

EPHESIANS

INTRODUCTION

1. One of the largest cities in the Mediterranean world
(population ¼-1/2 million)
The chief city of the Roman province of Asia
The great temple of Artemis (said to house her image, which was
Said to have fallen from heaven) Acts 19:23 – 20:1
The city's open-air theater could seat 25 thousand people
2. First came into contact with the Apostle Paul on his Second
Missionary Journey *Acts 18:19-21*
3. After Paul left the city, Apollos preached there
4. Paul spent 3 years in the city while on his Third Missionary Journey
Acts 19:1-12; 20:31 (Longest ministry recorded of Paul)
5. Timothy ministered there after Paul

6. Toward the end of the first century, the Apostle John made
Ephesus
his base of operation.

AUTHOR OF THE EPISTLE – PAUL

RECIPIENTS – THE EPHESIANS

1. Contains no reference to any of Paul's experiences in Ephesus
2. No greetings sent to anyone by name
3. Eph 1:15 and 3:2 don't make it sound like Paul had ministered to them for such a significant amount of time
4. A number of copies of the letter have been found which do not contain the phrase "who are at Ephesus" – Origin states that the copy of the letter in his possession made no reference to Ephesus
5. It has been proposed that this epistle may be the "letter to the Laodiceans" *Col 4:16*

6. Some, in an effort to harmonize the above, have suggested that it was an Encyclical Letter to a number of Churches, geographically near Ephesus.

It must be noted that no manuscript has ever been found that contains another church's name.

CIRCUMSTANCES AND DATE OF THE EPISTLE

1. Written while Paul was under house arrest in Rome, awaiting the outcome of his appeal to Caesar - AD 59 and 61
2. Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians were delivered by Tychicus on the same journey *Eph 6:21-22; Col 4:7*

NOTE: Tychicus was a friend and fellow worker with Paul

a. More than a hundred people are mentioned in the NT as either a friend or co-worker of the Apostle Paul

b. 2 Tim 4:9-22

- Demas - Col 4:14; Philemon 24 ...abandoned me because...
- Alexander - laid the information against me" He must have testified against Paul before the Imperial court.

c. Tychicus - vs 12; Acts 20:4

- On one occasion he was sent to Crete to relieve Titus Titus 3:12 - who was in Crete.

- Paul's last letter finds him sending Tychicus to Ephesus

3. It appears to be near the time when Paul expected release from his house arrest

Philem 22 - AD 61

Acts 25:1-12; 26:27-32; 28:16,30-31

There are a very large number of thoughts that are found in both Ephesians and Colossians (see attached listing, taken from "New Testament Commentary" by William Hendrikson.

This fact makes each Epistle an excellent commentary on the other!

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER ONE (1)

VS 1

Greeting

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus – versus – an Apostle of the Church

*Eph 2:20; Acts 1:4-9; Rev 21:14 versus Acts 14:14
(with vs 1-7, Paul was the only “Apostle” present)
Acts 13:1-4*

...by the will of God

1. Acts 13:36
2. Rom 1:10; 15:32
3. 2 Cor1:1; 8:5
4. Eph 1:1; Col 1:1
5. 2 Tim 1:1

What does this mean?

He did not choose his career.

Behind his decision was the prior decision of God in Christ.

God’s will always takes precedence over the will of His creature!

...to the saints

Set apart by the action of God

1 Cor 1:2

...residing in Ephesus

...faithful in Christ Jesus

NOTE: The children of God *1 Jn 3:1 are called:*

1. believers 50 times

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- 2. brethren 180 times
- 3. christian 3 times
- 4. saint – never indicates personal character or worthiness –
but – position

Vs 2 THE SALUTATION

Grace and Peace (always in this order)

Supernatural, not psychological *Phil 4:7*

2 Cor 13:14

2 Pet 1:2-4

Vs 3-14 Forms the longest sentence in the Bible (in the Greek)

In scope it covers the entire work of Saving, from God's election to its consummation in the receiving of our Inheritance.

All three Persons of the Godhead are involved and their individual works are "to the praise of..."

Vs 3 spiritual blessing – relates to the believer's new nature and position

in the heavenlies (1:3,30; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12) – In this realm Christ is supreme 1:20

Three of the blessings: Election, Redemption, Completion

God and Father of Jesus who is our Lord Jn 20:17

Vs 4-6 Election – Chosen

In love He predestined us to....according to...His will

*See Handout Notes on Sovereignty-Election-Predestination

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Vs 5 Adoption as sons Gal 4:1-7
made reality "through Jesus Christ"
the outworking of His "free will"

1. not motivated by anything in man Rom 9:8-11, 21
nor anything outside God, Himself NOTE: It was an act of His own
goodness toward those whom He chose and beyond this there is no
revelation!

To argue that some who were not chosen should have been or that
some that should not have been were, is to misunderstand "Total
Depravity". Eph 2:1-3; Rom 3:9-20

Vs 6 To the praise of "the glory of His grace"

which He freely bestowed on us (active/passive)

in the beloved - a descriptive title (name) for Christ Col 1:13

Vs 7,8 Redemption Col 1:14

CONCEPTS

that must be kept in mind

if we are to understand the subject being taught

The nature of Christ's death for believers is multifaceted: Forgiveness,
Regeneration, Justification, Sanctification, etc.

There were three "works" accomplished when Christ died which were for
the benefit of the unsaved.

We refer to them as "the finished work of Christ" Jn 19:30.

They are: Propitiation, Reconciliation, and Redemption These three
works were committed to Him by the Father and were

CONCEPTS continued....

accomplished while He was on Calvary's Cross.

Propitiation (Satisfaction) – Godward – A vindication of God's righteousness 1Jn 2:2 and 4:10; Rom 3:25 In Heb 9:5 the word "propitiation" is translated "mercy seat". Whatever the mercy seat of the tabernacle was to the Israelite, Christ is to the believer and to God.

Reconciliation – manward – 2Cor 5:18–19; Eph 2:13–16 By the death of Christ, God changed completely, the position of the world in its relationship to Himself.

Redemption – sinward – an act of God by which He, Himself pays, as a ransom, the price of human sin, which the outraged holiness and government of God requires.

