



Alive!

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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:
²Grace 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 has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

⁴just as He chose us in Him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ to Himself,
according to the kind intention of His will,
⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace,
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us.

In all wisdom and insight ⁹He made known to us the mystery of His will,
according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him
⁰with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times,
that is, the summing up of all things in Christ,
things in the heavens and things upon the earth.

In Him ¹¹also we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to His purpose
who works all things after the counsel of His will,
¹²to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ
should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³In Him, you also,
after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—
having also believed,
you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,
with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession,
to the praise of His glory.

¹⁵For this reason I too,
having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you,
and your love for all the saints,
¹⁶do not cease giving thanks for you,

while making mention *of you* in my prayers;
¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation

in **the knowledge of Him.**

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,
¹⁹and 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
²⁰which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead,
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,
²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion,
and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come.
²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church,
²³which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.

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

²in 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.

³Among 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,

⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions,

made us **alive** together with Christ

(by grace you have been saved),

⁶and raised us up with Him,

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

⁷in order that in the ages to come

He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us
in Christ Jesus.

⁸For **by grace you have been saved**

through faith;

and that not of yourselves,

it is the gift of God;

⁹not as a result of works,

that no one should boast.

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

¹¹Therefore **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.

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

¹⁵by 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,

¹⁶and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross,
by it having put to death the enmity.

¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were far away,
and peace to those who were near;

¹⁸for 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,

²⁰having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

²¹in whom the whole building,
being fitted together

is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

²²in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.