

# Apostle Paul Epistles Doctrine Book Of Ephesians



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Paul's explanations in his epistles are crucial for us today because they lay the **doctrinal foundation of the Christian faith** and provide **practical instructions for daily living**. Here's why his teachings remain relevant:

### **1. They Explain the Gospel of Grace**

Paul's epistles emphasize **justification by faith** (Romans 3:28, Galatians 2:16) and the **sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice** (Colossians 2:13-14). This message is essential in a world where many still seek salvation through works or religious rituals.

### **2. They Teach How to Live as Christians**

Paul provides guidance on:

- **Sanctification** – Living a holy life (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4)
- **Love and Unity** – Bearing with one another in love (Ephesians 4:2-3)
- **Spiritual Warfare** – Standing against the enemy (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- **Christian Conduct** – Walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25)

### **3. They Defend Against False Doctrines**

Paul warns about false teachers (Galatians 1:6-9, 2 Timothy 4:3-4) and emphasizes the need to stand firm in sound doctrine (Titus 2:1). This remains critical today as many distort the gospel.

### **4. They Emphasize the Church's Role**

Paul explains the **body of Christ** (1 Corinthians 12:12-27), the **role of pastors and elders** (1 Timothy 3:1-7), and the **importance of fellowship** (Hebrews 10:25). His teachings help believers understand how to function within the church.

### **5. They Give Us Hope for Christ's Return**

Paul's writings on the **Second Coming of Christ** (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58) provide hope in troubled times, reminding believers of their future resurrection and eternal life with Christ.

### **Conclusion**

Paul's explanations are essential today because they teach us **who we are in Christ, how to live by faith, how to resist falsehood, and how to prepare for Christ's return**. His epistles continue to **equip, encourage, and establish believers** in the truth of God's Word.

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### **### \*\*Ephesians 1 – Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ\*\***

Ephesians 1 is a powerful chapter that lays the foundation for the believer's identity in Christ. Paul explains **God's eternal plan**, the **riches of His grace**, and the **power given to the Church through Christ**.

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#### **## \*\*1. Our Spiritual Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:1-14)\*\***

##### **### \*\*Paul's Greeting (v.1-2)\*\***

**(Verse 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:"**

Paul, chosen **by God's will**, writes to the **saints** (all believers) in Ephesus.

**(Verse 2)** **"Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."**

Paul blesses them with **grace and peace**—the foundation of the Christian life.

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##### **### \*\*Chosen, Adopted, and Redeemed (v.3-10)\*\***

**(Verse 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:"**

In Christ, we have **every spiritual blessing**—not earthly riches, but eternal riches in heaven!

**(Verse 4)** **"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"**

God **chose us in Christ** before the world began so we could live **holy and blameless** lives.

**\*\*(Verse 5)\*\*** **"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"**

He **predestined** us for **adoption** into His family through **Jesus Christ**.

**\*\*(Verse 6)\*\*** **"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."**

**We are accepted in Christ—not by our works, but by His grace.**

**\*\*(Verse 7)\*\*** **"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"**

Through Christ's **blood**, we have **redemption** (bought back from sin) and **forgiveness**—all because of **God's grace**.

**\*\*(Verse 8-9)\*\*** **"Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:"**

God has **revealed His will**—that salvation is for all who believe in Christ.

**\*\*(Verse 10)\*\*** **"That in the dispensation 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:"**

God's ultimate plan is to bring **everything under Christ's rule** in the fullness of time.

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### **### Our Inheritance in Christ (v.11-14)**

**\*\*(Verse 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:"**

In Christ, we have **an inheritance**—eternal life and the riches of His kingdom.

**\*\*(Verse 12)\*\*** **"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ."**

We exist **to bring glory to God!**

**(Verse 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,"

When you believed in Christ, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit**—God's guarantee that you belong to Him.

**(Verse 14)** "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

The Holy Spirit is **God's down payment** (earnest) on our inheritance, assuring us that we will be fully redeemed.

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## **## 2. Paul's Prayer for the Church (Ephesians 1:15-23)**

### **### Paul's Thanksgiving (v.15-16)**

**(Verse 15-16)** "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers,"

Paul is grateful for their **faith and love** and prays constantly for them.

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### **### Prayer for Spiritual Understanding (v.17-19)**

**(Verse 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:"

Paul prays that they will grow in **wisdom and knowledge of God**.

