



Truth and Life

The Message of Ephesians

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God is blessed; therefore, He blesses us

Ephesians 1:3 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,

1. ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...
2. ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons...
3. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood...
4. ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will...
5. ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance...
6. ¹³ ...you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

God is blessed; therefore, we pray

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you, and your love for all the saints,

¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers;

¹⁷ that 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...

God is merciful and gracious; therefore, He made us alive

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

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),

Jesus is our peace; therefore, we are one with God and with each other

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...

Jesus is our peace; therefore, we preach

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;

Jesus is our peace; therefore, we pray

¹⁴ For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father,...

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory,

1. to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;
2. ¹⁷ ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

3. ¹⁹ ...to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,
4. that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

Jesus is our peace; therefore, we pursue unity

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.

Jesus gives gifts; therefore, we edify each other

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;

Jesus gives us a new life; therefore, we put on the new self and live the new life

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.

²⁵ Therefore,

1. laying aside falsehood, speak truth...

2. ²⁶ Be angry, and *yet* do not sin;

3. ²⁸ Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have *something* to share ...

4. ²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification...

5. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...

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

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

8. 5:1 ...be imitators of God, as beloved children;

² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us...

9. ³ But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints;

- 10.** ⁴ ...*there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
- 11.** ⁷ ... walk as children of light
- 12.** ¹¹ And do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;
- 13.** ¹⁵ ...be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise,
¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.
- 14.** ¹⁷ ...do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- 15.** ¹⁸ ...do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ speaking... singing... ²⁰ always giving thanks... ²¹ and be(ing) subject to one another in the fear of Christ.
- 16.** ²² Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- 17.** ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church...
- 18.** **6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
² Honor your father and mother ...
- 19.** ⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- 20.** ⁵ Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;
- 21.** ⁹ And, masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening...

The Lord gives strength and armor; therefore, we stand firm

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.
- ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
- ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
- ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
- ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore...