven, surrounded by all the heavenly atmosphere and blessings.

All heavenly blessings are His; He is Lord and Possesser of all blessings. Therefore, if a person is to experience the spiritual blessings, he must be *in Christ*. If a person is in Christ, then he sits in heaven with Christ. How is this possible?

When a person *believes in Christ*, truly believes, God takes his faith and counts it as righteousness. God counts the person to be the same as Christ, righteous and acceptable. In God's mind *faith in Christ* makes a person just like Christ: holy and righteous and acceptable for heaven. Therefore, when a person believes in Christ, God's mind sees the person in Christ;

God sees the person identified with Christ, seated in heaven.

And being seated in heaven, the person can experience all the blessings of heaven.

Simply stated, to be *in Christ* means to believe in God's Son so much that God counts the person to be just like Christ: acceptable and worthy to be blessed with all the blessings of heaven.

Ga 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

5.  God dealt with man in material blessings.

a.  Earthly inheritance’s are subject to being lost, stolen, deteriorateing or else we leave our material possessions behind for others.

b.  Earthly nation’s and material inheritance’s cannot bring peace and security. Peace and security are of the spirit.

c. Earthly nations and material things are of the earth and of a corruptible nature.

d. Nations and material things do not solve the spiritual struggle that man senses within his own being.

e. Nations and material things do not erase the spiritual divisions between men and between man and God.

f..  Man has within his *inner being* a basic selfishness and greed. Man finds a tendency, an unregulated urge, that desires and seeks the material and hoards the corruptible to the neglect of the spiritual.

* 1. Must be born again and receive blessings to be freed of this urge, this tendency that causes so much bondage, disruption, and division within one's self and between men.
  2. Man must be *born again*, made into a *new creation*, created into a *new man*—spiritually, permanently, perfectly, eternally. Man must be recreated by the hand of God Himself.

Put off old man and put on Christ

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Eph 1:18 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,

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 5:5 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.

* + 1:4 “Chosen” Elect (to pick out - to choose)
    - Grace will exalt you without inflating you
    - Grace will humble you without deflating you
      * Election and Predestination is based on His: Eph. 1:5, 11

Sovereignty

Omniscience

Omnipresence

Omnipotence

The decision is already made, it is not an afterthought because He has the foreknowledge, It is based on His original design.

1:5, 11; 3:11 He sees and knows all things before hand

This is an Election of Grace according to His Will.

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, **according** to the good pleasure of **his will**,

1:8-9 “he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence” “The **Mystery of His Will**”

Eph 1:11 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:**

Romans 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the **election of grace**.

1. **Election of Grace**

2Thess. 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

1. **Election of faith** “belief of the truth”

2Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to **make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

1. **Election of obedience**

* The Basis of Spiritual Blessings is in Him
  + 1:4 “According as he hath chosen us **in him”**
  + 1:6 “accepted **in the beloved**” endued with special honor – Highly Favored
  + 1:7 “**In whom** we have redemption through his blood”
  + “we should be holy and without blame before him in love”
  + 1:11 “**In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance”
    - Christ in us
    - The Holy Ghost in us
* The Time of the Choice to Bless us with spiritual Blessings

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:

The origin of the choice is in eternity past.

The consummation of the choice is in eternity before us.

* The Purpose of the choice is to Provide for and Prepare us.
  + 1:4 “that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:”
  + 1:5 For “Sonship” (huiothesia - the placing of a Son)

He foreordained sonship – God forces no man’s will – His grace works as we have Faith. 1:6, 2:8

His grace works as we receive from Him. Grace works that we would be to the praise of the glory of His grace.

* + 1:6 “hath made us accepted in the beloved.”
    - Made us objects of His grace
    - “accepted” Make accepted
    - Made Gracious like Himself

God has made great provisions for us and we must use what God has provided.

God has made complete provision for us to be like His Son.

Romans 8:32 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**?

Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

c) Redemption is the work of the Son 1:7-12

1:7 To redeem us with His own blood

* Redemption is made possible by the sacrifice of the Son of God.
* Redemption is a purely legal term, used in scripture to denote the atoning work of Jesus Christ
  + Man is encumbered Property
    - The legal process for redeeming
      * There must be the right to redeem, we need a near kinsman.
        + No man can’t redeem his own soul
* There must be payment by death of a sinless sacrifice
  + As the payment is believed upon the encumbrance is lifted.
  + The time was ordained Gen.3:15; Gal.4:4

Eph 1:10 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:

* The Prerogative to forgive is of the one that has been offended.

God only can forgive you for doing something to someone else.

God only can forgive sin.

1:7 To forgive us of sin

* Forgiveness is made possible by the sacrifice of the Son of God.
  + Forgiveness is not purchasable
  + God gives to the believer freely Mat.10:8; I Cor.2:12; II Cor. 11:7
  + God freely gives to us all things Romans 8:32
  + God justifies freely Rom.3:24
  + God abundantly Pardons Isa. 55:7
  + God gives Water of life freely Rev. 21:6; 22:17
* The Manner of God’s Forgiveness is absolutely free.

1:7, 8 To abound toward us in grace

“according to the riches of his grace;”

* The Manifestation of God’s forgiveness is shown in His mind toward us.
  + Forgiveness is not just a change of mind for us toward God and the things of God but a change of God’s mind toward us.
    - A ceasing of the Wrath of God against us.
      * God is angry with the wicked every day. Psalm 7:11
    - A releasing from the guilt of sin.
    - A remission of the penalty of sin which is death. We are Pardoned and Forgiven.

1:12 “We should be to the praise of His glory”

* God forgives based on what He is and what He has done for us, not on what we do.

