

# THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

- 1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints which are <sup>1</sup>at Ephesus, and the <sup>1</sup>Some very ancient authorities omit at Ephesus.
- 2 faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before <sup>2</sup>him in <sup>2</sup>Or, him: having in love fore-ordained us
- 5 love: having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, <sup>3</sup>which he freely bestowed on us in the <sup>3</sup>Or, where-with he endued us
- 7 Beloved: in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>4</sup>which he made to abound <sup>4</sup>Or, where-with he abounded
- 9 toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him unto a dispensation of the fulness of the <sup>5</sup>times, to sum up all <sup>5</sup>Gr. seasons.
- 11 things in Christ, the things <sup>6</sup>in the heavens, and the <sup>6</sup>Gr. upon
- 11 things upon the earth; in him, *I say*, in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things
- 12 after the counsel of his will; to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who <sup>7</sup>had before <sup>7</sup>Or, have
- 13 hoped in Christ: in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the
- 14 Holy Spirit of promise, which is an earnest of our

inheritance, unto the redemption of *God's* own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

<sup>1</sup> Or, *in*

<sup>2</sup> Many ancient authorities insert the *loc.*

For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in 15 the Lord Jesus which is <sup>1</sup>among you, and <sup>2</sup>which *ye shew* toward all the saints, cease not to give thanks for 16 you, making mention of *you* in my prayers; that the 17 God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; having the eyes of your 18 heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding 19 greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might which 20 he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly *places*, far above all rule, and authority, and 21 power, and dominion, and every name that is named, <sup>3</sup>not only in this <sup>3</sup>world, but also in that which is to come: and he put all things in subjection under his 22 feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that 23 filleth all in all.

<sup>3</sup> Or, *age*

And you *did he quicken*, when ye were dead through 2 your trespasses and sins, wherein aforetime ye walked 2 according to the <sup>4</sup>course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among 3 whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the <sup>5</sup>mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest: — but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love where- 4 with he loved us, even when we were dead through 5 our trespasses, quickened us together <sup>6</sup>with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with him, 6 and made us to sit with him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew 7 the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: for by grace have ye been saved 8 through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: not of works, that no man should glory. 9

<sup>4</sup> Gr. *age*.

<sup>5</sup> Gr. *thoughts*.

<sup>6</sup> Some ancient authorities read *in Christ*.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that aforetime ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made

12 by hands; that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, hav-

13 ing no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made

14 nigh in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of

15 partition, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even the law of commandments contained in ordinances*; that he might create in himself of the twain one

16 new man, so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, 17 having slain the enmity thereby: and he came and

18 preached peace to you that were far off, and peace <sup>1 Gr. preached good tidings of peace.</sup> to them that were nigh: for through him we both have

19 our access in one Spirit unto the Father. So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household

20 of God, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the

21 chief corner stone; in whom <sup>2 Gr. every building.</sup> each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy <sup>3 Or, sanctuary</sup> temple in

22 the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together <sup>4 Gr. into</sup> for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus

2 in behalf of you Gentiles,—if so be that ye have heard of the <sup>5 Or, stewardship</sup> dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote

4 afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto

6 his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; *to wit,* that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members

of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, whereof I was made <sup>7</sup> a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all <sup>8</sup> saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to <sup>1</sup>make <sup>9</sup> all men see what is the <sup>2</sup>dispensation of the mystery which from all ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly *places* might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the <sup>3</sup>eternal purpose which he <sup>11</sup> purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have <sup>12</sup> boldness and access in confidence through <sup>4</sup>our faith in him. Wherefore I ask that <sup>5</sup>ye faint not at my <sup>13</sup> tribulations for you, which <sup>6</sup>are your glory.

<sup>1</sup> Some ancient authorities read *bring to light what is*.

<sup>2</sup> Or, *stewardship*.

<sup>3</sup> Gr. *purpose of the ages*.

<sup>4</sup> Or, *the faith of him*.

<sup>5</sup> Or, *I*.

<sup>6</sup> Or, *is*.