Lk 1:68; Rev 5:9; Gal 3:13

Rom 3:24; 8:23

1Cor 1:30

Eph 1:7,14: 4:30; Col 1:13–14

In the Old Testament

1. Israel is redeemed as a nation, out of Egypt
Ex 6:6–7
2. One animal could be redeemed by the death of another.
Ex 13:13
3. A lost estate could be redeemed by a kinsman.
Lev 25:25–26

This practice became a "type" of Christ's redemption

- a. The redeemer must be a near kinsman
Heb 2:13,15,17; Phil 2:6–7
- b. He must be able to redeem, being free from that which occasioned the need for redemption

CONCEPTS continued....

Heb 4:15; 7:26–27; Lk 1:35

c. The price of redemption must be paid

1Pet 1:18–19; Acts 20:28

d. He must be willing to redeem

Ruth 4:2–11; Heb 10:4–10

In the New Testament

1. All are in need of redemption

Rom 7:14; 1Cor 12:2; Eph 2:1–3; Jn 3:18; Rom 3:19; Gal 3:10

The price needing to be paid was paid in full 2Cor 5:14–21; 1Pet 2:24; Rom 3:23–26; 1Jn 2:2; Rom 8:34

Once redeemed, the emancipated one never returns to his former position.

The redeemer will not sell a slave which He has purchased

Jn 10:28

2. Once redeemed – they are free

Jn 8:36; Rom 8:20–25; Gal 4:28–31; 5:13

A freed slave may submit himself to the One who purchased him as his slave The Redeemer will not own a slave who is not one by choice

1Cor 9:19–23; Ex 21:1–6

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Vs 9 Another act of grace directed at the believer – “make known to us His will” – which has been a mystery prior to the present revelation
Eph 3:3–6; Rom 11:25; Col 1:15–20

To understand God’s prophetic program is to receive a gift, which was not made known to the pre–Christ world, and also was not understood by the world, in general

Knowledge of how the world will progress to its end is a gift from God!

This plan of God’s is said to be:

1. according to His kind intention
2. which He, God the Father, purposed in Christ

Vs 10 ...with a view – to an administration (Dispensation) suitable to the fullness of time – when all things will be “summed up” in Christ

This time began with the First Coming of Christ – Gal 4:4
and will ultimately become complete when: 1Cor15:28

1. “the end of the ages” 1Cor 10:11
2. “the last hour” 1Jn 2:18
3. “last days” Heb 1:2

God has a plan for the universe and it will be fully accomplished through Christ. Rom 8:19–22

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Vs 11 also

“also” follows what?

We were chosen

We were adopted

We were redeemed

We were enlightened

In addition to these “spiritual blessings”, we were made heirs!

We have obtained an inheritance as part of the plan that God predestined us to experience.

NOTE: Alternative Translation:

“we were made His inheritance”

OR

“were made a heritage”

Deut 4:20; *9:29; 32:9

God predestined us in harmony with His “Eternal Purpose” Eph 3:11

This means God had reasons for creating and for the place each and every human filled in His plan.

Predestination has reasons for its outworking – God knows them and man doesn’t!

“Works all things after the counsel of His Will”

Rom 9:11,16,18 Lk 22:22; Acts 2:23; Phil 2:12–13;
2Thes 2:13; Phil 1:6

EPHESIANS...Chapter 1 continued.....

Vs 12 “to the end” – God’s ultimate purpose which determines
His choices

“We” (must be different group than “you also”, vs 13)

“the first to hope in Christ” – Jewish Christians?

“result in the praise of His glory”

We will be holy and faultless vs4

sons of God vs5

glorifying Him forever vs6,12,14

This is certain!

It is part of a universe-embracing plan.

Vs 13–14 That which the Father has done

That which the Son has done

That which the Holy Spirit has done

“In Him

you also

heard the message of truth – Rom 10:4

hearing is necessary so faith can be exercised,
resulting in salvation

the good news of our salvation – Rom 10:13

having also believed – Rom 1:16

you were sealed

with the Holy Spirit of promise

Jn 14:16–17; 15:26; 16:13; Acts 1:4; 2Cor 1:22

EPHESIANS...Chapter 1 continued.....

given

a pledge of our inheritance

with a view to

the redemption of God's own possession"

He both made it and bought it!

1Cor 6:19-20; Rom 14:8; 2Pet 1:5-11

Vs15 For this reason I too...do not cease giving thanks for you...
while...

For this reason - knowing:

1. God's choice of them vs 4
2. God's plan for them vs 5
3. God's redemptive work for them vs 7
4. Their end with God vs 12,14
5. The outward expression of their faith
6. Their love for all the saints Gal 5:6; 1Jn 4:7-21

I, too - their response to the Gospel is known by many throughout
the region. Col 1:3-8

Vs16 do not cease giving thanks for you - Rom 1:8
(a church's reputation impacts both the community it sits in the
midst of, and, other believers who are aware of them)

EPHESIANS...Chapter 1 continued.....

Vs17-18 Paul prayed specifically that
the “God of our Lord Jesus Christ” – as the second Adam,
Christ maintains a “human” relationship with the Father.
(also see: 2Cor 1:3; Eph 1:3; 1Pet 1:3; Rom 5:15-19)

1. May give to you a spirit of wisdom

May give to you a spirit of revelation both centered in the knowledge
of Him (a growing supply)

3. May give the “eyes of your heart” enlightenment

that you will:

a. know what is the hope of His calling

Heb 6:13-20

what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance (specifically “in the
saints”)

an inheritance that will be possessed by the
entire family – not just me!

what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe

NOTE: The “Heart” in Scriptures
Matt 12:34; 15:19; 22:37; Jn 14:1;
Rom 10:10;
Prov 4:23; 1 Sam 16:7

EPHESIANS...Chapter 1 continued.....

Vs19 All of the above – in accordance with the working of the strength of His might – (brought about by) means of the resurrection of Jesus Christ – and His being placed in His present position

If we are to “possess our possessions” it will take God’s power to make it happen!

God’s focus is us, not all

Vs20–21 seated Him at the Father’s right hand
Rom 8:34; Mk 16:19; Acts 7:54–60

1. far above all
 - a. rule
 - b. authority
 - c. power
 - d. dominion
 - e. names that will ever be named

Vs 22 The Father

1. put all things in subjection under His feet
2. placed Him as Head over all things
3. to the church

Vs 23 The church being

1. His body
2. the fullness of Him who fills all in all

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 2

Vs 1–2 TRUTH behind the statement
DEPRAVITY – TOTAL (?) Depravity

1. “Depravity” is a theological, rather than a Biblical word.
(like “Trinity”)

It refers to that which God sees when He looks at fallen man and not what man sees when he looks at himself, or his fellow, fallen men. It does not mean that there is nothing good in any unregenerate person, as seen by himself or by other people; it means that there is nothing in fallen man which God can find pleasure in or accept.