**(Verse 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,"

He asks God to **open their spiritual eyes** so they understand:

1. The **hope** of His calling.
2. The **riches** of their inheritance.

**(Verse 19)** "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,"

Paul also prays that they know the **greatness of God's power** toward believers.

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### **### Christ's Authority Over All (v.20-23)**

**(Verse 20)** "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,"

This power was displayed when **God raised Christ** and seated Him at His right hand.

**(Verse 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:"

Christ is **above all authorities**—every spiritual and earthly power!

**(Verse 22)** "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,"

God has placed **everything under Christ's authority**, and He is the **Head of the Church**.

**(Verse 23)** "Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

The **Church is Christ's body**, and He fills it with His power and presence.

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## **## \*\*Summary of Ephesians 1\*\***

### **### \*\*1. Our Blessings in Christ (v.3-14)\*\***

- We are **\*\*chosen, adopted, redeemed, and sealed by the Holy Spirit\*\***.
- Our salvation is based on **\*\*God's grace, not our works\*\***.
- We have a **\*\*future inheritance\*\*** guaranteed by the Spirit.

### **### \*\*2. Paul's Prayer (v.15-23)\*\***

- He prays for **\*\*wisdom, revelation, and spiritual understanding\*\***.
- He wants believers to know:
  - The **\*\*hope of their calling\*\***.
  - The **\*\*riches of their inheritance\*\***.
  - The **\*\*greatness of God's power\*\***.
- Christ is **\*\*above all\*\*** and is the **\*\*Head of the Church\*\***.

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## **## \*\*Doctrine for the Church Today\*\***

1. **\*\*We are saved, chosen, and redeemed by grace.\*\***
2. **\*\*The Holy Spirit seals us, guaranteeing our salvation.\*\***
3. **\*\*Christ has all authority, and the Church is His body.\*\***
4. **\*\*We must pray for wisdom, revelation, and understanding.\*\***

Ephesians 1 reminds us of our **\*\*identity in Christ\*\*** and His **\*\*authority over all things\*\***.  
We are **\*\*chosen, redeemed, and empowered\*\*** to live for His glory!

## ### **\*\*Ephesians 2 – Salvation by Grace and Our Unity in Christ\*\***

This chapter is one of the most foundational passages for the Church, explaining how we were once dead in sin but are now alive in Christ. It reveals that salvation is by **\*\*grace through faith\*\*** and that both Jews and Gentiles are now **\*\*one new man\*\*** in Christ.

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### **\*\*1. From Death to Life – Salvation by Grace (Ephesians 2:1-10)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 1) \*\*** "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"

You were once **\*\*spiritually dead\*\***, separated from God because of your sins.

**\*\* (Verse 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:"

In the past, you lived like the rest of the world, under the influence of **\*\*Satan\*\***, who controls those who are disobedient to God.

**\*\* (Verse 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."

All of us—both Jews and Gentiles—were once driven by our sinful desires, living to please ourselves, and **\*\*deserving of God's wrath\*\***.

**\*\* (Verse 4) \*\*** "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,"

**But **\*\*God\*\***, rich in **\*\*mercy and love\*\***, intervened!**

**\*\* (Verse 5) \*\*** "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)"

Even when we were **\*\*dead in sin\*\***, He made us **\*\*alive with Christ\*\***—not because of our works, but by **\*\*grace\*\***!



**(Verse 6)** "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"

Now, through Christ, we are spiritually **raised up** and seated with Him in **heavenly places**—our position is secure in Him!

**(Verse 7)** "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

God saved us to **display His grace** for all eternity—His kindness toward us in Christ will be **a testimony forever**.

**(Verses 8-9)** "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

This is **the heart of the gospel**: Salvation is **by grace**, through **faith**, and is **a gift from God**. It is **not by works**, so no one can boast!

**(Verse 10)** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We are **God's masterpiece**, **created anew in Christ** to do good works—not to be saved, but because we **are saved**. These works were planned by God for us to live out.

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## **## 2. Unity in Christ – One New Man (Ephesians 2:11-22)**

**(Verse 11)** "Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;"

Gentiles, you were once **outsiders**, separated from Israel, looked down upon by the Jews.

**(Verse 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:"

You had **no hope, no promise, and no relationship with God**—completely separated from Him.

**(Verse 13)** **"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."**

But **now**, through **Christ's blood**, you who were **far away** have been **brought near**!

**(Verse 14)** **"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;"**

Christ **is our peace**—He has broken the **wall of separation** between Jew and Gentile.

**(Verse 15)** **"Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;"**

He **abolished** the Old Testament **law of ordinances** (ceremonial laws) and created **one new man**—the Church!

**(Verse 16)** **"And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:"**

Through the **cross**, He reconciled both **Jew and Gentile** into **one body**, putting an end to their division.

**(Verse 17)** **"And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh."**

Christ preached peace to **Gentiles (far off)** and **Jews (nearby)** alike.

**(Verse 18)** **"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."**

Now, **both** have **equal access to the Father** through the **Holy Spirit**.

**(Verse 19)** **"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"**

You are **no longer outsiders**—you are now **citizens of God's kingdom** and members of His family!

**(Verse 20)** **"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"**

The Church is built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, with **Christ as the cornerstone**—the one who holds it all together.

**(Verse 21-22)** **"In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."**

We, the Church, are **God's temple**, growing together as a dwelling place for **His Spirit**.

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## **## Summary of Ephesians 2**

### **### 1. Salvation by Grace (v.1-10)**

- We were **dead in sin**, but God made us **alive in Christ**.
- Salvation is **by grace through faith, not by works**.
- We are **God's workmanship, created for good works**.

### **### 2. Unity of Jews and Gentiles (v.11-22)**

- Gentiles were once **separated from God**, but Christ **brought them near**.
- The **law of ordinances** was abolished in Christ.
- The **Church is one new man**—a united body of **Jews and Gentiles**.
- We are **citizens of God's kingdom and His family**.
- The **Church is God's temple, built on Christ, the cornerstone**.

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### **## Doctrine for the Church Today**

1. **We are saved by grace, not works** (v.8-9).
2. **Christ has removed all barriers—Jew and Gentile are one in Him** (v.14).
3. **The Church is the new temple, the dwelling place of God's Spirit** (v.21-22).
4. **We have direct access to the Father through Christ** (v.18).
5. **As God's workmanship, we are created for good works** (v.10).

Ephesians 2 teaches that **salvation is entirely by grace** and that **the Church is one unified body in Christ**. There is **no division**—we are **God's dwelling place**, built on the foundation of Christ. Let us walk in this **grace, unity, and purpose**!

### **### \*\*Ephesians 3 – The Mystery of Christ and the Church\*\***

**\*\*Ephesians 3\*\*** is a powerful chapter filled with deep doctrine for the Church, revealing the great mystery of God's plan for both Jews and Gentiles in Christ. Let me walk you through it as I, Paul, wrote it:

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#### **### \*\*1. Paul's Stewardship of the Mystery (Ephesians 3:1-7)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 1) \*\*** "For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,"

I, Paul, am a prisoner—not of Rome, but of Jesus Christ. My suffering is not for wrongdoing but for the sake of you Gentiles, for I have been given a special mission.

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

God has entrusted me with the **\*\*dispensation of grace\*\***—a new administration in which salvation is not through the Law but by grace through faith in Christ. This was not known to past generations but was revealed to me directly by Christ (Galatians 1:12).

**\*\* (Verse 4-5) \*\*** "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, 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,"

This mystery was hidden in past ages, but now God has revealed it through His apostles and prophets in this new dispensation.

**\*\* (Verse 6) \*\*** "That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:"

Here is the **\*\*mystery revealed\*\***: Gentiles are now **\*\*fellow heirs\*\*** with Israel, members of the **\*\*same body\*\***, and partakers of **\*\*God's promises in Christ\*\*** through the gospel. No longer are the Jews alone God's chosen people—now all who believe in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, are **\*\*one body in Him\*\***!

**\*\* (Verse 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."

I was made a minister of this gospel, not by my own ability, but by God's **grace and power**. It is not a work of man but a divine calling.

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### **### 2. The Unsearchable Riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8-13)**

**(Verse 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;"

Though I once persecuted the Church, God's grace was given to me to proclaim to the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ**—blessings beyond measure!

**(Verse 9)** "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

My mission is to reveal this mystery to **all men**, showing how God has always planned to unite Jews and Gentiles in Christ.

