



WORTH IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH

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Ephesians 2:19 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.

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.

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.

¹⁷ This I say **therefore**, and affirm together with the Lord,
that you **walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk**,
in the futility of their mind,
¹⁸ being darkened in their understanding,
excluded from the life of God,
because of the ignorance that is in them,
because of the hardness of their heart;
¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality,
for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.
²⁰ But you did not learn Christ in this way,
²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him,
just as truth is in Jesus,
²² that, in reference to your former manner of life,
you lay aside the old self,
which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
²⁴ and put on the new self,
which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness

of the truth.

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break down. The words and the word order are unchanged.