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BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING OF GOD

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.

4But 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

and strangers to the covenants of promise,

having no hope

and without God in the world.

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-
12remember that you were at that time
separate from Christ,
excluded from the commonwealth of Israel,

13But 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.

¹⁹So 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.

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.
- 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.
- **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.

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