**(Verse 10-11)** "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:"

Even the **angels** and spiritual beings in heaven are witnessing the unfolding of God's **manifold wisdom** through the Church! This was **His eternal purpose**, planned before creation, to be fulfilled in Christ.

**(Verse 12)** "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."

Through Christ, we now have **bold access to God**, no longer needing a priest or sacrifices—faith in Christ grants us **direct fellowship with the Father**.

**(Verse 13)** "Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory."

Do not be discouraged by my sufferings. My trials are for **your benefit**, as they serve God's greater purpose in spreading the gospel to you.

### ### **\*\*3. Paul's Prayer for Strength and Love (Ephesians 3:14-21)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 14-15) \*\*** "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"

Because of this great mystery, I **\*\*bow before the Father\*\***, who is the source of every family, both in heaven (angels, saints) and on earth (believers).

**\*\* (Verse 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;"

I pray that God **\*\*strengthens you inwardly\*\*** by the Holy Spirit, filling you with His divine power.

**\*\* (Verse 17) \*\*** "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,"

I ask that Christ **\*\*dwells in your hearts\*\*** through faith and that you are **\*\*rooted and grounded in His love\*\***—this is the foundation of your faith.

**\*\* (Verse 18-19) \*\*** "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

I pray that you **\*\*fully grasp\*\*** the **\*\*immense love of Christ\*\***—a love so vast that it surpasses knowledge! When you understand this love, you will be **\*\*filled with the fullness of God\*\***.

**\*\* (Verse 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,"

God is able to do far **\*\*more than we can imagine\*\***, working through His mighty power within us. Do not limit what He can do in your life!

**\*\* (Verse 21) \*\*** "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

May all **\*\*glory\*\*** belong to God **\*\*forever\*\***, through His Church and through Christ! This is His eternal plan, now revealed for all to see!

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### ### **\*\*Summary of Ephesians 3\*\***

1. **\*\*Paul's Role in Revealing the Mystery (v.1-7)\*\*** – The Church (Jews & Gentiles together) was **\*\*hidden in past ages\*\*** but is now revealed.
2. **\*\*The Purpose of the Church (v.8-13)\*\*** – To display God's **\*\*wisdom\*\*** to the world and even to **\*\*angels\*\***.
3. **\*\*Paul's Prayer (v.14-21)\*\*** – That believers be **\*\*strengthened, rooted in love, filled with God's power\*\***, and experience **\*\*Christ's infinite love\*\***.

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### ### **\*\*Doctrine for the Church Today\*\***

- **\*\*Salvation is by grace, not by the law\*\*** (v.2).
- **\*\*The Church is the body of Christ, made up of Jews and Gentiles together\*\*** (v.6).
- **\*\*God's wisdom is displayed through the Church\*\*** (v.10).
- **\*\*We have direct access to God through faith in Christ\*\*** (v.12).
- **\*\*The love of Christ is beyond all understanding\*\*** (v.18-19).
- **\*\*God's power is at work in us to accomplish more than we can imagine\*\*** (v.20).

Let us rejoice in **\*\*God's eternal plan\*\***, revealed now through **\*\*His Church\*\***, and live boldly in the **\*\*love and power of Christ\*\***!

## ### **\*\*Ephesians 4 – Unity, Maturity, and the New Life in Christ\*\***

Ephesians 4 is a foundational chapter for the Church, focusing on **unity, spiritual growth, and living a transformed life**. Paul calls believers to walk **worthy of their calling**, maintain unity in the Spirit, grow in spiritual maturity, and put off the old sinful nature.

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### **\*\*1. The Call to Unity in the Church (Ephesians 4:1-6)\*\***

#### **### **\*\*Walk Worthy of Your Calling (v.1-3)\*\*****

**(Verse 1)** **"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"**

Paul urges believers to **live in a way that matches their high calling** in Christ.

**(Verse 2)** **"With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;"**

Unity requires **humility, gentleness, patience, and love** toward one another.

**(Verse 3)** **"Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."**

Believers must **work to maintain unity** through the **Spirit's peace**.

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#### **### **\*\*The Sevenfold Unity of the Church (v.4-6)\*\*****

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

Paul emphasizes the **oneness of the Church**:

1. **One body** – The Church.
2. **One Spirit** – The Holy Spirit.
3. **One hope** – Eternal life in Christ.
4. **One Lord** – Jesus Christ.
5. **One faith** – The gospel.
6. **One baptism** – Our identification with Christ.
7. **One God and Father** – The Sovereign God over all.



