

# EPHESIANS

## Chapter 1

### *The Blessings of Redemption*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, <sup>a</sup>an apostle of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus <sup>1c</sup>by the will of God,

To the <sup>2d</sup>saints who are <sup>3</sup> at <sup>e</sup>Ephesus and <sup>f</sup>are faithful in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus: <sup>2a</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3a</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of <sup>our</sup> Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed <sup>us</sup> with every spiritual blessing in <sup>b</sup>the heavenly places in Christ, <sup>4</sup> just as <sup>a</sup>He chose us <sup>in Him</sup> before <sup>b</sup>the foundation of the world, <sup>that we</sup> would be <sup>c</sup>holy and blameless before <sup>1</sup>Him. <sup>d</sup>In love <sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup>He <sup>a</sup>predestined us to <sup>b</sup>adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, <sup>c</sup> according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6a</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, with which <sup>He favored us</sup> <sup>in the Beloved</sup>. <sup>7a</sup> In <sup>1</sup>Him <sup>we</sup> have <sup>b</sup>redemption <sup>c</sup>through His blood, the <sup>d</sup>forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to <sup>e</sup>the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup> which He <sup>1</sup>lavished on <sup>2</sup>us. In all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> He <sup>1a</sup>made known to

<sup>us</sup> the <sup>mystery of His will</sup>, <sup>b</sup>according to His good pleasure which He <sup>c</sup>set forth in Him, <sup>10</sup> regarding His <sup>plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ,</sup> things <sup>1</sup>in the heavens and things on the earth. <sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup>In Him <sup>we also have</sup> <sup>obtained an inheritance</sup>, having been <sup>b</sup>predestined <sup>c</sup>according to the purpose of Him who works all things <sup>d</sup>in accordance with the plan of His will, <sup>12</sup> to the end that <sup>1</sup>we who were the first to hope in the <sup>2</sup>Christ would be <sup>a</sup>to the praise of His glory. <sup>13</sup> In <sup>1</sup>Him, <sup>2</sup>you also, after listening to <sup>a</sup>the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also <sup>3</sup>believed, <sup>you were sealed in 1Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise</sup>, <sup>14</sup> who is a <sup>a</sup>first installment of <sup>b</sup>our inheritance, in regard to the <sup>c</sup>redemption of <sup>d</sup>God's own possession, <sup>e</sup>to the praise of His glory.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, <sup>a</sup>having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists <sup>among you</sup> and <sup>1</sup>your love for <sup>b</sup>all the <sup>2</sup>saints, <sup>16a</sup> do not cease giving thanks for <sup>you</sup>, <sup>b</sup>while making mention of you in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the <sup>a</sup>God of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>b</sup>the Father of glory, may give <sup>you</sup> a <sup>spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him</sup>. <sup>18</sup> I pray that <sup>a</sup>the eyes of <sup>your</sup> heart <sup>1</sup>may be enlightened, so that <sup>you</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lit through