Eph 2:12–13 Gentiles who lived between Adam and Christ were doomed souls.

2. Declarations of man’s condition:

- a. pre-flood Gen 6:5
- b. David Ps 51:5; 58:3
- c. Job Job 14:4

3. Four sweeping declarations concerning man’s natural condition:

Rom 3:10–18

Gal 5:19–21

Eph 2:1–3

Rom 5:12–21

Jer 17:9

7. Also note: Rom 3:19; 5:10; 1Cor2:14; 2Cor 4:3–4

EPHESIANS – Chapter 2.....continued

What does Gen 2:15–17 say?

How does Eph 2:1 fit?

Rom 3:10–18 describes what?

Does Rom 3:23 and Rom 5:12–14 fit the description?

Why are Adam's children lost?

How lost are they?

NOTE: THAT THE OBJECT IS YOU.

YOU GOD MADE ALIVE (VS 4–5)

Vs 2 Your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked

Walked according to the course of this world

Walked according to the prince of the power of the air – he is the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience

Jn 12:31; 14:30; Eph 6:11–12; 1 Pet 5:8

In short: in this environment you moved about freely, feeling perfectly at home.

Vs 3 Among them we also (too) all formerly lived Col 1:21

lived in the lusts of the flesh Jas 1:14–15; 4:1–2

lived in the lusts of the mind

by nature were no different than them Rom 5:15,17,19

(by nature – dead in sin, children of wrath)

all descendants of Adam Jn 3:36

This is true of you, we, the rest

EPHESIANS – Chapter 2.....continued

Vs 4–5 But God made us alive – dead in sin; alive together with

Christ – by grace

God was the One rich in mercy

because of His great love

He loved us Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:10; Rom 5:8; 1Jn 3:1

NOTE: Merit is not even a part of the discussion.

(the riches of His mercy

the greatness of His love

the character of His grace)

Vs 6 made alive, raised up, seated with Him

with Christ we have been:

1. tried, condemned, crucified, buried

Rom 6:3–8; Col 2:13–15

2. made alive, raised, seated

Rom 8:17; 2Tim 2:11–13; Col 3:1–4; Rev 20:4–6

3. (More than Conquerors)

Vs 7 so that it will result “to the praise of His glory.”

Throughout eternity the saved will exhibit of the grace of God–

A love for these unworthy that He gave His eternal Son to purchase.

EPHESIANS – Chapter 2.....continued

Vs 8–9 Enlarges the statement made in verse 5.

In context, is Paul saying Grace was God's part and faith is ours – or are both gifts from God?

The responsibility of believing is ours – God does not believe for us. On the other hand, both the initiation and continuation of faith are entirely dependant upon God.

In short, "being saved by grace through faith is not of yourselves, but is the gift of God".

Vs10 We are His handiwork, His product – Jn 3:3,5 – His new creation

Created for good works

Prepared beforehand

So that

We would walk in them

Vs13 But now – in Christ Jesus, you who were described in verse 12 have been brought near

"at that time" and "formerly" has become "now"

1. separate from Christ – you have been saved Eph 2:8

2. excluded from...Israel – grafted in Rom 11:12

3. strangers to the....promises – you are heirs according to

the promise Gal 3:29

4. without hope...in hope we have been saved Rom 8:24–27

5. without God...called children of God 1Jn3:1–2

EPHESIANS – Chapter 2.....continued

Vs14–15 He, Himself is our peace – He alone
with Him – not law, human merit, ritual, works, etc
with each other – 2Cor5:14–21 – Together we are the church
That which divided Jews and Gentiles – ordinances – access
to God
Jew and Gentile – Christian – fellow members of His body
1Cor12:7, 12–27

Vs16 The body of Christ reconciled to God – enmity gone
“We are His people; He is our God”

Vs17 those far away – Gentiles
those near – Jews
Jn 10:14–16

Vs 18 Through Jesus Christ the chosen people and the Gentiles
have access (again: Rom 8:26–27)

in one Spirit
to the Father

EPHESIANS – Chapter 2.....continued

Vs11 Therefore remember you who were “far off” have been brought near – reconciled – made fellow citizens, joined God’s household, become a temple of the Lord, a dwelling of God?

The new reconciled body – Jew and Gentile into an organic unity, a unity of perfect equality: Acts 15:1; Gal 2:11–21

Questions:

How tough would it be to get the Jewish side to accept that “obedience to the Law” was not a prerequisite to acceptance in the body?

Col2:11–15 – vs16 Therefore...vs16–23

Phil 3:2–11

1Tim 1:6–11

Titus 3:5 with vs 9

Entire book of Galatians

Called “uncircumcision” by the Jews who were circumcised “in their flesh” and not in their hearts.

Deut 10:14–21; 30:1–6; Jer 4:4

Vs19–22 So then

1. you are no longer verse 12 people
2. but
 - a. fellow citizens
 - b. part of God’s household
3. Part of a dwelling of God in the Spirit vs 22
 - a. the foundation – apostles and prophets
 - b. the corner stone – Christ Jesus Himself
 - c. each stone fitted together
 - d. a growing temple in the Lord

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 3

Vs 1 For this Reason

Refers back to – 1:9; 3:4,9 – all that proceeds

I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus

1. 2Cor10:1; Gal 5:2; Co. 1:23; 1Thes 2:18; Philem 19

2. Eph 4:1; 2Tim 1:8; Philem 1,9; Eph 3:1

For the sake of you, Gentiles (I, a prisoner, for you)

Acts 22:21ff

....verses 14–21

Vs 2 if indeed

1. Can express uncertainty

2. Can also be rendered “since” – “If you do not know the day of your death”

3. See the discussions from our introduction which discusses who Paul was writing to

The stewardship of God’s grace...for you; given to Paul to carry out

Acts 9:15; 16:9–10; 26:17–18; Gal 1:11–17; 2:8

NOTE: The early church (Jewish) would never have come up with the idea to include the Gentiles for such a thought was totally foreign to them.