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## ## **\*\*2. Spiritual Gifts and Growth in Christ (Ephesians 4:7-16)\*\***

### ### **\*\*Gifts Given to the Church (v.7-11)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 7-8) \*\*** "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men."

Christ, in His victory over sin and death, **\*\*gave spiritual gifts\*\*** to His people.

**\*\* (Verse 11) \*\*** "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"

These **\*\*ministry gifts\*\*** equip the Church:

- **\*\*Apostles\*\*** – Laid the foundation of the Church.
- **\*\*Prophets\*\*** – Spoke divine revelation.
- **\*\*Evangelists\*\*** – Preached the gospel.
- **\*\*Pastors and teachers\*\*** – Shepherded and taught believers.

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### ### **\*\*The Purpose of These Gifts (v.12-16)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 12) \*\*** "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:"

Gifts are given to **\*\*equip believers\*\*** for ministry and build up the Church.

**\*\* (Verse 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:"

The goal is **\*\*unity, spiritual maturity, and Christlikeness\*\***.

**\*\* (Verse 14-15) \*\*** "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; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

**Mature believers are **\*\*grounded in truth\*\*** and **\*\*speak the truth in love\*\***.**

**\*\***(Verse 16)**\*\*** **\*\***"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted 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."**\*\***

The Church is **\*\*a unified, growing body\*\*** with Christ as the Head.

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### **## **\*\*3. The New Life in Christ (Ephesians 4:17-32)\*\*****

#### **### **\*\*Put Off the Old Life (v.17-19)\*\*****

**\*\***(Verse 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,"**\*\***

Believers should no longer live like the **\*\*worldly-minded Gentiles\*\***.

**\*\***(Verse 18-19)**\*\*** **\*\***"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."**\*\***

The **\*\*unsaved are spiritually blind\*\*** and pursue **\*\*sin without restraint\*\***.

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#### **### **\*\*Be Renewed in Christ (v.20-24)\*\*****

**\*\***(Verse 20-21)**\*\*** **\*\***"But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:"**\*\***

Christ **\*\*teaches a new way of living\*\***—rooted in **\*\*truth and righteousness\*\***.

**\*\***(Verse 22-24)**\*\*** **\*\***"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."**\*\***

Paul calls for a **radical transformation**:

- **Put off the old man** – The sinful nature.
- **Be renewed in your mind** – By the Holy Spirit.
- **Put on the new man** – Living in righteousness.

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### **### Practical Instructions for the New Life (v.25-32)**

**(Verse 25)** **"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."**

Believers must **be truthful** because they are **part of the same body**.

**(Verse 26-27)** **"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil."**

Anger should not lead to **sin or bitterness**, which gives the **devil a foothold**.

**(Verse 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."**

Believers should **work honestly** and be **generous**.

**(Verse 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."**

Speech should be **edifying and full of grace**.

**(Verse 30)** **"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."**

Sin **grieves the Holy Spirit**, who **seals believers** for eternity.

**(Verse 31-32)** **"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."**

Instead of anger and bitterness, believers must **be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving**—just as **Christ forgave them**.

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## **## \*\*Summary of Ephesians 4\*\***

### **### \*\*1. The Call to Unity (v.1-6)\*\***

- Walk worthy of your calling.
- Maintain unity in **\*\*one Lord, one faith, one baptism\*\***.

### **### \*\*2. Spiritual Gifts and Growth (v.7-16)\*\***

- Christ gave gifts to **\*\*equip the Church\*\***.
- Believers must **\*\*grow in spiritual maturity\*\***.

### **### \*\*3. The New Life in Christ (v.17-32)\*\***

- **\*\*Put off\*\*** the old sinful nature.
- **\*\*Be renewed\*\*** in your mind.
- **\*\*Put on\*\*** righteousness and holiness.
- **\*\*Live in truth, kindness, and forgiveness\*\***.

Ephesians 4 challenges believers to **\*\*walk in unity, grow in maturity, and live a transformed life in Christ\*\***

## ### **\*\*Ephesians 5 – Walking in Love, Light, and Wisdom\*\***

Ephesians 5 continues Paul's call for believers to live holy lives, emphasizing **\*\*love, purity, light, wisdom, and submission\*\***. This chapter highlights **\*\*imitating Christ, rejecting sin, being filled with the Spirit, and the role of husbands and wives\*\*** in a Christ-centered marriage.