<sup>2</sup> Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

<sup>3</sup> Three early mss do not contain at Ephesus

<sup>1</sup> Or Him, in love. He

<sup>1</sup> Lit having predestined

<sup>1</sup> Lit whom

<sup>1</sup> Lit made abundant toward

<sup>2</sup> Or us in all wisdom and insight. He

<sup>1</sup> Lit making known

<sup>1</sup> Lit upon

<sup>1</sup> Lit In whom also

<sup>1</sup> I.e., Jewish believers

<sup>2</sup> I.e., Messiah

<sup>1</sup> Lit whom

<sup>2</sup> I.e., Gentile believers

<sup>3</sup> Or believed in Him, you were sealed

<sup>1</sup> Three early mss do not contain your love

<sup>2</sup> Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

<sup>1</sup> Or true knowledge

will know <sup>a</sup> what is the <sup>b</sup>hope of His <sup>c</sup>calling, what are <sup>d</sup> the riches of the glory of <sup>e</sup>His <sup>f</sup>inheritance in <sup>g</sup>the <sup>h</sup>saints, <sup>i</sup> and what is the <sup>j</sup>boundless greatness of His power toward <sup>k</sup> us who believe. <sup>l</sup> These are in accordance with the working of the <sup>m</sup>strength of His might <sup>n</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He <sup>o</sup>raised Him from the dead and <sup>p</sup>seated Him at His right hand in <sup>q</sup>the heavenly places, <sup>r</sup> far above <sup>s</sup>all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every <sup>t</sup>name that is named, not only in <sup>u</sup>this age but also in the one to come. <sup>v</sup> And He <sup>w</sup>put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him <sup>x</sup>head over all things to the <sup>y</sup>church, <sup>z</sup> which is His <sup>aa</sup>body, the <sup>ab</sup>fullness of Him who <sup>ac</sup>fills <sup>ad</sup>all in all.

## Chapter 2

### Made Alive in Christ

<sup>1</sup> And <sup>1</sup> you <sup>2</sup> were <sup>a</sup> dead <sup>3</sup> in <sup>b</sup> your offenses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which <sup>c</sup> you <sup>a</sup> previously walked according to the <sup>1</sup> course of <sup>b</sup> this world, according to <sup>c</sup> the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in <sup>d</sup> the <sup>2</sup> sons of disobedience. <sup>3</sup> Among them <sup>1</sup> we too all <sup>a</sup> previously lived in <sup>b</sup> the lusts of our flesh, <sup>2</sup> indulging

<sup>1</sup> Lit *having been*

<sup>2</sup> See note 2 v 15

<sup>1</sup> Lit *surpassing*

<sup>1</sup> Lit *being*

<sup>2</sup> I.e., Gentile believers

<sup>3</sup> Or *by reason of*

<sup>1</sup> Lit *age*

<sup>2</sup> I.e., people opposed to God

<sup>1</sup> I.e., Jewish believers

<sup>2</sup> Lit *doing*

the desires of the flesh and of the <sup>3</sup> mind, and were <sup>c</sup> by nature <sup>d</sup> children of wrath, <sup>e</sup> just as the rest. <sup>4</sup> But God, <sup>f</sup> being <sup>a</sup> rich in mercy, because of <sup>b</sup> His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were <sup>a</sup> dead <sup>1</sup> in our wrongdoings, made us <sup>alive</sup> together <sup>2</sup> with Christ (<sup>b</sup> by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and <sup>a</sup> raised us up with <sup>Him</sup>, and <sup>b</sup> seated us with <sup>Him</sup> in <sup>c</sup> the heavenly places in <sup>d</sup> Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the <sup>1</sup> boundless <sup>a</sup> riches of His grace in <sup>b</sup> kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For <sup>a</sup> by grace <sup>you</sup> have been saved <sup>b</sup> through faith; and <sup>1</sup> this is not of yourselves, <sup>it is</sup> <sup>c</sup> the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> <sup>a</sup> not a result of works, so that <sup>b</sup> no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, <sup>a</sup> created in <sup>b</sup> Christ Jesus for <sup>c</sup> good works, which God <sup>d</sup> prepared beforehand so that we would <sup>e</sup> walk in them.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that <sup>a</sup> previously <sup>b</sup> you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “<sup>c</sup> Uncircumcision” by the so-called “<sup>c</sup> Circumcision” which is performed in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that <sup>you</sup> were at that time <sup>1</sup> separate from Christ, <sup>1a</sup> <sup>2</sup> excluded from <sup>the people of Israel</sup>, and <sup>3</sup> strangers to <sup>b</sup> the covenants of the promise, <sup>4</sup> having <sup>c</sup> no hope and <sup>d</sup> <sup>5</sup> without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in <sup>a</sup> Christ Jesus <sup>you</sup> who <sup>b</sup> previously were <sup>c</sup> far away <sup>1</sup> have <sup>c</sup> been brought near <sup>2d</sup> by the blood of

<sup>3</sup> Lit *thoughts*

<sup>1</sup> Or *by reason of*

<sup>2</sup> Two early *mss* in Christ

<sup>1</sup> Lit *surpassing*

<sup>1</sup> I.e., this salvation

<sup>1</sup> Or *alienated*

<sup>2</sup> Or *citizenship in Israel*

<sup>1</sup> Lit *became; or were made*

<sup>2</sup> Or *in*

Christ. <sup>14</sup> For He Himself is <sup>a</sup>our peace, <sup>b</sup> who made both ~~groups into~~ one and broke down the <sup>1</sup>barrier of the dividing wall, <sup>15</sup> <sup>1</sup>by <sup>a</sup>abolishing <sup>2</sup>in His flesh the hostility, ~~which is~~ <sup>b</sup> the Law ~~composed of commandments expressed in ordinances~~, so that in Himself He might <sup>3c</sup>make the two <sup>d</sup>one new person, ~~in this way~~ establishing <sup>e</sup>peace; <sup>16</sup> and that He might <sup>a</sup>reconcile them both in <sup>b</sup>one body to God through the cross, <sup>1</sup>by it having <sup>c</sup>put to death the hostility. <sup>17</sup> AND <sup>A</sup>HE CAME AND PREACHED <sup>B</sup>PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE <sup>C</sup>FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE <sup>C</sup>NEAR; <sup>18</sup> for through Him we both have <sup>a</sup>our access in <sup>b</sup>one Spirit to <sup>c</sup>the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer <sup>a</sup>strangers and foreigners, but you are <sup>b</sup>fellow citizens with the <sup>1</sup>saints, and are of <sup>c</sup>God's household, <sup>20</sup> having been <sup>a</sup>built on <sup>b</sup>the foundation of <sup>c</sup> the apostles and prophets, <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus Himself being the <sup>e</sup>cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into <sup>b</sup>a holy <sup>1</sup>temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being <sup>a</sup>built together into a <sup>b</sup>dwelling of God in the Spirit.

## Chapter 3

### Paul's Stewardship

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, <sup>a</sup>the prisoner of <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus for the sake of you <sup>d</sup>Gentiles —<sup>2</sup> if

<sup>1</sup> Lit the dividing wall of the barrier

<sup>1</sup> Or the hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the Law

<sup>2</sup> I.e., by His death

<sup>3</sup> Lit create

<sup>1</sup> Or in Himself

<sup>1</sup> Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

<sup>1</sup> Or sanctuary

indeed you have heard of the <sup>a</sup>administration of God's grace which was given to me for you; <sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>that <sup>b</sup>by revelation there was <sup>c</sup>made known to me <sup>d</sup> the mystery, <sup>e</sup>as I wrote before briefly. <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>By referring to this, when you read you can understand <sup>a</sup>my insight <sup>2</sup>into the <sup>b</sup>mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which in other generations was not made known to <sup>1</sup>mankind, as it has now been revealed to His holy <sup>a</sup> apostles and prophets <sup>2</sup>in the Spirit; <sup>6</sup> to be specific, that the Gentiles are <sup>a</sup>fellow heirs and <sup>b</sup>fellow members of the body, and <sup>c</sup>fellow partakers of the promise in <sup>d</sup>Christ Jesus through the gospel, <sup>7</sup> <sup>a</sup>of which I was made a <sup>b</sup>minister, according to the gift of <sup>c</sup>God's grace which was given to me <sup>d</sup>according to the working of His power. <sup>8</sup> To me, <sup>a</sup>the very least of all <sup>1</sup>saints, this grace was given, to <sup>b</sup>preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable <sup>c</sup>riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to <sup>1</sup>enlighten all people as to what the plan of the <sup>a</sup>mystery is which for ages has been <sup>b</sup>hidden in God, <sup>c</sup>who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that the multifaceted <sup>a</sup>wisdom of God might now be <sup>b</sup>made known through the church to the <sup>c</sup>rulers and the authorities in <sup>d</sup>the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in <sup>a</sup>accordance with the <sup>1</sup> eternal purpose which He <sup>2</sup>carried out in <sup>b</sup>Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and <sup>1a</sup>confident <sup>b</sup>access through faith <sup>2</sup>in Him. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I ask