In fact, it took several clear signs from God before they

would accept the idea. The inclusion of the Gentiles (Eph 2:13–19)

was God’s idea; a mystery kept hidden in ages past.

Vs 3 “the mystery” revealed by revelation; incorporated into the “Jewish”

Word of God! Spoken of in brief Eph 1:9; 2:13–19

EPHESIANS – Chapter 3.....continued

Vs 4 By reading the above you can understand Paul's insight into the
"Mystery of Christ"

Vs 4–5 not made known... as it has now been revealed 1Pet 1:10–12

Gen 12:3; 22:18 as understood in Gal 3:8

Isa 49:6

Acts 13:46–48

Isa 54:1–3

Gal 4:25–27

Amos 9:11

Acts 15:13–18

Vs 6 Content of the Mystery – Gentiles are:

1. Fellow Heirs
2. Fellow members of the Body
3. Fellow partakers of the Promise

In Christ Jesus

Through(by means of) the Gospel

Vs 7 (The Gospel) of which I was made a minister

1. Paul claims ownership of it. Rom 2:16
2. He knew who He had received it from. Gal 1:11–12
3. He was not ashamed of it. Rom 1:16–17
4. His perception of purpose. Rom 1:1

According to the gift of God's grace – The "proud to be a Pharisee"

Became a "by grace I have been saved"!

NOTE: Paul did not "go after" his position; He was

Appointed by God. (balance 1 Tim 3:1)

According to – the working of God's power – resurrection power!

EPHESIANS – Chapter 3.....continued

Vs 8 “To me” – the very least

1Cor 15:9; 1Tim 1:15

This grace – to preach the Gospel
(the unfathomable riches of Christ)

Vs 9 to bring to light...the administration of the mystery

1. To bring to light Eph 1:18–19; 5:8–14

Jn 1:9; 8:12

Mtt 5:14

2Cor 4:3–4

2. The administration of Rom 16:26–27

3. The mystery Col 1:25–27

That which was concealed, now revealed

God who created all things – controls all things; works all things

Vs 10 so that – the manifold (many faceted) wisdom of God might now be made known.

Through the Church to...the angelic realms

NOTE: The church does not exist for itself.

The angels increase their knowledge of God as they see God’s dealings with the church.

Lk 15:10; 1Cor 11:10; 1 Pet 1:12; Rev 7:11–12

The manifold wisdom of God – Rom 11:28–36

EPHESIANS – Chapter 3.....continued

Vs 11–12 Eph 2:13–22 was in accordance with the eternal purpose!

1. Carried out in Christ Jesus
 2. In whom we have boldness; bold access
 3. In whom we have confident access
- through faith – means
in Him – object of that faith

Vs 13 Therefore

1. I ask you not to lose heart
2. I bow my knees before the Father

SECOND RECORDED PRAYER OF PAUL FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS LETTER

OVERVIEW: Through the strength-giving Spirit and the Indwelling Christ, Paul prays that they will attain an ever-increasing realization of the love of Christ in all four of its dimensions; so as to be filled to all the fullness of God.

He is praying this prayer for “The Church”:

1. Every (whole) family in heaven and on earth
2. You – with all the saints

Paul is praying for further blessings for those who have been blessed “with every spiritual blessing”.

EPHESIANS – Chapter 3.....continued

Vs 14 For this reason – because God has been so good to us, I, Paul, pray with confidence to the Father for...

“bow my knees” – what does our posture when praying indicate?

As to kneeling: 2 Chron 6:13
Ps 95:6–7
Isa 45:23
Dan 6:10
Mt 17:14–15; Mk 1:40
Lk 22:41
Acts 9:40; 20:36
Acts 21:5

To the Father; through the Son; by means of the Spirit – Eph 2:18

Vs 15 Every family – the whole family – the Father’s family

How many families: verses Eph 2:13–22; 4:4–6

NOTE: The family occupies both heaven and earth

Vs 16–19 Forms the content of the prayer

1. The Father would grant you to be strengthened...

In the inner man

2. So that Christ may dwell in your hearts
3. Rooting and grounding you in love
4. Enabling you to comprehend
 - a. The size of God
 - b. The love of Christ

EPHESIANS – Chapter 3.....continued

Resulting in your being filled up to the fullness of God

According to – not – out of

The riches of His glory

The inner man – 2 Cor 4:16

Hearts

Being rooted and grounded in Eph 4:11–15 love

With all the saints – every person adds their part!

The dimensions of God and the love of Christ

Both surpassing knowledge

Filled up to the fullness of God.

Vs 20–21 Now to Him...to Him for all He has done!

God is able to do

1. All we ask Him to do
2. All that we dare not ask but merely imagine
3. Far more than this

God who has the

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| 1. Power | 1:19 |
| 2. Wisdom | 3:10 |
| 3. Mercy | 2:4 |
| 4. Love | 2:4 |
| 5. Grace | 2:5–8 |

Glory in the Church to all generations.

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 4

Vs1 Therefore – as a consequence of all that God has done for you, (doctrine) chapters 1–3, you are owing a response to Him – a REASONABLE DEDUCTION

I, the prisoner of the Lord – I am where I am because of His Purpose or I am where I am because of Him!

Walk worthy of your calling: Rom 1:6–7a; Phil 1:27; Col 1:10
Walk (not work) 1Thes 2:12; Esther 3:4

Be what you Are

Vs2 Walk Col3:12–17

1. With all humility Acts 20:17–27ff; IPet 2:18–25
2. With all gentleness 1Cor 6:7

“Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?”

Gen 13:8–9 “You choose first and I will take what is left-over”.

3. With patience
4. Showing preference for one another 1Cor 8:13; 1Cor 10:33
5. In love Rom 12:9–21; 1Pet 2:17

“Love the brotherhood”

Vs3 Being diligent to (making every effort) Rom 12:18

Preserve the Unity of the Spirit

In the bond of peace (What we believe forms the basis for our unity)

1Cor 14:33 “God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.”

2Cor 13:11; 2Thes 3:16; 2Tim 2:22

NOTE: Strife results in disunity; peace promotes unity!

