Ephesians - KJV

Greetings

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:
- Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,
 - o that we should be holy and without blame before him

Who We Are and What We Have in Christ.

in love:

Eph 1:5

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,

- according to the good pleasure of his will,
- Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7

In whom we have

- redemption through his blood,
- the forgiveness of sins,

according to the riches of his grace; Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us

in all wisdom and prudence [insight]; Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will,

- according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
- Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation [administration, new order] of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in **Christ**, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance,

being predestinated according to

the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in **Christ**.

Eph 1:13

In whom ye also trusted,

after that ye heard the word of truth, **the gospel** of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed,

ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance

until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard

- of your faith in the Lord Jesus,
- and love unto all the saints, (Note: all believers are saints, not the Vatican definition of saint)

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you,

making mention of you in my prayers;

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit

- of wisdom
- and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

- that ye may know what is the hope of his calling,
- and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,

according to the working of his mighty power,

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Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ,
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when he raised him from the dead,

and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Eph 1:21 Far above

all principality,

and power,

and might,

and dominion,

and every name that is named,

not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet,

and gave him to be the head over all things to

the church, Eph 1:23 Which is

- his body,
- the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked

- according to the course of this world,
- according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;

and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy,

- for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins,
 - o hath quickened us [made us alive] together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 - o Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together,
 - o and made us sit together in heavenly places in **Christ Jesus**:

Note Eph 1:20-21 - same authority given to those who put their trust in Him)

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through **Christ Jesus.**

Eph 2:8

For by grace are ye saved through faith;

- and that not of yourselves:
- *it is* the gift of **God**:
- Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

- which God hath before ordained
- that we should walk in them.

Eph 2:11

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past

- **Gentiles** in the flesh,
- who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision
 - o in the flesh made by hands;

Eph 2:12

That at that time ye were

- without Christ,
- being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,
- and strangers from the covenants of promise,
- having no hope, and without God in the world:

Eph 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes [formerly] were far off are made nigh [brought near] by the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:14

For **he** is our peace,

who hath made both one,

and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even [which is] the law of commandments contained in ordinances;

- for to make <u>in Himself</u> of twain [the two] (Note: Jews and Gentiles) one new man (Note: body of believers), so making peace;
- Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto **God** in one body by **the cross**,

having slain the enmity thereby:

Eph 2:17 AND CAME AND PREACHED PEACE
TO YOU WHICH WERE AFAR OFF, AND TO
THEM THAT WERE NIGH

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy **God** reigneth!

Eph 2:18

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

- Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
- but fellowcitizens with the saints,
- and of the household of **God**:
- Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone:
 - Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
 - o Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 3:1 For this cause

I Paul,

- the prisoner of **Jesus Christ** for you **Gentiles**,
- Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in

the mystery of Christ)

- Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men,
- as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
- Eph 3:6 That the **Gentiles** should be
 - o fellowheirs,
 - o and of the same body,
 - o and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Eph 3:7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of **God** given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Eph 3:8

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given,

- that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
- Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship [new order] of the mystery, which **from the beginning of the world** hath been hid in **God**, who created all things by **Jesus Christ**:
- Eph 3:10 To the intent that now

unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

Eph 3:11

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in

Christ Jesus our Lord: Eph 3:12 In whom we have

- boldness
- and access with confidence

by the [through] faith of [in] him.

Eph 3:13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Eph 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 3:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory,

- to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
- Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
- that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, Eph 3:18 May be able
 - o to comprehend with all saints what is the **breadth**, and **length**, and **depth**, and **height**;
 - Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now

- unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power
 that worketh in us,
- Eph 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Amen.

Note: The biblical definition of church is all the believers in Jesus Christ, not any one institution or building.