<sup>1</sup> Lit To which, when you read

<sup>2</sup> Lit in

<sup>1</sup> Lit the sons of man

<sup>2</sup> Or by

<sup>1</sup> Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

<sup>1</sup> One early ms bring to light what

<sup>1</sup> Lit purpose of the ages

<sup>2</sup> Or formed

<sup>1</sup> Lit access in confidence

<sup>2</sup> Lit of Him



<sup>1</sup>you not <sup>a</sup>to become discouraged about my tribulations <sup>b</sup>in your behalf, <sup>2</sup>since they are **your** glory.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I <sup>a</sup>bend my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> **from whom <sup>1</sup>every family in heaven and on earth derives its name**, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to <sup>a</sup>the **riches of His glory**, to be <sup>b</sup>strengthened with power through His Spirit in <sup>c</sup>the inner <sup>1</sup>self, <sup>17</sup> so that <sup>a</sup>Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being <sup>b</sup>rooted and <sup>c</sup>grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with <sup>a</sup>**all the <sup>1</sup>saints** what is <sup>b</sup>the width and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know <sup>a</sup>the love of Christ which <sup>b</sup>surpasses knowledge, that you may be <sup>c</sup>filled to all the <sup>d</sup>fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup><sup>a</sup>Now to Him who is <sup>b</sup>able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, <sup>c</sup>according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup> <sup>a</sup>to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations <sup>1</sup>forever and ever. Amen.

## Chapter 4

### Unity of the Spirit

<sup>1</sup>Therefore I, <sup>a</sup>**you** the prisoner of the Lord, <sup>b</sup>urge **you** to <sup>c</sup>walk in a manner worthy of the <sup>d</sup>calling with which you have been <sup>e</sup>called, <sup>2</sup> with all <sup>a</sup>humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another <sup>b</sup>in love, <sup>3</sup>being diligent to keep the **unity of the Spirit in the <sup>a</sup>bond of peace**. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Or *that I may not lose*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *which are*

<sup>1</sup>Or *the whole*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *person*

<sup>1</sup>See note **v 8**

<sup>1</sup>Lit *of the age of the ages*

There is <sup>a</sup> **1. one body** and **1. one Spirit**, just as you also were called in **3. one <sup>b</sup>hope** of your calling; <sup>5</sup> <sup>a</sup> **4. one Lord**, **5. one faith**, **6. one baptism**, <sup>6</sup> **7. one God and Father of all** <sup>a</sup>who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But <sup>a</sup>**to each one of us** <sup>b</sup>**grace** was given <sup>c</sup>according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore <sup>1</sup>it says,

<sup>a</sup>WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,  
HE <sup>b</sup>LED CAPTIVE *THE* CAPTIVES,  
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO PEOPLE."

<sup>9</sup>(Now this *expression*, "He <sup>a</sup>ascended," what <sup>1</sup>does it mean except that He also <sup>2</sup>had **descended into <sup>b</sup>the lower parts of the earth?** <sup>10</sup> He who descended is Himself also He who **ascended <sup>a</sup>far above all the heavens**, so that He might <sup>b</sup>fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> **And He <sup>a</sup>gave <sup>b</sup>some as apostles, some as prophets, some as <sup>c</sup>evangelists, some as <sup>d</sup>pastors and <sup>d</sup>teachers,** <sup>12</sup> <sup>a</sup>for the equipping of the <sup>1</sup>saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of <sup>b</sup>the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to <sup>a</sup>the unity of the faith, and of the <sup>1b</sup>knowledge of the Son of God, **to a <sup>c</sup>mature man**, to the measure of the stature <sup>2</sup>which belongs to the <sup>d</sup>fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> <sup>1</sup>As a result, we are <sup>a</sup>no longer to be children, <sup>b</sup>tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by <sup>c</sup>craftiness <sup>2</sup>in <sup>d</sup>deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but <sup>1</sup>speaking the truth <sup>a</sup>in love, <sup>2</sup>we are to <sup>b</sup>grow

<sup>1</sup>Or *He*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *is it except*

<sup>2</sup>One early *ms* *had first descended*

<sup>1</sup>From *Gr* for *shepherds*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *holy ones*; i.e., God's people

<sup>1</sup>Or *true knowledge*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *of the fullness*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *So that we will no longer be*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *with regard to the scheming of deceit*

up in all *aspects* into Him who is the *head, that is, Christ*, <sup>16</sup> from whom <sup>a</sup>the whole body, being fitted and held together <sup>1</sup>by what every joint supplies, according to the <sup>2</sup>proper working of each individual part, <sup>a</sup>causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself <sup>b</sup>in love.