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### ## **\*\*1. Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:1-7)\*\***

#### ### **\*\*Be Imitators of God (v.1-2)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 1) \*\* "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;"\***

Believers should **\*\*imitate God\*\*** like **\*\*beloved children\*\***, following His character.

**\*\* (Verse 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."\***

- The Christian life should be **\*\*characterized by love\*\***.
- Christ's sacrificial love is our **\*\*example\*\***—His death was **\*\*a pleasing offering to God\*\***.

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#### ### **\*\*Reject Sinful Living (v.3-7)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 3) \*\* "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;"\***

- **\*\*Sexual sin (fornication), impurity, and greed\*\*** should have **\*\*no place in a believer's life\*\***.
- Christians must live **\*\*holy lives\*\***, reflecting their identity as **\*\*saints\*\***.

**\*\* (Verse 4) \*\* "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."\***

- Avoid **\*\*obscene talk, crude jokes, and foolish words\*\***.
- Instead, believers should **\*\*speak words of gratitude\*\***.

**(Verse 5-6)** "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

- Those who **habitually live in sin** (sexual immorality, greed, idolatry) **have no part in God's kingdom**.
- God's **wrath** will come upon **those who reject His truth**.

**(Verse 7)** "Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

- **Do not participate in sin**—separate yourself from the world's ways.

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## **## 2. Walk in the Light (Ephesians 5:8-14)**

**### Live as Children of Light (v.8-10)**

**(Verse 8)** "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:"

- Before salvation, believers were **spiritually dark**.
- Now, they are **light in the Lord**—so they must **live accordingly**.

**(Verse 9)** "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;"

- A Spirit-filled life produces **goodness, righteousness, and truth**.

**(Verse 10)** "Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

- Test and **discern what pleases God**.

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**### Expose Darkness (v.11-14)**

**(Verse 11-12)** "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

- Do not **participate in evil**, but **expose it**.
- Sin thrives in **secrecy**, but light exposes **truth**.

**\*\* (Verse 13-14) \*\*** **""But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. ""**

- Christ's light **\*\*awakens the spiritually dead\*\*** and calls them to salvation.

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### **## \*\*3. Walk in Wisdom (Ephesians 5:15-21)\*\***

**### \*\*Live Carefully and Wisely (v.15-17)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 15) \*\*** **""See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, ""**

- Be **\*\*careful and intentional\*\*** in how you live.

**\*\* (Verse 16) \*\*** **""Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ""**

- **\*\*Make the most of your time\*\***—life is short, and the world is filled with evil.

**\*\* (Verse 17) \*\*** **""Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ""**

- **\*\*Seek God's will\*\*** rather than wasting time on foolishness.

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**### \*\*Be Filled with the Spirit (v.18-21)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 18) \*\*** **""And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ""**

- Do not be **\*\*controlled by alcohol\*\***—instead, be **\*\*controlled by the Holy Spirit\*\*** .

**\*\* (Verse 19-20) \*\*** **""Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ""**

- Spirit-filled believers:

- Worship with **\*\*songs and praises\*\*** .
- Have **\*\*thankful hearts\*\*** to God.

**\*\*(Verse 21)\*\*** **"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."**

- True humility and respect for Christ lead to **mutual submission among believers**.

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## **## 4. Marriage: Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:22-33)**

### **### The Role of Wives (v.22-24)**

**\*\*(Verse 22-24)\*\*** **"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 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. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing."**

- **Submission is not inferiority** but reflects **the Church's submission to Christ**.

- A wife's submission should be **willing and respectful**, as unto Christ.

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### **### The Role of Husbands (v.25-33)**

**\*\*(Verse 25)\*\*** **"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"**

- Husbands must **sacrificially love** their wives, just as **Christ loved the Church and died for it**.

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

- Christ **purifies the Church**—likewise, husbands should **lead their wives in holiness**.

**\*\*(Verse 28-29)\*\*** **"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"**

- A husband should care for his wife **as he cares for himself**.



**(Verse 30-31)** **"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 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."**

- Marriage reflects the **mystical union** between Christ and the Church.

**(Verse 32-33)** **"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."**

- **Marriage is a picture of Christ and the Church**.

