

The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through *the* will of God, to the saints that are ¹at Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: **2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed *be* ²the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ: **4** even as he chose us in him before *the* foundation of *the* world, that we should be holy and without blemish before ³him: **5** having in love foreordained us unto *the* ⁴placement as sons through Jesus Christ unto *himself*, according to the good pleasure of his will, **6** to *the* praise of *the* glory of his grace, ⁵which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved: **7** in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** ⁶which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **9** making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him **10** unto a ⁷stewardship of the fulness of the ⁸times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things ⁹in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, *I say*, **11** in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to *the* ¹⁰purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will; **12** to the end that we should be unto *the* praise of his glory, we who ¹¹had before hoped in Christ: **13** in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the ¹²gospel of your salvation, – in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit ¹³of promise, **14** ¹⁴which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto *the* redemption of *God's* own possession, unto *the* praise of his glory.

¹ So A 33 81 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. But p⁴⁶ N*B* 1739 almost alone omit at Ephesus

² Or, God and the Father See Ro 15:6 margin.

³ Or, him in love: having foreordained us

⁴ See marginal note on Ga 4:5.

⁵ Or, wherewith he endued us

⁶ Or, wherewith he abounded

⁷ Or, dispensation

⁸ Gk. seasons,

⁹ Gk. upon

¹⁰ Or, plan or, declaration Also in ch. 3:11; Ro 8:28, 9:11; 2Tm 1:9, 3:10.

¹¹ Or, have

¹² Gk. good tidings See marginal note on Mt 4:23.

¹³ Or, of the promise covenant,

¹⁴ So p⁴⁶ BA 1739 81 1175. N 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read who

15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is ¹⁵among you, and ¹⁶which ye *show* toward all the saints, **16** cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of *you* in my prayers; **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in *the* knowledge of him; **18** having the eyes of ¹⁷your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19** and what the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the power of his strength **20** which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from *the* dead, and made *him* to sit at his right *hand* in the heavenly *places*, **21** far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this ¹⁸age, but also in that which is to come: **22** and he put all *things* in subjection under his feet, and gave him *to be* head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2 And you *did he make alive*, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, **2** wherein ye once walked according to the ¹⁹course of this world, according to the prince of the ²⁰powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; **3** among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the ²¹mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest: – **4** but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made *us* alive together ²²with Christ (²³by grace have ye been saved), **6** and raised us up with him, and made *us* to sit with him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus: **7** that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace

¹⁵ Or, in

¹⁶ So p⁴⁶ N*BA 1739 33. ((81)) (D*) and most lesser Gk. mss., arm vg add the love Compare Col 1:4.

¹⁷ So NA 81 and the majority of mss., cop^{sa,bo,fay} vg.

But p⁴⁶ B 1739 33 1175 arm read the heart

¹⁸ Or, world,

¹⁹ Gk. age

²⁰ Gk. authority

²¹ Gk. thoughts,

²² So NA 1739 81 1175 most, vg. p⁴⁶ B 33 cop^{sa,bo} arm read in Christ

²³ So p⁴⁶ NBA 1739 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. 256 cop^{sa,(bo)} arm read for by grace G reads not by grace

in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: 8 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not of works, that no man should glory. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that once ye, the Gentiles in *the* flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in *the* flesh, made by hands; 12 that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, 15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; that he might create in *himself* of the two one new man, *so* making peace; 16 and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 and he came and ²⁴preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh: 18 for through him we both have our access in one spirit unto the Father. 19 So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of *the* household of God, 20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus *himself* being *the chief* corner stone; 21 in whom ²⁵each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy ²⁶temple in *the* Lord; 22 in whom ye also are builded together ²⁷for a habitation of God in *the* spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles, – 2 if so be that ye have heard of the ²⁸stewardship of that grace of God which was given me for you; 3 how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4 whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in *the* Spirit; 6 *to wit*, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of *the* body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the ²⁹gospel, 7 whereof I became a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God

²⁴ *Gk.* brought good tidings of peace. *Comp.* Mt 11:5.

²⁵ *Or,* all *the* building *Gk.* every building

²⁶ *Or,* sanctuary

²⁷ *Gk.* into

²⁸ *Or,* dispensation *And in vs.* 9.