### The Christian's Walk

<sup>17</sup> <sup>a</sup>So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, <sup>b</sup>that **you** are to **no longer walk just as the <sup>1</sup>Gentiles also walk**, in the <sup>c</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>futility of their minds, <sup>18</sup> being <sup>a</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>a</sup>darkened in their understanding, <sup>1b</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>a</sup>excluded from the life of God because of the <sup>c</sup>ignorance that is in them, because of the <sup>d</sup> <sup>a</sup>hardness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> and they, having <sup>a</sup>become callous, <sup>b</sup>have given themselves up to <sup>c</sup>indecent behavior <sup>1</sup>for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. <sup>20</sup> But **you** did not <sup>a</sup>learn Christ in this way, <sup>21</sup> if indeed **you** <sup>a</sup>have heard Him and have <sup>b</sup>been taught in Him, just as **truth is in Jesus**, <sup>22</sup> that, in reference to <sup>a</sup> <sup>a</sup>your former way of life, you are to <sup>a</sup>rid yourselves of the <sup>b</sup>old <sup>1</sup>self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the <sup>c</sup>lusts of deceit, <sup>23</sup> and that you are to be <sup>a</sup>renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to <sup>a</sup>put on the <sup>b</sup>new <sup>1</sup>self, which <sup>2c</sup>in the likeness of God has been **created in righteousness and holiness of the truth**.

<sup>1</sup>Or *holding to*; or *being truthful in*

<sup>2</sup>Or *let's grow up*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *through every joint of the supply*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *working in measure*

<sup>1</sup>I.e., unbelieving Gentiles

<sup>1</sup>Or *alienated*

<sup>1</sup>Or *greedy for the practice of every kind of impurity*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *person*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *person*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *according to God*

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, <sup>a</sup>rid yourselves of falsehood, <sup>b</sup>SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, because **we are <sup>c</sup>parts of one another**. <sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not <sup>a</sup>give the <sup>a</sup>devil <sup>1</sup>an opportunity. <sup>28</sup> The one who steals must no longer steal; but rather <sup>a</sup>he must labor, <sup>b</sup>producing with his own hands what is good, <sup>c</sup>so that he will have *something* to share with the one who has need. <sup>29</sup> **Let no <sup>1a</sup>unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if *there is any good word for <sup>b</sup>edification* <sup>2</sup>according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.** <sup>30</sup> <sup>a</sup>Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, <sup>1</sup>by whom you were <sup>b</sup>sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> <sup>a</sup>All bitterness, wrath, anger, <sup>1</sup>clamor, and slander must be <sup>b</sup>removed from you, along with all <sup>c</sup>malice. <sup>32</sup> <sup>a</sup>Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, <sup>b</sup>just as God in Christ also has forgiven <sup>1</sup>you.

## Chapter 5

### Be Imitators of God

<sup>1a</sup>Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children; <sup>2</sup> and <sup>a</sup>walk in love, just as Christ also <sup>b</sup>loved <sup>1</sup>you and <sup>c</sup>gave Himself up for us, an <sup>d</sup>offering and a sacrifice to God <sup>2</sup>as a <sup>e</sup>fragrant aroma.

