

Epistle to the Ephesians



2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

The books of Romans, Ephesians, and Thessalonians are doctrine for the Body of Christ, The Church of God:

Romans pertains to the evolution of the Church from Judaism, (chapters 9, 10, and 11 especially).

Thessalonians pertains to the "Blessed Hope" that all of the Church would be resurrected or Raptured into an eternal fellowship with Christ

Ephesians pertains to the Gentiles being fellow heirs to the promises of God (a tough sell to the Jews)

The apostle Paul wrote Ephesians to the churches around Ephesus (Acts 19) to display the scope of God's eternal plan for all humanity—for Jews and Gentiles alike. This is the mystery of God, hidden for ages but now made known in Jesus Christ. The first three chapters focus on what Christians should believe, unfolding the glorious riches of God's grace in Christ. Dead sinners are made alive and gain eternal salvation “by grace ... through faith” (2:8). The last three chapters explain the implications of God's grace for the church, for individuals, and for families. This second section comes to a climax with a command to stand with the armor of God against the devil. Paul wrote this letter while in prison, probably in Rome about A.D. 60.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: [to the believers – Jew and Gentile, then and now.]

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

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: [In God's omnipotent, omniscient perspective, the people who will choose to serve HIM are already in the heavenly realm. Watch the past tense references. It's like knowing you have won the lottery award, but you are still on your way to the ceremony to pick it up.]

Eph 1:4 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:

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Col 1:20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Col 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

Col 1:22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Col 1:23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he [Jesus] might be the firstborn among many

brothers. [the Raptured, the Resurrected, and the 144,000, [Rev 20:4]- all Church Age believers, all sealed with the Holy Spirit.]

Rom 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

[Not to be confused with fate, which has a negative connotation.]

[Num_16:29, Psa_81:15 , Jer_49:20, Jer_50:45, Lam_3:51 [death]

We have freewill to choose to serve God or not....but...

God knows all things throughout all time;

Therefore; He foreknows who will choose HIM, by their own free will.

Those who will choose HIM, He predestines [blesses along the way] to come into the image of HIS image, Christ Jesus, which is your calling [includes the receiving the Holy Spirit] This is Justification [separation from the penalty of sin (death) ; Sanctification [separation from the power of sin (temptation) ; and Glorification [separation from the presence of sin [eternal life in HIS presence]

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. [Jesus]

Lev 1:3 "If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD. [Jesus as the Passover lamb]

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [which is] the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Heb 9:11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent [Temple of God in heaven] (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

Heb 9:12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Heb 9:15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, [evidenced by the Holy Spirit] since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. [a Legal transaction, necessitated by the transfer of allegiance, perpetuated by Adam, and concerning the ownership and occupation of the property,

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure

which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation 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:

Isa 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

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

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, **[God]** after that **[when]** ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:

1Co 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1Co 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; **[Justification]** and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation **[Sanctification]**

in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit** of promise,

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Apostle Peter said;

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **[Joel 2:28>:32]**

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood [6th Seal, Rev 6:] before that great and notable day of the Lord come: [Rev 19:]

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. [John 3:14 >:18, Rev 20:4]

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest [guarantee] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. [Sanctification=set apart]

[? How do we know we have the Holy Spirit?]

[First – believe the promise. Then understand the manifestations of the Spirit]

1Co 12:7 To each [person] is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good**.

[Everyone gets the same, whole package]

1Co 12:8 For to one [manifestation] is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another [manifestation] the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another [manifestation] faith by the same Spirit, to another [manifestation] gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1Co 12:10 to another [manifestation] the working of miracles, to another [manifestation] prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another [manifestation] various kinds of tongues, to another [manifestation] the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 All these [manifestations] are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apports to each one [believer] individually as he [each believer] wills. [it's like money in the bank; there when you need it, but dormant until you do something with it]

[Then realize that there are also “fruits (tangible results) of the Spirit”]

Joh 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. [see Eph 1:3 >:5, above]

Joh 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. [The results of manifesting the Spirit are your proof]

Mat 7:20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

Gal 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [loyal believing]

Gal 5:23 gentleness, [and] self-control; against such things there is no law. [anywhere]
[The way your life reflects these attributes is the performance evaluation of your relationship with God, through Christ's redeeming grace, with the Holy Spirit.]