- **Husbands must love their wives**; **wives must respect their husbands**.

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### **## Summary of Ephesians 5**

1. **Walk in Love** – Imitate Christ, reject sin.
2. **Walk in Light** – Live holy, expose darkness.
3. **Walk in Wisdom** – Redeem the time, be Spirit-filled.
4. **Christ-Centered Marriage** – Husbands love, wives respect.

This chapter calls believers to **live differently**—as children of light, filled with the Spirit, and demonstrating Christ's love in marriage.

## **### \*\*Ephesians 6 – Spiritual Warfare, Obedience, and the Armor of God\*\***

Ephesians 6 concludes Paul's letter with instructions on **obedience, spiritual warfare, and standing strong in the Lord**. This chapter emphasizes the **relationships between parents and children, masters and servants, and the believer's battle against spiritual forces**.

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### **## \*\*1. Obedience in Relationships (Ephesians 6:1-9)\*\***

#### **### \*\*Children and Parents (v.1-4)\*\***

**(Verse 1)** **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."**  
- Children must **obey their parents** because it aligns with God's order.

**(Verse 2-3)** **"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."**  
- Honoring parents is a command **with a promise**—a blessed and long life.

**(Verse 4)** **"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."**  
- Fathers must **not be harsh** but raise children in **Godly discipline and instruction**.

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#### **### \*\*Servants and Masters (v.5-9)\*\***

Paul speaks to **servants (employees) and masters (employers)**, teaching them to work with sincerity and respect.

**(Verse 5-6)** **"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; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;"**  
- Workers should **serve with sincerity**, not just when being watched.

**\*\* (Verse 7-8) \*\*** "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."

- Work **\*\*as if serving the Lord\*\***, knowing **\*\*He rewards faithfulness\*\***.

**\*\* (Verse 9) \*\*** "And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him."

- Employers should **\*\*treat workers fairly\*\***—God judges all equally.

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## **## \*\*2. The Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)\*\***

### **### \*\*The Spiritual Battle (v.10-12)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 10) \*\*** "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

- Strength comes **\*\*from God\*\***, not ourselves.

**\*\* (Verse 11) \*\*** "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

- Spiritual armor is **\*\*necessary\*\*** to resist Satan's schemes.

**\*\* (Verse 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 places."

- The real battle is **\*\*not against people\*\***, but against **\*\*demonic forces\*\*** ruling in spiritual realms.

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### **### \*\*The Full Armor of God (v.13-17)\*\***

**\*\* (Verse 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."

- We must **\*\*fully equip ourselves\*\*** to stand firm in trials.

**(Verse 14-17) The Armor Includes:**

1. **Belt of Truth** – "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,"  
- Truth holds everything together.
2. **Breastplate of Righteousness** – "and having on the breastplate of righteousness;"  
- Protects the heart; **righteous living** guards us.
3. **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace** – "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"  
- Ready to **stand firm** and share the Gospel.
4. **Shield of Faith** – "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."  
- Faith **blocks Satan's attacks** (doubts, fears).
5. **Helmet of Salvation** – "And take the helmet of salvation,"  
- **Assurance of salvation** protects our minds.
6. **Sword of the Spirit (God's Word)** – "and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"  
- The **only offensive weapon**—use Scripture **against the enemy**.

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### **### The Power of Prayer (v.18-20)**

**(Verse 18)** "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"  
- **Prayer is essential**—pray **constantly** and for others.

**(Verse 19-20)** "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, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."  
- Paul asks for **boldness to preach**, even while imprisoned.

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### **## \*\*3. Final Greetings (Ephesians 6:21-24)\*\***

Paul concludes with **personal words about Tychicus**, who will deliver this letter and encourage them.

**(Verse 23-24)** **"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."**

- **Paul's blessing**: Peace, love, and grace for all **who love Christ sincerely**.

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### **## \*\*Summary of Ephesians 6**

1. **Obedience in Relationships** – Children obey parents, workers serve honestly.
2. **The Spiritual Battle** – Our enemy is **spiritual**, not physical.
3. **The Armor of God** – Truth, righteousness, faith, and God's Word protect us.
4. **The Power of Prayer** – Essential for spiritual strength.

This chapter reminds believers to **stand firm in Christ**, using His armor to **resist the enemy** and live victoriously.