<sup>1</sup>Lit *a place*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *rotten*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *of the need*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *in*

<sup>1</sup>Or *shouting*

<sup>1</sup>Two early *mss* *us*

<sup>1</sup>One early *ms* *us*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *for an odor of fragrance*

<sup>3</sup> But <sup>a</sup>sexual immorality <sup>1</sup>or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among <sup>2</sup> saints; <sup>4</sup> and *there must be no* <sup>a</sup>filthiness <sup>1</sup>or foolish talk, or vulgar joking, which <sup>b</sup>are not fitting, but rather <sup>c</sup>giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup> For this you know with certainty, that <sup>a</sup>no sexually immoral or <sup>1</sup>impure or greedy person, which <sup>2</sup>amounts to an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom <sup>b</sup>of Christ and God.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>See that no one deceives you with empty words, for because of these things <sup>b</sup>the wrath of God comes upon <sup>c</sup>the <sup>1</sup>sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become <sup>a</sup>partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for <sup>a</sup>you were once <sup>b</sup>darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as <sup>c</sup>children of light <sup>9</sup> (for <sup>a</sup>the fruit of the light consists in all <sup>b</sup>goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> <sup>1a</sup>as you try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Do not participate in the useless <sup>b</sup>deeds of <sup>c</sup>darkness, but instead even <sup>d</sup>expose them; <sup>12</sup> for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things become visible <sup>a</sup>when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. <sup>14</sup> For this reason <sup>1</sup>it says,

“<sup>a</sup>Awake, sleeper,  
And arise from <sup>b</sup>the dead,  
And Christ <sup>c</sup>will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup> So then, <sup>1</sup>be careful how you <sup>a</sup>walk, not <sup>b</sup>as

<sup>1</sup> Lit and all

<sup>2</sup> Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

<sup>1</sup> Lit and

<sup>1</sup> I.e., morally impure

<sup>2</sup> Lit is

<sup>1</sup> I.e., people opposed to God

<sup>1</sup> Lit putting to the test what

<sup>1</sup> Or He

<sup>1</sup> Lit look carefully

unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> <sup>1a</sup>making the most of your time, because <sup>b</sup>the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but <sup>a</sup>understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And <sup>a</sup>do not get drunk with wine, <sup>1</sup>in which there is <sup>b</sup>debauchery, but be <sup>c</sup>filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> <sup>a</sup>speaking to <sup>1</sup>one another in <sup>b</sup>psalms and <sup>c</sup>hymns and spiritual <sup>d</sup>songs, <sup>e</sup>singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; <sup>20</sup> <sup>a</sup>always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* <sup>b</sup>God and Father; <sup>21</sup> <sup>1a</sup>and subject yourselves to one another in the <sup>2b</sup> fear of Christ.

### Marriage like Christ and the Church

<sup>22</sup> <sup>a</sup>Wives, <sup>b</sup>subject yourselves to your own husbands, <sup>c</sup>as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For <sup>a</sup>the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the <sup>b</sup>head of the church, He Himself <sup>c</sup>being the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> <sup>a</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and <sup>b</sup>gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> <sup>a</sup>so that He might sanctify her, having <sup>b</sup>cleansed her by the <sup>c</sup>washing of water with <sup>d</sup>the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might <sup>a</sup>present to Himself the church <sup>1</sup>in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be <sup>b</sup>holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> So husbands also ought to <sup>a</sup>love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are <sup>a</sup>parts of His <sup>b</sup>body. <sup>31</sup> <sup>a</sup>FOR THIS

<sup>1</sup> Lit redeeming the time

<sup>1</sup> Or by which

<sup>1</sup> Or yourselves

<sup>1</sup> Lit being submissive to

<sup>2</sup> Or reverence for

<sup>1</sup> Lit glorious



REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. <sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, as for you individually, each husband is to <sup>a</sup>love his own wife the same as himself, and the wife must see to it that she <sup>b</sup>respects her husband.