Walking in Unity

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of **the Lord**, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

- Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness,
- with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 There is

- one body, and one **Spirit**, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
- Eph 4:5 One Lord,
- one faith,
- one baptism,
- Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Maturing and Equipping the "Body of Christ" to Serve

Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith,

WHEN HE ASCENDED UP ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS UNTO MEN. **Psa 68:18** Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them.*

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Eph 4:11

And he gave

- some, apostles;
- and some, prophets;
- and some, evangelists;
- and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,

for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in

- the unity of the faith,
- and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
- unto a perfect man,
- unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of **Christ**:

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about

- with every wind of doctrine,
- by the sleight of men,
- and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,

which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body

fitly joined together

and compacted [held together] by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part,

maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk,

- in the vanity of their mind,
- Eph 4:18 Having the understanding darkened,
- being alienated from the life of God
 - o through the ignorance that is in them,
 - o because of the blindness of their heart:
 - Eph 4:19 Who being past feeling {through apathy} have given themselves over {as prey} unto {unrestricted} lasciviousness [sensuality], {eagerly craving} to work all uncleanness with greediness. (Note: Homosexuality Lesbian, "Gay", Bisexual, Transexual, Beastiality, and ever increasing inventions of sexual perversion)

Eph 4:20

But ye have not so learned **Christ**;

- Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man [self], which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in
 - righteousness
 - o and true holiness.

Eph 4:25

Wherefore putting away lying, (Note: defrauding, telling half-truths, spreading rumors, any such as these)

• SPEAK EVERY MAN TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOUR: for we are members one of another.

Zec 8:16 These *are* the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

• Eph 4:26 BE YE ANGRY, AND SIN NOT: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Psa 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

- Eph 4:27 Neither give place to **the devil**.
- Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
- Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ**'s sake hath forgiven you.

Eph 5:1

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

- Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
- Eph 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
- Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting [obscene or vulgar joking], which are not convenient [fitting]: but rather giving of thanks.

Eph 5:5

For this ye know, that no

- whoremonger,
- nor unclean [impure] person,
- nor covetous man,

who is an idolater,

hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words:

for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Eph 5:7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

Eph 5:8

For ye were sometimes [formerly] darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

- Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit [light] is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
- Eph 5:10 Proving [learning] what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **reprove** *them* {by exemplifying personal integrity, moral courage, and godly character}

Eph 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

Eph 5:13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light:

for whatsoever doth make manifest is light [for it is **light** that makes everything visible].

Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Eph 5:15

See then that ye walk circumspectly [carefully], not as fools, but as wise,

- Eph 5:16 Redeeming the [making the most of your] time, because the days are evil.
- Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess;

but be filled with the Spirit;

- Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves [one another]
 - o in psalms
 - and hymns
 - o and spiritual songs,
- singing and making melody in your heart to **the Lord**;
- Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto **God** and the **Father** in the name of **our Lord Jesus** Christ;

Ruling and Submission in godliness

Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Eph 5:22 Wives,

submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

• Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ** is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Eph 5:25 Husbands,

love your wives, even as **Christ** also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church,
 - o not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.

He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

- Eph 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it,
 - even as **the Lord** the church: Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eph 5:31 FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH. (Gen 2:24)

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ** and the church.

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Eph 6:1 Children,

obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Eph 6:2 HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

Eph 6:3 THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

Exo 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers,

- provoke not your children to wrath:
- but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Eph 6:5 Servants,

be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh,

- with fear and trembling,
- in singleness of your heart, as unto **Christ**;
- Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ,
- doing the will of **God** from the heart;
- Eph 6:7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
 - Eph 6:8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Eph 6:9 And, ye **masters**,

do the same things unto them,

- forbearing [give up] threatening {and abusive words}:
 - o knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

How to conduct Spiritual Warfare against Evil

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 **Put on the whole armour of God,** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Eph 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but

- against principalities,
- against powers,
- against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
- against spiritual wickedness

in high [celestial] places.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of **God**,

- that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day.
- and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14

Stand therefore,

- HAVING YOUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH,
- and HAVING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS;
- Eph 6:15 And YOUR FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;
- Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION,
- and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in **the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Paul in prison for preaching the Gospel

Eph 6:19

And for me,

• that utterance may be given unto me,

- that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds:
- that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, **Tychicus**,

a beloved brother and faithful minister in **the Lord**, shall make known to you all things: Eph 6:22

Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

Closing

Eph 6:23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 6:24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.