Vs4 One body – Eph 2:14–22 One family – Eph 3:15; Rom 12:4–5
One Spirit – 1Cor 12:13 One hope – Rom 8:22–25

Vs5 One Lord – Rom 14:7–9 One faith – objective body of truth
One baptism – Gal 3:27–29; again 1Cor 12:13

EPHESIANS – chapter 4 continued

Vs6 One God

1. Father of all (Rom 4:11–12 restricted sense)
(Eph 3:14–15 broader sense)

Father – creation

Heb 12:9	“The Father of Spirits”
Jas 1:17	“The Father of lights”
Job 38:7	angels are the “sons of God” (Job 1:6; Job 2:1; Gen 6:4)
Lk 3:38	Adam, the Son of God – from Adam all came
Mal 2:10	do we not all have one Father
Acts 17:29	being then the offspring of God

1Cor 8:6

God the Father – His creatures

- a. Father – intimate relationship

Israel – Ex 4:22 Israel is my Son, even my firstborn

Church – 1Jn 3:1 Children of God, and such we are

Vs2 now we are the children of God

(note: 1Jn3:10–two children)

- b. Father – of our Lord Jesus Christ Jn 20:17

2. Over all 1Cor 15:27–28

3. Through all Acts 17:22–28, esp v28

Where can we go to be away from Him

4. In all

Conclusion: Ps 139

EPHESIANS – Chapter 4 continued

Vs 7 “No member of the Body of Christ is able, without the assistance of other believers, to supply his own necessities.”
(John Calvin paraphrased)

Gifts to individuals

To each one of us (every one of us – no one excluded)

Grace

A gift of the Holy Spirit – was given (for the common good)

I Cor 12:7,11 see vs 1–31) Rom 12:3–8

Was given

His call, not our earning – our merit is not a factor – no place
for boasting

1 Cor 4:7

According to, not out of

The measure of Christ’s gift Jn 14:14–18

Observations

1. No one has all the gifts.
2. No member of the Body is without a spiritual gift.
3. The gift is not equivalent to a talent

EPHESIANS – Chapter 4 continued

Vs 8–10

He ascended
After descending 1Pet 3:18–20
Leading a host of captives
Giving gifts to men

Why did He descend and ascend?

To fill all things Eph 1:18–23; 1Cor 15:22–29;
Phil 2:9–11; Col 1:15–18

Please Note: The ascended Lord who we worship is the same Lord
Who came down and lived among men!

Vs 11ff Gifts are given to the Body of Christ as a corporate entity.
(Remember that the gifts given to each individual are actually
gifts to the Body)

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Apostles – the Twelve | 1Cor 15:5; Rev 21:14 |
| a. Barnabas & Paul | Acts 14:14; 15:22–23 |
| b. James, the Lord’s brother | Gal 1:19 |
| c. Silvanus and Timothy | 1 Thes 1:1; 2:6 |
| d. Andronicus & Junias | Rom 16:7 |

See 1 Cor 15:7

Prophets Acts 11:27–28; 21:9–11; 15:23;

1Cor 14:24–25

NOTE: The above gifts were given to build the foundation—Eph 2:20
The following are for building upon that
foundation.

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2. Evangelists Acts 21:8; 2Tim 4:5

3. Pastor Teachers (linked in the original)

Tend the flock of God Acts 20:28; 1 Pet 5:1–4

“apt to teach” 1Tim 3:2; Titus 1:7–9

All teachers are not pastors. Acts 13:1; Rom 12:7

1Cor 12:28

Vs 12 He gave...for (purpose of those gifts – individual and Corporate

The equipping (perfecting) of the saints

For the work of service

To the building up of

1 Thes 3:10; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 5:10

Vs 13 Until we all attain to – the goal of the process –
Travelers arriving at their destination

1. The unity of the faith

2. The unity of the knowledge of the Son of God

3. A mature (perfect) man – fully developed

4. The stature belonging to the fullness of Christ

Christ fully formed

Vs 14 as a result

1. No longer children

2. No longer tossed here and there by

(waves of doctrines) not rudderless

3. No longer tossed here and there by

a. Every wind of doctrine

b. Treachery of men

c. Craftiness 2 Cor 11:3

Deceitful scheming 2 Tim 3:13

EPHESIANS – Chapter 4 continued

Vs 15 But – (as a consequence of)

1. Speaking the truth – in love
2. Grow up – in all aspects
3. Into Him who is the Head Col 2:18–23

Note: Stability rather than tossed around

Vs 16 From Christ the head

1. Whole Body is fitted
2. Held together
3. Supplied by the parts He has given – the Body depends upon its parts for its growth

Every Part

- a. Supplies
- b. Has a proper way to work
- c. Causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself.

Note: NOT NUMERICAL GROWTH

In love

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS REGARDING THE
WALK (OR DAILY LIFE) OF THE CHRISTIAN

1. MOTIVE

As a believer we are:

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 1) perfected forever | Heb 10:14 |
| 2) accepted in the beloved (Eph 1:6 KJV) | Eph 1:4-6 |
| 3) recipient of every spiritual blessing | Eph 1:3 |

The only motive

THOUGHTS...continued

QUESTION:

Are we trying to secure the favor of God – or –

Are we living in the favor of God already secured in Christ

Eph 4:1; 2 Cor 5:14

Why do we do what follows?

2. STANDARDS (higher)

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself – has become –
John 13:34

2 Cor 10:5; Gal 5:16; Eph 4:30; 5:2; 1 Thes 5:19;
1 Pet 2:9-12ff; 1 Jn 1:7

3. METHOD

1 Jn 5:4 “faith overcomes the world”

Gal 5:16-18

1 Jn 4:4

Jude 9

4. CURE FOR SIN 1 Jn 1:1-2:2

5. RELATIONSHIPS - the result of that which has been done
GOD THE FATHER
SON
HOLY SPIRIT

SATAN not Eph 2:1-3
THOUGHTS...continued

WORLD SYSTEM	Jn 17:11-13
HUMAN GOVERNMENTS	Rom 13:5
BODY OF CHRIST	Eph 2:19
UNREGENERATE	2 Cor 5
ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES	1 Pet 2:5,9; Elders?
HUSBANDS; WIVES	Eph 5:21-33
CHILD	Eph 6:1-3
MASTERS	Eph 6:4-9
WEAK	Rom 14:1-9
STRONG	Rom 14:1-9

6. STRANGERS & EXILES Heb 13:2

7. AMBASSADOR 2Cor 5:20

8. SUFFERING Rom 8:16-17

9. SACRIFICES Rom 12:1-2

EPHESIANS – Chapter 4 continued

Vs 17 This I say therefore Col 2:4
Walk no longer...