<sup>7</sup> Gr. *fatherhood*.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, <sup>14</sup> from whom every <sup>7</sup>family in heaven and on earth is <sup>15</sup> named, that he would grant you, according to the <sup>16</sup> riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; that Christ <sup>17</sup> may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be <sup>18</sup> strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know <sup>19</sup> the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

<sup>8</sup> Gr. *all the generations of the age of the ages*.

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, unto him *be* the glory in the <sup>21</sup> church and in Christ Jesus unto <sup>9</sup>all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you <sup>4</sup> to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-<sup>2</sup> suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving dili-<sup>3</sup> gence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as <sup>4</sup> also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one <sup>5</sup> Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father <sup>6</sup>

of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.  
 7 But unto each one of us was the grace given accord-  
 8 ing to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore  
 he saith,

When he ascended on high, he led captivity  
 captive,

And gave gifts unto men.

- 9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also  
 10 descended <sup>1</sup>into the lower parts of the earth? He that <sup>1</sup>Some  
 descended is the same also that ascended far above all <sup>ancient</sup>  
 11 the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he <sup>authorities</sup>  
 gave some *to be* apostles; and some, prophets; and <sup>insert *first*.</sup>  
 some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
 12 for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of  
 ministering, unto the building up of the body of  
 13 Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith,  
 and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full-  
 grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the  
 14 fullness of Christ: that we may be no longer children,  
 tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind  
 of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after  
 15 the wiles of error; but <sup>2</sup>speaking truth in love, may <sup>2</sup>Or, *dealing*  
 grow up in all things into him, which is the head, <sup>truly</sup>  
 16 *even* Christ; from whom all the body fitly framed and  
 knit together <sup>3</sup>through that which every joint supplieth, <sup>3</sup>Gr.  
 according to the working in *due* measure of each <sup>through</sup>  
 several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the <sup>every joint</sup>  
 building up of itself in love. <sup>of the</sup>  
 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that <sup>supply.</sup>  
 ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the  
 18 vanity of their mind, being darkened in their under-  
 standing, alienated from the life of God because of  
 the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening  
 19 of their heart; who being past feeling gave themselves  
 up to lasciviousness, <sup>4</sup>to work all uncleanness with <sup>4</sup>Or, *to*  
 20 <sup>21</sup>greediness. But ye did not so learn Christ; if so be <sup>make a</sup>  
 that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as <sup>trade of</sup>  
 22 truth is in Jesus: that ye put away, as concerning your <sup>Or, covet-</sup>  
 former manner of life, the old man, which waxeth <sup>ousness</sup>  
 23 corrupt after the lusts of deceit; and that ye be  
 24 renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new

<sup>1</sup> Or, which is after God, created &c. man, <sup>1</sup> which after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth 25 each one with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not 26 the sun go down upon your <sup>2</sup> wrath: neither give place 27 to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but 28 <sup>\*</sup> rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need. Let no corrupt speech 29 proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for <sup>3</sup> edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear. And grieve not the Holy Spirit 30 of God, in whom ye were sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, 31 and clamour, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender- 32 hearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave <sup>4</sup> you.

<sup>4</sup> Many ancient authorities read us.

<sup>5</sup> Some ancient authorities read you.

Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; 5 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and 6 gave himself up for <sup>5</sup> us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odour of a sweet smell. But fornication, 3 and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; nor filthi- 4 ness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye 5 know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, which is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for 6 because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. Be not ye therefore 7 partakers with them; for ye were once darkness, but 8 are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and 9 righteousness and truth), proving what is well-pleasing 10 unto the Lord; and have no fellowship with the un- 11 fruitful works of darkness, but rather even <sup>6</sup> reprove them; for the things which are done by them in 12 secret it is a shame even to speak of. But all things 13

<sup>6</sup> Or, convict

when they are <sup>1</sup>reproved are made manifest by the <sup>1</sup>Or, *convicted*  
light: for everything that is made manifest is light.