²⁹ *Gk.* good tidings, *See* Mt 4:23 margin.

which was given me according to the working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am ³⁰less than *the* least of all saints, was this grace given, to ³¹preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 and to ³²make all *men* see what *is* the stewardship of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all *things*; 10 to the intent that now unto the principalities and the ³³powers in the heavenly *places* might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 according to *the* ³⁴purpose of the ages which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through ³⁵*our* faith in him. 13 Wherefore I ask that ³⁶*ye* may not faint at my tribulations for you, which ³⁷are ³⁸*your* glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the ³⁹Father, 15 from whom every ⁴⁰family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to *the* end that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what *is* the breadth, and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, ⁴¹that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

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, 21 unto him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto ⁴²all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

³⁰ *Gk.* the leaster of all saints, *See footnote in* Marshall's diaglott.

³¹ *Gk.* bring good tidings unto the Gentiles of the *etc.* *Cf.* ch. 2:17.

³² *So* p⁴⁶BC 33 81 *and the majority of lesser Gk. mss.,* cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. *ℵ**A 1739 1881 *read* bring to light what *is* the dispensation

³³ *Gk.* authorities

³⁴ *Or,* eternal purpose which he made *etc.* *or,* plan of the ages which he planned

³⁵ *Or,* the faith of him.

³⁶ *Or,* I may not

³⁷ *Or,* is

³⁸ *So* *ℵ*B 1175 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.,* cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶C 1739 33 81 *read* our glory.

³⁹ *So* p⁴⁶ℵ*BCA 1739 33 81 cop^{sa,bo}. 1881 *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.,* arm vg *read* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴⁰ *Gk.* fatherhood

⁴¹ *So* *ℵ*CA 1739 (81) *and most Gk. mss.,* cop^{bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶B (33) 1175 cop^{sa} *almost alone read* that all the fulness of God might be fulfilled.

⁴² *Gk.* all the generations of the age of the ages.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in *the* Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, 2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who *is* over all, and through all, and ⁴³in all. 7 But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith,

⁴⁴When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, ⁴⁵He gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also ⁴⁶descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all *things*.) 11 And he gave some *to be* apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 for the perfecting of the saints, unto *the* work of ministering unto *the* building up of the body of Christ: 13 till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the *full* knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto *the* measure of *the* stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; 15 but ⁴⁷speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, *even* Christ; 16 from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together ⁴⁸through that which every joint supplieth, according to *the* working in *due* measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto *the* building up of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in *the* Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in *the* vanity of their mind, 18 being darkened in *their* understanding, alienated *from* the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; 19 who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, ⁴⁹to work all uncleanness with ⁵⁰greediness. 20 But ye did not so

⁴³ So p⁴⁶ SBCA 1739 33 81 cop^{sa,bo}. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read in you all.

⁴⁴ Ps 68:18.

⁴⁵ So p⁴⁶ S*A 33 cop^{sa,bo} vg. BC* 1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read And he

⁴⁶ So p⁴⁶ S*C*A I^{vid} 1739 33 81 cop^{bo}. B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read descended first

⁴⁷ Or, dealing truly

⁴⁸ Gk. through every joint of the supply,

⁴⁹ Or, to make a trade of

⁵⁰ Or, covetousness. Compare ch. 5:3; Col 3:5.

learn Christ; 21 if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: 22 that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; 23 and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new man, ⁵¹that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Wherefore, putting away ⁵²falsehood, ⁵³speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. 26 ⁵⁴Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your ⁵⁵wrath: 27 neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his* ⁵⁶own hands the thing *that is* good, that he may have *whereof* to give to him that hath need. 29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for ⁵⁷edifying as the need *may be*, that it may give grace to them that hear. 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in which ye were sealed unto a day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave ⁵⁸you.

5 Be ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, even as Christ also ⁵⁹loved us, and gave himself up ⁶⁰for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; 4 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them; 8 for ye were once darkness, but *are* now light in *the* Lord: walk as

⁵¹ Or, that is after God, created *etc*.

⁵² Gk. the lie,

⁵³ Zec 8:16.

⁵⁴ Ps 4:4.

⁵⁵ Gk. provocation:

⁵⁶ So S*A 81 and several others, (cop^{bo}) arm.

p^{46,49}vid B vg read his hands

⁵⁷ Gk. the building up of the need,

⁵⁸ So p⁴⁶ S*A 81 cop^{sa,bo}. But p⁴⁹B 1739 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read us.

⁵⁹ So p⁴⁶ 1739 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg. But S*BA 81 cop^{sa,bo} read loved you,

⁶⁰ B 1175 cop^{sa,bo} almost alone read for you,

children of light 9 (for the fruit of the ⁶¹light *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord; 11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even ⁶²reprove *them*; 12 for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of. 13 But all things when they are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light. 14 Wherefore *he* saith, ⁶³Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

15 Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 16 ⁶⁴redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. 18 And be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled ⁶⁵with *the* Spirit; 19 speaking ⁶⁶one to another in psalms and hymns and ⁶⁷spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ to ⁶⁸God, even *the* Father; 21 subjecting yourselves one to another in *the* fear of Christ.