Lay aside the old self vs 22

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind vs23

Put on the new self vs 24

Therefore:

Affirm together with the Lord – came from Him;
He is the Source of this admonition!

Walk no longer as the Gentiles walk – our lives
should not be conformed to the standard
of the world around us
1Pet 4:1–5; Eph 2:1–3; 4:22

The futility of their mind – Rom 1:18–23ff;
2Pet 2:9–22

Note: It does not matter what a man thinks,
reasons, finds acceptable, etc.

It matters what God has revealed.

Do not walk in the futility of the mind, but rather in
the light of His Word.

(The mind of the lost may be highly developed in
its intellectual attainments, but spiritually –
dead)

EPHESIANS – Chapter 4 continued

Vs 18–19 The unbeliever (Gentile; the people who live around you)

1. Are darkened in their understanding

The evidence of God lies all about them in Creation, but they cannot perceive this light which is available to them.

This does not mean that they don't live "godly" lives, but that they are separated from the Divine life which God imparts.

in them – more than being ignorant of God,
this ignorance is engraved in them –
it is who they are!

at the same time they are responsible for this
condition: Rom 1:21–28 even though they
knew...they:

- a. did not honor Him as God (Jesus?)
- b. did not thank Him
- c. Became futile in their speculations
- d. Professed themselves to be wise

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e. exchanged....for

abandoned.....for

f. see fit to....any longer

g. fill with all...

h. vs 32

God gave them over, vs 24, 26, 28

God gives sinners up to the course of their own choosing. It is at once a guilty choice of men and a judicial act of God.

2. Excluded from the life of God

Because:

a. of the hardness of their heart

due to hardness not blindness of their heart

EPHESIANS Chapter 4 continued

- b. have become callous – insensitive and hardened;
past feeling
fail to discern conduct that is morally right, or
the features in their own behavior that are
spiritually reprehensible
- c. given themselves over to:
 - i. sensuality
 - ii. practice every kind of impurity
 - iii. done with greediness – the manner in which
these sins were indulged.
(called idolatry)

Man without God is man with all hindrances to the
practicing of moral uncleanness removed!

Vs 20–21

But – contrast

You did not learn Christ in this way.

Becoming a “believer” is not the product of human
“accomplishment.”

It is not the product of human progression.

It is not something that evolved out of our natural
human experiences.

It is the product of a Divine Act...

EPHESIANS Chapter 4 continued

“if indeed you have”...does not imply doubt, but assumes that the condition is true, i.e. you did hear, didn't you?

Saying it this way makes each person to consider the question and answer it for themselves.

(To answer “yes” is to place oneself under obligation.)

1. learned Christ – Mt 11:28–30

2. heard Him – Rom 10:13–17

3. been taught in Him when you learned Jesus...

He has become our “sphere of instruction”.

4. truth is in Jesus – not found in the world;

found in a Person – Jn 14:6

Vs 22–24 What did you learn in reference to your former manner of life?

Lay it aside – it was the same life which is still being lived
by the lost – Put it Off

Col 3:9–10

EPHESIANS Chapter 4 continued

At the moment of salvation all believers become new
Creatures in Christ -

Spiritual realities need to be translated into daily living
Col 3:5; Rom 6:11-13

Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind - continuous
process

Put on the new self - exhibit Christlikeness

Truth is to replace deceit

Vs 25-32 THEREFORE

1. Lay aside falsehood

2. Speak truth

EPHESIANS Chapter 4 continued

3. Be angry, do not sin –

There is a righteous anger.

Anger indulged in is sin, even when it begins as
righteous anger.

Emotional anger escapes the control of the mind and
the Spirit.

4. Do not let the sun go down on your anger

We are to put definite limitations of time on the
exercise of our anger.

5. Do not give the devil an opportunity

Anger which is not curbed, lays a person open to....

1Pet5:8

6. Steal no longer – rather labor to share

Present tense – the one stealing

7. Negative – Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth

Words which are worthless or useless, rotten or
decayed

Speech which has no value

James 3:2–11

8. Positive – Speak words that are good for:

a. edification

b. meeting the need of the moment

c. giving grace to the hearer

EPHESIANS Chapter 4 continued

9. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit

10. Let all _____be put away from you

a. bitterness – resentment in the heart

refuses reconciliation; leads to

b. wrath – outbursts of passion

c. anger – has become a permanent state of being

d. clamor – violent arguments; yelling

e. slander – clamor directed

f. malice

11. Be kind to one another

12. Be tender-hearted

13. Forgive – as you were forgiven

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

Review

Lying	4:25
Anger	4:26–27
Stealing	4:28
Speech	4:29–32

CHAPTER 5 NOTE: Therefore vs 4:1,17,25; 5:1,15

Love vs 1& 2 How does one become an imitator of God?

IMITATORS: More than followers
 Only place in the New Testament where we are told
 To be an imitator of Him!
 (We are also told to be imitators of:
 a. Paul 1Cor4:16; 11:1 – Christ
 b. Faithful believers of the past Heb 6:11–12)

Being born–again, as God’s children

Partaking His nature

Objects of His love

Believers should manifest the family likeness (devil–liars)

The Two Greatest Commandments displayed (doing that which is
Pleasing to Him)

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

What motivates such a life?

Christ, the Revealer of God – Jn 1:18

1. as Christ loved you Rom 5:6–8 (though He was rich ...)

2. gave Himself up for us – substitutionary death

1Pet 2:20–24; 3:18; 2Cor 5:21

3. an offering and a sacrifice to God

Rom 12:1–2; 1Pet 2:5

4. a fragrant aroma

2Cor 2:14–16

Purity vs 3–14

Vs 3 Do not let

1. immorality (illicit sex – before or during marriage)

Heb 13:4

2. any impurity – all uncleanness – every kind of it – every conceivable practice

3. greed – substitution of material values for spiritual ones

Do Not let...even be named among you (who are saints “separated ones” by calling)

This lifestyle being an appropriate one among saints

Vs 4 No

1. filthiness

2. silly talk

3. coarse jesting

A garbage-can type of mind

These are not fitting – don't fit

Also see: 1Cor 5:9–13; 6:9–10; Gal 5:19–21; Col 3:5–9;

1Thes 4:3–7; 1Tim 1:9–10; 2Tim 3:2–5; Titus 3:3

But Rather

Giving of Thanks Eph 5:20

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Vs 5–6

What do unbelievers look like?