14 Wherefore *he* saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

15 Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as un-  
16 wise, but as wise; <sup>2</sup>redeeming the time, because the <sup>2</sup>Gr. *buying up the opportunity.*  
17 days are evil. Wherefore be ye not foolish, but  
18 understand what the will of the Lord is. And be not  
drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled <sup>3</sup>with <sup>3</sup>Or, *in spirit*  
19 the Spirit; speaking <sup>4</sup>one to another in psalms and <sup>4</sup>Or, *to yourselves*  
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody  
20 with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for  
all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to  
21 <sup>5</sup>God, even the Father; subjecting yourselves one to <sup>5</sup>Gr. *the God and Father.*  
another in the fear of Christ.

22 Wives, *be in subjection* unto your own husbands, as  
23 unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife,  
as Christ also is the head of the church, *being* himself  
24 the saviour of the body. But as the church is subject  
to Christ, <sup>6</sup>so *let* the wives also *be* to their husbands <sup>6</sup>Or, *so are the wives also*  
25 in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as  
Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for  
26 it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by  
27 the <sup>7</sup>washing of water with the word, that he might <sup>7</sup>Gr. *laver.*  
present the church to himself a glorious *church*, not  
having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it  
28 should be holy and without blemish. Even so ought  
husbands also to love their own wives as their own  
bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself:  
29 for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth  
30 and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; be-  
31 cause we are members of his body. For this cause  
shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall  
cleave to his wife; and the twain shall become one  
32 flesh. This mystery is great: but I speak in regard  
33 of Christ and of the church. Nevertheless do ye also  
severally love each one his own wife even as himself;  
and *let* the wife *see* that she fear her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is  
2 right. Honour thy father and mother (which is the

first commandment with promise), that it may be well 3  
<sup>1</sup> Or, *shall* with thee, and thou <sup>1</sup>mayest live long on the <sup>2</sup>earth.  
<sup>2</sup> Or, *land* And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath : 4  
 but nurture them in the chastening and admonition  
 of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> Gr. *Bond-servants.* <sup>3</sup> Servants, be obedient unto them that according to 5  
<sup>4</sup> Gr. *lords.* the flesh are your <sup>4</sup>masters, with fear and trembling, in  
 singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not in the 6  
 way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as <sup>5</sup>servants  
<sup>6</sup> Gr. *soul.* of Christ, doing the will of God from the <sup>6</sup>heart; with 7  
 good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not  
 unto men : knowing that whatsoever good thing each 8  
 one doeth, the same shall he receive again from the  
 Lord, whether *he be* bond or free. And, ye <sup>4</sup>masters, 9  
 do the same things unto them, and forbear threaten-  
 ing: knowing that both their Master and yours is in  
 heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him.

<sup>7</sup> Or, *From henceforth* <sup>6</sup> Finally, <sup>7</sup> be strong in the Lord, and in the strength 10  
<sup>7</sup> Gr. *be made powerful.* of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that 11  
 ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but 12  
 against the principalities, against the powers, against  
 the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual  
*hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Where- 13  
 fore take up the whole armour of God, that ye  
 may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having  
 done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded 14  
 your loins with truth, and having put on the breast-  
 plate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with 15  
 the preparation of the gospel of peace; withal taking 16  
 up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to  
 quench all the fiery darts of the evil *one*. And take 17  
 the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,  
 which is the word of God : with all prayer and suppli- 18  
 cation praying at all seasons in the Spirit, and watching  
 thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all  
 the saints, and on my behalf, that utterance may be 19  
 given unto me <sup>8</sup> in opening my mouth, to make known  
<sup>8</sup> Or, *in opening my mouth with boldness, to make known* with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I 20  
<sup>9</sup> Gr. *a chain.* am an ambassador in <sup>9</sup>chains; that in it I may speak  
 boldly, as I ought to speak.



- 21 But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do,  
Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in  
22 the Lord, shall make known to you all things : whom  
I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye  
may know our state, and that he may comfort your  
hearts.
- 23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith,  
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ  
in uncorruptness.