Eph 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [the gift of Holy Spirit causing:]

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, [Eternal life] and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance [the Fruit of the Spirit] in the saints,

Eph 1:19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [the manifestations of the Spirit]

Joh 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Joh 14:13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Eph 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, [spiritual entities] and every name that is named, [earthly] not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, [The union of Jews and Gentiles together in believing loyalty to Christ Jesus]

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation [lifestyle] 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.

[So what are the desires of the flesh?]

Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [spiritually- Satan interfering with your walk with God]

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident:

<u>KJV</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>ESV</u>
Adultery	Moicheia	forbidden sex, incest, etc	Sexual immorality,
Fornication	Porneia	wrong sex, promiscuity	Impurity
Uncleanness	Akatharsia	lustful, wasteful, profligate living	
Lasciviousness,	Aselgeia	filthy wantonness, shameless	Sensuality
Idolatry	Eidololatreia	worship of false gods, coveting	Idolatry
Witchcraft	Pharmakeia	drugs, poison, magic, alchemy	Sorcery
Hatred	Echthra	extreme dislike, ill-will	Enmity
Variance	Eris	contention, wrangling, quarrel	Strife
Emulations	Zelos	ferveat contentious rivalry	Jealousy
Wrath	Thumos	passionate, indignant, anger	Fits of anger
Strife	Eritheia	courting self-distinction, office	Rivalries
Seditious	Dichostasia	disunion, division	Dissensions
Envyings,	Phthonos	jealousy (spite), covetousness	Envy
Heresies	Hairesis	following your own tenets	
Drunkenness	Methe	intoxication, escapism	Drunkenness
Murders	Phonos	slaughter, causing death	
Revellings,	Komos	feasts/drinking parties	Orgies

Gal 5:21 ... and things like these. [this list is representative, not comprehensive] I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

[Self-indulgence is the common denominator in this list. Compare it to the Fruit of the Spirit]

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [the Church]

Rom 1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith, for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." [Hab 2:4]

Gal 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

Joh 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

[It really is that simple; all we are asked to do is accept it.]

Eph 2:6 And hath [past tense] raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [Already, but not yet completed]

Eph_2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [to the angels, and to men]

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. [works count after salvation -crowns]

Mic 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Eph 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; [Jews]

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, [Abraham/David] having no hope, and without God in the world: [ever since the Tower of Babel Gen 11:]

Gen 11:7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”

Gen 11:8 So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. [These are the principalities and powers that we wrestle against]

Psa 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. God ['**elohiym** =THE spiritual entity (in context)] has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods

['**elohiym**=spiritual entities] he holds judgment: [they have gone astray]

Psa 82:2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Psa 82:3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psa 82:4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

Psa 82:5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Psa 82:6 I said, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

Psa 82:7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince.”

Psa 82:8 Arise, O god, judge the earth; for you shall inherit all the nations!

Deu 32:9 But the LORD's [YHWH, **Yahovah** the proper name of the one true God] portion is his people, Jacob [Israel] his allotted heritage.

Deu 7:6 “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

[This why the Jews were having trouble accepting Gentiles as co-believers]

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. [Isa 54:>]

Eph 2:14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; [Jews and Gentiles]

Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain [two] one new man, *so* making peace;

Eph 2:16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Eph 2:17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye [Gentiles] are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, [Eph 1:10 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:]

Act 22:17 “When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Christ [Paul] who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.

2Co 12:3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise —whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

2Co 12:4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ.

Eph 3:5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; [The Church is not explicitly foretold]

1Co 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” —

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

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

Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: [and]

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known, by the church, the manifold wisdom of God,

[the angels learn about God by watching HIS interaction with mankind]

1Pe 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully,

1Pe 1:11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. [Isa 52:16>:54>]

1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Luk 15:10 Just so, I [Jesus] tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Eph 1:10 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:

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Eph 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

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

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

Eph 3:15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, [We are Sons of God]

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [4 dimensions - depth is **bathos** = extent (can be used of time)]

[We didn't think of time as a dimension until after Einstein]

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [Now that's a promise to be claimed!]

Eph 3:21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

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

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace [Holy Spirit] according to the measure of the gift of Christ. [We have the same Holy Spirit as Jesus does]

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, [brought freedom] and gave gifts unto men.

