

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

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

The blessings of grace

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

... ⁴ **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world...

... ⁵ **He predestined us to adoption** as sons ...

... ⁷ In Him **we have redemption** ...

... ⁹ **He made known to us the mystery of His will** ...

... ¹¹ **we have obtained an inheritance**...

... ¹³ **you were sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

The enlightenment of grace

...**1:18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling,

what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance** in the saints,

¹⁹ and what is **the surpassing greatness of His power** toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,...

The salvation of grace

...**2:1** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**),

⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus,

⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

⁹ not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

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

The unity of grace

¹¹ Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands--

¹² *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, that **in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,**
¹⁶ **and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross,** by it having put to death the enmity.
¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;
¹⁸ for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--
² if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;
³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.
⁴ And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;
⁶ *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
⁷ of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.
⁸ To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,
⁹ and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;
¹⁰ in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.
¹¹ *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.
¹³ Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

The fulness of grace

¹⁴ For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,
¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;
¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.
²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

The family of grace

4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling** with which you have been called,
² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,
³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.
⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.
⁸ Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men."

⁹ (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰ He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love...

...**4:29** Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

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