1. people who live immoral, impure lives
2. people who are covetous to the core of their beings (idolaters)
3. people who have no part of the Kingdom of Christ and God
4. people who have the “wrath of God come upon them”
5. sons of disobedience

Vs 7 asks the obvious question!

Why would you become partakers with them, of their lifestyles?

NOTE: You were part of their group but you were saved out of it 1Cor 6:9–11.

Your salvation is significant

You were saved from an awful position

Don't have second thoughts about what has happened to you!

Collateral Questions:

Rom 6:1–2 doesn't say we can't; just says it makes no sense to do so.
Paul further tells us how we can keep from doing such a thing –
Rom 6:11–14

Col 3:5–7 Context: You have died, vs 3, chosen of God; holy and beloved – makes no sense for you to live in sin, though not doing so is the result of a decision not to do it.

Col 1:13 This is true, therefore don't!

Col 2:8–14 In light of what He has done for you (finished work);
apply Eph 5:14–16ff

NOTE: In all of the above passages the context makes it clear that the application of the teaching:

a. is not “Are you saved?”

BUT RATHER

b. as a saved person, “Why would you?”

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Vs 8 FOR – OnceNOW

Rom 7:5–6; 11:30; Eph 2:11–13; Col 1:21–22; Col 3:5–8;

Titus 3:3–7; Gal 1:23

You were formerly darkness (once) (a state which produces acts)

What does it mean to be darkness?

A believer can walk in darkness. 1Jn 1:5–6

An unbeliever is darkness.

To be “in sin, or sin” is the root, substance, foundation for acts of sin.

Darkness:

Matt 4:16

The people which sat in darkness

Lk 1:79

Them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death

Lk 11:34

when the eye is evil, the body also is full of darkness

Jn 3:19

men loved darkness rather than light

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness

Jn 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes

To turn them from darkness to light

from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive:

a. forgiveness

b. an inheritance

c. sanctification by faith that is in Me.

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

- Rom 13:12 Let us cast off the works of darkness
Let us put on the armour of light
- 1 Cor 4:5 Hidden things of darkness...the councils of the hearts
- 2 Cor 6:14 What communion hath light with darkness
- Eph 6:12 Wrestle against the rulers of the “darkness of this
world”...spiritual wickedness
- 1Thes 5:4; 1Pet 2:9; 1Jn 2:8

NOTE: Darkness is a state – not an act.

ONCE – NOW

- Rom 7:5-6 Once – (while we were in the flesh)
sin aroused by the Law...at work; serving in oldness
of the letter
Now – released from the Law; dead to it; it to us
serving in newness of the Spirit
- Rom 11:30 Once – disobedient to God
Now – shown mercy
- Eph 2:11-13 Once – (formerly far off) separate from Christ
excluded from the commonwealth of Israel
strangers to the covenants of promise
having no hope
without God
Now – brought near

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Col 1:21–22 Once – (formerly) alienated; hostile in mind;
engaged in evil deeds
Now – reconciled; holy; blameless; beyond reproach

Col 3:5–8 Once – walked in immorality; impurity; passion;
evil desire; greed;...anger, wrath, malice, slander,
abusive speech; lied to one another
Now – don't

Titus 3:3–7 Once – were foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved,
spending our life in....
Now – heirs of eternal life

Gal 1:23 Once – persecuted
Now – preaching the faith

But NOW you ARE light (IN THE LORD)

2 Cor 6:14 What partnership have righteousness and
lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with
darkness?

Col 1:12 The Father who has qualified us to share in the
inheritance of the saints of light

James 1:17 Father of lights

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Walk as – in

Vs 9 All goodness Micah 6:6–8

righteousness that which is right, conforms to the character of God

Rom 8:3–4; in conformity to the right standard

truth 1Tim 6:3–5; 2Tim 3:5–7

Vs 10 Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord

Vs 11 Do not participate (a joint partner with) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness; expose them.

2 Tim 2:19–23; 2 Cor 6:15–18; 2 Jn 8–9; Rom 6:12–19;

Rom 14:17–18; Phil 1:9–11; 1Tim 6:8–21 (make it your ambition) 2Tim 2:22–23

Vs 12 How does a believer “expose” things which unbelievers do which are so disgraceful that it is beyond reasonable to even speak of them?

The things done by them in secret...

In short: expose them and yet don't mention them

Answer: Lives lived as light make the contrast.

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Vs 13 All things will become visible when they are exposed by the light.

Jn 5:22; Rev 1:14; 1 Tim 5:24; Jn 3:20-21

Vs 14 For this reason - vs 8-13 - be a Christian.
You are sleeping in a cemetery - wake up; come out

NOTE: Not being spoken to the unsaved 2 Pet 3:8-10
Isa 60:1

In both passages:

1. Their possession is not possessed
2. They are lying down in a death sleep
Rom 13:11; 1 Thess 5:4-11
3. Light is available
4. Jehovah Jesus is the One who is the basis for hope
Isa 61:1-2a with Lk 4:16-21

The believer must wake up for Jesus to shine upon him.

Vs 15-16 Therefore Be careful how you walk:
1. not as unwise
2. as wise
3. buying up your opportunities because they don't flow

Vs 17 So then
1. Do not be foolish
2. Understand what the will of the Lord is Rom 12:1-2

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Vs 18-19 Do not put yourself under the control of anything other than the Holy Spirit which will result in - Col 3:16
(If A=B and C=B, then A=C)

Vs 20 Always giving thanks for all things Rom 8:28 ff
(an attitude and an activity) Requires Review; perspective
Eph 5:4; Col 2:7

Always

1. after the event
2. in the midst of it
3. before the event is experienced

For all things

1. physical and spiritual
2. ordinary and extraordinary
3. things withheld and things received

Phil 1:12-18; 2Cor 12:10; Phil 1:3 with Phil 4:8

in the name of Jesus Christ

to the Father

NOTE: There are secondary causes to be thankful for but there is always the primary cause.

EPHESIANS chapter 5 continued

Vs21 Be subject to (submit to) one another
in the fear (reverence) of Christ
Willingly serving each rather than dominating or
exalting yourself over the other
(Not limited to what follows)

What does God mean? Answer 5:22–6:9

NOTE: We can clean up our act for a time to
look like a christian.....

Can we live like one with those we have
constant contact with?