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

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

1Pe 3:19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

1Pe 3:20 because they formerly did not obey, [Gen 6:] when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

Only here in New Testament. From Τάρταρος, Tartarus. It is strange to find Peter using this Pagan term, which represents the Greek hell, though treated here not as equivalent to Gehenna, but as the place of detention until the judgment. [FB Meyer]

2Pe 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; [Christ preached to the angels in chains, they were supposed to watch and learn not participate and corrupt.]

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) [Acts1:1>:11]

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [these jobs are responsible directly to Christ; that's why he hates the Nicolaitans, Rev2:6 (elevation of the clergy)]

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying [strengthening, building up] of the body of Christ: [their job description]

Eph 4:13 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:

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, [at the Rapture,] we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [7 Letters to 7 Churches]

[Paul warned the Ephesians about this]

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Act 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. [Comparing]

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Eph 4:16 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.

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity [emptiness] of their mind,

Eph 4:18 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:

Eph 4:19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. [it's all the selfishness your grandma told you not to be]

Eph 4:20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [ambiotic fluid] and of the Spirit, [Sanctification] he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [You have to be alive and willing to accept Christ as your savior Rom 10:9>:10]

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

[1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are **we** the sons of God,...]

[What is expected of the "Born Again" Christian]

Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

Eph 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, [building up] that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. [Eph1:13>:14]

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

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

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Eph 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Eph 5:5 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.

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

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

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2Co 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Eph 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) [Gal 5:22>:23]

Eph 5:10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [admonish] *them*.

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

Eph 5:13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

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

[Isa 60:1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.]

Mal 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Rom 13:11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, [lack of self-control] fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, [rash] highminded, [proud] lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly [helpless] women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, [Gen 7:11>:12] so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

Psa 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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

[Advice concerning Christian relationships in the light of Christ and his church]

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Hupotasso=a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of [responsible for] the wife, even as [and responsible to] Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

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

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love [Agapao=as God loves] your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; [be willing to die for her]

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. [extreme care for]

Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Eph 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eph 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

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

[Ever since Adam a good marriage is a prototype for the church's relationship with Christ,]

[That's why worshiping false gods is portrayed as sexual immorality [Hosea, Rev 18:>]

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

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Eph 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

Sirach 3:1 Hear me your father, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe.

Sir 3:2 For the Lord hath given the father honour over the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother over the sons.

Sir 3:3 Whoso honoureth his father maketh an atonement for his sins:

Sir 3:4 And he that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up treasure.

Sir 3:5 Whoso honoureth his father shall have joy of his own children; and when he maketh his prayer, he shall be heard.

Sir 3:6 He that honoureth his father shall have a long life; and he that is obedient unto the Lord shall be a comfort to his mother.

Sir 3:7 He that feareth the Lord will honour his father, and will do service unto his parents, as to his masters.

Sir 3:8 Honour thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them.

Sir 3:9 For the blessing of the father establisheth the houses of children; but the curse of the mother rooteth out foundations.

Sir 3:10 Glory not in the dishonour of thy father; for thy father's dishonour is no glory unto thee.

Sir 3:11 For the glory of a man is from the honour of his father; and a mother in dishonour is a reproach to the children.

Sir 3:12 My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve him not as long as he liveth.

Sir 3:13 And if his understanding fail, have patience with him; and despise him not when thou art in thy full strength.

Sir 3:14 For the relieving of thy father shall not be forgotten: and instead of sins it shall be added to build thee up.

Sir 3:15 In the day of thine affliction it shall be remembered; thy sins also shall melt away, as the ice in the fair warm weather.

Sir 3:16 He that forsaketh his father is as a blasphemer; and he that angereth his mother is cursed: of God.

Eph 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Eph 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

Eph 6:6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Eph 6:7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

Eph 6:8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.

Eph 6:9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

[How to overcome the world;]

1Jn 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

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

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,

against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Rev 3:15 "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! [the religious hypocrisy of the Church of Laodecia]

Rev 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [defensive armament]

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [offensive, long range, munitions]

Php 1:28 And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

Eph 6:22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might comfort your hearts.

Eph 6:23 Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:24 Grace *be* with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus.

[Paul's secretary, Paul had eye problems, and was in prison]