## Chapter 6

### Children and Parents

<sup>1a</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> <sup>a</sup>HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> SO THAT IT MAY TURN OUT WELL FOR YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

<sup>4a</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but <sup>b</sup>bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

### Slaves and Masters

<sup>5a</sup>Slaves, be obedient to those who are your <sup>1</sup>masters according to the flesh, with <sup>b</sup>fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, <sup>c</sup>as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> <sup>a</sup>not <sup>1</sup>by way of <sup>2</sup>eye-service, as <sup>b</sup>people-pleasers, but as <sup>c</sup>slaves of Christ, <sup>d</sup>doing the will of God from the <sup>3</sup>heart. <sup>7</sup> With goodwill <sup>1</sup>render service, <sup>a</sup>as to the Lord, and not to people, <sup>8</sup> <sup>a</sup>knowing that <sup>b</sup>whatever good thing each one does, he will receive this back from the Lord,

<sup>c</sup>whether slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> And masters, do the same things to them, and <sup>a</sup>give up threatening, knowing that <sup>b</sup>both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is <sup>c</sup>no partiality with Him.

### The Armor of God

<sup>10</sup> Finally, <sup>a</sup>be strong in the Lord and in <sup>b</sup>the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> <sup>a</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the <sup>b</sup>schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our <sup>a</sup>struggle is not against <sup>b</sup>flesh and blood, but <sup>c</sup>against the rulers, against the powers, against the <sup>d</sup>world forces of this <sup>e</sup>darkness, against the <sup>f</sup>spiritual forces of wickedness in <sup>g</sup>the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, take up <sup>a</sup> the full armor of God, so that you will be able to <sup>b</sup>resist on <sup>c</sup>the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm therefore, <sup>a</sup> HAVING <sup>1.</sup> BELTED YOUR WAIST WITH TRUTH, AND HAVING <sup>b</sup>PUT ON THE <sup>2.</sup> BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, <sup>15</sup> and having <sup>a</sup> <sup>3.</sup> STRAPPED ON YOUR FEET THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; <sup>16</sup> <sup>1</sup>in addition to all, taking up the <sup>a</sup> <sup>4.</sup> shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the <sup>b</sup>flaming arrows of <sup>c</sup>the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take <sup>a</sup> <sup>5.</sup> THE HELMET OF SALVATION and the <sup>b</sup> <sup>6.</sup> sword of the Spirit, which is <sup>c</sup>the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>1</sup>With every <sup>a</sup>prayer and request, <sup>2b</sup>pray at all times <sup>c</sup>in the Spirit, and with this in view, <sup>3d</sup>be alert with all <sup>e</sup>perseverance and every <sup>f</sup>request for all the <sup>4</sup>saints, <sup>19</sup> and <sup>a</sup>pray in my behalf, that

<sup>1</sup>I.e., earthly masters, as in first-century Roman culture

<sup>1</sup>Lit according to

<sup>2</sup>I.e., only when the master is watching

<sup>3</sup>Lit soul

<sup>1</sup>Lit rendering

<sup>1</sup>Lit blood and flesh

<sup>1</sup>Lit in all

<sup>1</sup>Lit Through

<sup>2</sup>Lit praying

<sup>3</sup>Lit being

<sup>4</sup>Lit holy ones; i.e., God's people

speech may be given to me <sup>b</sup>in the opening of my mouth, to make known with <sup>c</sup>boldness <sup>d</sup>the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an <sup>a</sup>ambassador <sup>b</sup>in <sup>1</sup>chains; that <sup>2</sup>in *proclaiming* it I may speak <sup>c</sup>boldly, <sup>d</sup>as I ought to speak.

<sup>21a</sup>Now, so that you also may know about my circumstances *as to* <sup>1</sup>what I am doing, <sup>b</sup>Tychicus, <sup>c</sup>the beloved brother and faithful <sup>2</sup>servant in the Lord, will make everything known to you. <sup>22</sup> <sup>1a</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know <sup>2</sup>about us, and that he may <sup>b</sup>comfort your hearts.

<sup>23a</sup>Peace be to the brothers *and sisters*, and <sup>b</sup>love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ <sup>1</sup>with incorruptible *love*.

<sup>1</sup>Lit *a chain*

<sup>2</sup>Two early *mss* *I may speak it boldly*

<sup>1</sup>Or *how*

<sup>2</sup>Or *minister*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *Whom I have sent to you*

<sup>2</sup>Lit *the things about us*

<sup>1</sup>Lit *in incorruption*