What follows are the three "basic" relationships
which display this truth and
which encompass our lives – A Triad of Relationships

1. wives and husbands
2. children and parents
3. employees and employers (unit our current society
operates with)

Ephesians chapter 5 continued

In each of these basic relationships the first one mentioned is to be submissive or obedient to the second.

The second is to show care and concern for the first. Both are to act toward the other as a service rendered to the Lord.

Vs 22–24 Wives to Husbands

As to wives & husbands, the Lord does not mean she should submit in the same way she submits to the Lord but this is her service to the Lord. Col 3:18

The reason she is to submit: (Note: 1Pet 3:1–6)

The husband is the head of the wife 1Cor 11:3–16

As Christ is the savior of the church –

so a husband should be the protector of his wife

Submission does not mean inferiority 1Cor 15:28

It means recognizing the position of responsibility that God has put the husband in and responding to him accordingly.

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NOTE:

1. Wives are often superior to their husbands in
intelligence
courage
spirituality
moral discernment
and in many other ways

As members of the Body of Christ, they are equal. Gal 3:28
In the matter of position in the home, they are not in the same position as their husbands because God says they are not.

2. BUT by a Christian wife being in submission to her husband, she is responding to Christ's rule over His Church.

Vs 25 Husbands being in the position God has placed them in are to:

1. love their wives just as Jn 3:16; 15:12–13
love means "seek the highest goal for another person"
Eph 2:4
2. Christ's unselfish love for the church is seen in His giving Himself up for her. Eph 5:2; Jn 10:11, 15, 17; Gal 1:4
3. The "submit–love" relationship is a harmonious partnership.

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VS 26–27 The husband's plan for his wife –
set her apart for himself as his own. (only one able to present her!)

Heb 2:11; 13:12

The ultimate purpose is to present the wife as radiant or "in splendor" – having no spot or wrinkle holy and blameless. Word – individual statements

Eph 1:4

Vs 28–30 The church is an extension of Christ.
The wife is an extension of her husband.

The husband should:

1. take care of his wife
2. feed his wife (have a plan for her)
3. care for his wife

1Thes 2:5–12

Love his wife as himself

Gal 2:21–24

Ephesians – chapter 5 continued

NOTE: Men care for their own bodies and God knows they are imperfect – so

Men should also care for their wives, knowing they also are imperfect.

Suicide is abnormal behavior.

Vs 31–32 The bond between husband and wife is the greatest of bonds– more so than parent and child.

Vs 33 Sums up the above teaching.

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 6

Verses 1–4 Children and Parents

- Vs 1 Children are to obey because it is right;
It is the best and proper course to follow in society.
Not doing so is indicative of depravity. Rom 1:30; 2Tim 3:2
- Vs 2 Second commandment with a promise
First commandment (of primary importance) to the child
See Ex 20:5–6
- Vs 3 Paul is quoting a verse given in the context of the Old Covenant.
Apparently the "general principle" still holds true today?
A successful life requires the ability to "take direction."
If it is not learned in childhood, the child has less of a chance to prosper after he grows.
- Vs 4 Fathers (the governmental head)
1. do not exasperate
 2. do not cause to become discouraged Col 3:21
 3. nourish
 4. provide for both the physical and spiritual needs
 5. discipline Heb 12:8
 6. train
 7. instruct
- All of the above done "in the Lord"

Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

Verses 5–8 Slaves to Masters

Vs 5 Slaves (Employees) be obedient with:

1. fear and trembling
2. in sincerity of heart
3. as to Christ
4. not by way of eyeservice
5. not as men-pleasers

Slaves (Employees) of Christ

1. doing the will of God
2. from the heart
3. with good will
4. as to the Lord, not men
5. knowing

Vs 9 Masters (Employers)

same thing – please the Lord in your dealings with
your employees

Give up threatening

Knowing

God is the One who places the human –

Fill it as unto HIM.

Believers are responsible for putting on the full armor which results in wearing His Might.

Vs 11 Able to stand (not advance or attack Satan – but – hold the territory Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

Vs 10 Chapter 4 & 5 – THEREFORE 4:1,17; 5:1,7,15

Verse 1 Walk in a manner worthy

Verse 17 Walk no longer

Chapter 5

Verse 2 Walk in love

Verse 8 Walk as children of light

Verse 15 Be careful how you walk

FINALLY – using God's resources, stand against evil powers

Be strong IN God's inherent strength; not only by the person of the Lord, but also by His resources. Phil 4:13

already taken by the Lord). Eph 4:27

Without doing this we will be defeated by the schemes; craftiness. Rom 13:11–14; Eph 4:11–14; 2:1–3

Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

Vs 12 Our struggle is against – this enemy

rulers

powers

world forces of this darkness

spiritual forces of wickedness

Our real enemy is not flesh and blood; it is those who
reside in the heavenlies.

Dan 10:8-21; Job 1:6-7ff; 2Cor 4:3-4

Vs 13 **FINALLY – THEREFORE**

Having done everything needed to stand firm – **STAND FIRM!**

Having put on

Put on or Pick up

Able to resist in the evil day

Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

Vs 14–17 Armor needed to stand firm or resist

- Vs 14
1. Having (past tense, completed action)
girded your loins with truth
 2. Having
put on the breastplate of righteousness

- Vs 15
3. Having
shod your feet with the "preparation of
the Gospel of Peace

- Vs 16 In addition to all (take imperative)
1. Taking up the shield of Faith

- Vs 17
2. Putting on the helmet of Salvation
having one's head guarded by a helmet
gives one a sense of security
1 Thes 5:8

3. Taking hold of the sword of the Spirit;
the Word of God – an utterance of God –
that which Christ used Matt 4:1–11

- Vs 18
4. With all prayer and petition – for all the saints

Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

5. BEING ON THE ALERT

STAND FIRM

Vs 19–20 Paul not only wanted them to pray for all in general but also for him, specifically

NOTE: Paul's request for prayer is very specific – that he make known with boldness, "the mystery of the Gospel".

1. the reason he is in chains

2. the defense he is about to give

Vs 21–22 Tychicus is the bearer of the Epistle
a dear brother
a faithful servant in the Lord
a fellow servant Col 4:7

Acts 20:4; 2Tim 4:12; Titus 3:12

Tychicus would tell them:

how Paul was

what he was doing

in order to encourage the Ephesians Eph 3:13

Vs 23 Salutation – Peace, Love, Faith

Vs 24 Benediction – Grace be with all