22 ⁶⁹Let the wives submit themselves unto *their* own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For *the* husband is *the* head of the wife, as Christ also *is* *the* head of the church, *being* himself saviour of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, ⁷⁰so *let* the wives also *be* to *their* husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love *your* wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; 26 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed *it* by the ⁷¹washing of water with *the* word, 27 that he might present the church to himself a glorious *church*, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: 29 for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the

church; 30 because we are members of his ⁷²body. 31 ⁷³For this *cause* shall a man leave *his* father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church. 33 Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see* that she ⁷⁴respect *her* husband.

6 Children, obey your parents ⁷⁵in *the* Lord: for this is right. 2 ⁷⁶Honor thy father and mother (which is *the* first commandment with promise), 3 that it may be well with thee, and thou ⁷⁷mayest live long on the ⁷⁸earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in *the* chastening and admonition of *the* Lord.

5 ⁷⁹Servants, be obedient unto them that according to *the* flesh are *your* ⁸⁰masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 not in *the* way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as ⁸¹servants of Christ, doing the will of God from *the* ⁸²heart; 7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men: 8 knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall he receive again from *the* Lord, whether *he* be bond or free. 9 And, ye ⁸³masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening: knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and *there* is no respect of persons with him.

10 Finally, ⁸⁴have power in *the* Lord, and in the might of his strength. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For ⁸⁵our wrestling is not against ⁸⁶flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

⁶¹ So p⁴⁹ SBA 1739 33 81 1175 cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶ 0150 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Spirit

⁶² Or, convict Similarly in vs. 13.

⁶³ Is 60:1?. Compare 1Tm 3:16.

⁶⁴ Gk. buying up the opportunity,

⁶⁵ Or, in spirit;

⁶⁶ Or, to yourselves

⁶⁷ p⁴⁶B almost alone omit spiritual

⁶⁸ Gk. the God and Father;

⁶⁹ So SA I 1739 33 81 (cop) arm vg. p⁴⁶B alone read Wives submitting themselves unto D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Wives, submit yourselves unto

⁷⁰ Or, so are the wives also

⁷¹ Gk. laver of water

⁷² So p⁴⁶ S*BA 048 1739* 33 81 cop^{sa,bo}. 1175 D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read body, of his flesh and of his bones.

⁷³ Ge 2:24.

⁷⁴ Or, fear

⁷⁵ So p⁴⁶ SA 1739 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{sa,bo} arm vg. B D*G omit in the Lord.

⁷⁶ Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16.

⁷⁷ Or, shalt

⁷⁸ Or, land.

⁷⁹ Gk. Bondservants

⁸⁰ Gk. lords,

⁸¹ Gk. bondservants

⁸² Gk. soul;

⁸³ Gk. lords,

⁸⁴ Gk. be made powerful

⁸⁵ So SA I 1739 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{bo} arm vg. p⁴⁶B 81 1175 D* read your

⁸⁶ Gk. blood and flesh,

13 Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the ⁸⁷gospel of peace; 16 withal taking up the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil *one*. 17 And take ye the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, ⁸⁸which *spirit* is ⁸⁹*the* word of God: 18 with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in *the* spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, 19 and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me ⁹⁰in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery ⁹¹of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that ⁹²in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in *the* Lord, shall make known to you all *things*: 22 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and *that* he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ ⁹³in incorruption.⁹⁴

End of the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians

⁸⁷ *Gk.* good tidings *Also in* vs. 19. *See marginal note on* Mt 4:23.

⁸⁸ *The pronoun refers to the neuter spirit, not sword. See footnote in Marshall's diaglott.*

⁸⁹ *Gk.* an utterance (*rema*, *not* *logos*)

⁹⁰ *Or,* in opening my mouth with boldness, to make known the mystery

⁹¹ B G *almost alone omit* of the gospel

⁹² *So* (S)A I 33 81 *and the majority of lesser Gk. mss.,* (cop^{sa,bo,fay}) arm vg. p⁴⁶B 1739 1881 *virtually alone read* of it [= of *the* gospel]

⁹³ *Or,* with a love incorruptible. *Compare* Ro 2:7.

⁹⁴ *So* p⁴⁶N*BA 1739* 33 81 1175 cop^{sa,fay}. D *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm add* Amen.