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

d) The work of the Apostle 1:15-23

1:15 Watch for the souls of men

1:16 Pray for the souls of men

Before salvation and after; God will and must reveal Himself to every believer operating in Faith.

e) The work of the Believer

1:19 To receive revelation “Who believe”

f) The work of the Church 1:23 “His body”

Full of Him – “The fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

1:22 Functioning by Him

1) The church is Christ’s body that He works through 1:23

2) The church is a Holy temple in the Lord 2:21

3) The church is part of the mystery of Christ

3:4-10

a) “To the faithful” 1:1

b) “A perfect man” 4:13

c) “Unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” 4:13

d) “The new man” 4:24

e) “A glorious church” 5:27

f) The great mystery is Christ and His bride 5:32

Rev. 3:20—“*If any man hear*”

The whole Church will not listen now, but they will be brought to a place to listen.

Rev. 12:14

A Church within a Church, Called out from the called out ones, Individuals that will hear.

Overcome as He overcame – Rev. 3:21

Putting on the whole armor of God and fighting from the victory He gives by faith in the promises not for a victory of our own doing in our strength alone.

Eph. 6:10-18; Rom. 8:37-39; I Cor. 15:57; II Cor.2:14

2. “Grace”

a. “Saved by grace through faith” 2:5,8

1) We were dead – He quickened us 2:1, 5

2) We were in disobedience – now obedient 2:2, 10

3) We were the children of wrath – by nature and choice 2:3 Now 5:1

4) We were stranger, hopeless and without God

But now in Christ 2:12,13,19-22

5) We were far off – now made nigh by the blood of Christ 2:13

6) We were without peace – Now He is our Peace 2:14-17

7) We were separated from God – but now we have access 2:18; 1:6 (Now we are accepted in the Beloved)

b. From children of wrath 2:3 To dear children to be

shown the exceeding riches of His grace 2:7

Some will grow to a full mature state and be placed into Sonship. Eph. 1:5 Gal. 4:1-6 Rom. 8:19

1:7,8 “According to the riches of His grace wherein

He hath abounded toward us.”

c. “Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone”

Eph. 2:20; I Peter 2:6-8; Isa. 28:16; Psa. 118:22; Zech. 4:7 “crying grace, grace unto it.”

3. “Riches” 3:8 “unsearchable” – untraceable

a. Riches of His heavenly knowledge 3:1-13

b. Riches of His unsearchable glory 3:14-16, 21

c. Riches of His redeeming love 3:17-19

d. Riches of His all-sufficient, inexhaustible, almighty power.

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,

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1) “Now unto Him that is able” – all sufficient

2) “To do exceeding, abundantly above all” –

inexhaustible

1. “According to the power that worketh in us”

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,**

The same power that raised Christ from the dead and set Him at His own right hand.

Eph 1:19 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,

e. Riches of His strength 3:16-18

1) There is a need for spiritual strength in the inner man 3:16

2) The source of spiritual strength is “by His Spirit” 3:16

3) The purpose for strength is to give Christ permanent residence.

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

a) That Christ may dwell in your heart

b) This is secured “by faith”

c) “Rooted” – Like a tree

d) “Grounded” – Like a house on a foundation

e) “In love” permanent relationship

f) “May be able to comprehend

•  The height of His love.

•  The depth of His mercy.

•  The length of His grace.

•  The breadth of His power.

Apprehend – to lay hold with the mind—A strong mind

Love passing knowledge 3:19 – a sound mind II Tim. 1:7

## What God Expects of Us (Ch. 4 – 6)

1. Duties follow doctrine 4:1-32

a. The calling is divine

b. The walk is to be divine

“Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.”

1) Reflecting His character

“With all lowliness and meekness” 4:2

2) Reflecting the mind of God

“With longsuffering”

3) Reflecting the nature of God

“Forbearing one another in love”

c. The call supports the walk 4:3-13

d. The call demands the walk 4:15-32

e. Signs of a healthy walk 4:15, 16

1) Honesty and truth for its nourishment

2) Love for its atmosphere

3) Christ for its head – rule, leadership

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.

4) 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.

a) Unity of the Spirit

b) Submission and fellowship

c) Growth in the Spirit

d) Consistency and harmony

e) Edifying of itself in love

f) Applying the principles for a healthy church

g) A perfect measure 4:13

2. The duties of the Church 5:1-33

a. Follow God as dear children 5:1

b. Walk in love as Christ also hath loved us 5:2

c. An accepted sacrifice by His approval

d. Walk in light 5:3-14

e. Walk in wisdom 5:15-21

3. The duties of the home 5:21 – 6:9

5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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

4. The demand for the brethren 6:10-24

a. Strength and power 6:10

b. Dress for battle, not to gain the victory for ourselves but to receive the victory already won for us. 6:11

This is a fight of faith not a fight of the flesh.

c. Truth prevails with God 6:14

d. Righteousness is our covering 6:14

e. Knowledge 6:15

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

1:17 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:

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

4:13 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:

2Cor. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his **knowledge** by us in every place.

1Sam. 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of **knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.

2Chrom. 1:10 Give me now wisdom and **knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

Job 36:4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in **knowledge** is with thee.

2Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the **knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3:18 But grow in grace, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2Cor. 6:6 By pureness, by **knowledge**, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and **knowledge**, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Php 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in **knowledge** and in all judgment;

**Knowledge is very much part of the process.**

The preparation denotes readiness.

Readiness requires prayer and study. Rev. 19:7; Luke 1:17; II Timothy 2:15, 21

f. Faith 6:16

g. Experience 6:17

h. Revelation 6:17

i. All prayer 6:18