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The Epistle to the E P H E S I A N S CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION. The establishment of the church at Ephesus is recorded in Acts 18:18-28 and Acts 19. This epistle was written by the apostle Paul about A. D. 62 while awaiting trial, a prisoner in Rome. (See Ephesians 3:1; 6:20.) This church was also addressed in the Revelation epistle to the seven churches of Asia (specific remarks in 2:1-8). The theme of this epistle is UNITY (Ephesians 4:4-6) "the unity of the spirit"; (Ephesians 1:10) "gather together in one all things in Christ"; (Ephesians 2:16) "in one body" which is the church.

Asia Minor
Capital of Asia
Sardis
of Antioch
(Dionys)
Bodice of Festivity

I. SALUTATION. (1:1-2.)

1. Apostle = one sent, a chosen ambassador, "by the will of God". None are on the earth today. (See Acts 1:21-22.)
2. Saints = those faithful in Christ. (See Philippians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2.)
3. Grace (favor) and peace (tranquility) from God and Christ.

Paul in Ephesus in 2nd & 3rd journey
PAUL IN EPH.
3 YRS
TIME BETWEEN LAST VISIT & LETTER 5 YRS

Appollo
Priscilla
Aquila
Chap 1-3 Doctrine
4-6 Practical

II. GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE CENTERS IN CHRIST. (1:3-14.)

1. "...all spiritual blessings . . . in Christ." (1:3.)
 - a. Discuss meaning of "spiritual blessings".
 - b. "in heavenly places" = the church. (2:6; Revelation 1:6.)
 - c. "in Christ". (1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12:13.)
2. God chose us "in him" (in Christ). (1:4.)
 - a. Cannot separate choosing from relationship, "IN HIM".
 - b. SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS IS THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE BIBLE!
3. Adopted as sons (1:5). (See 1 John 3:1.)
4. The grace of God made us "accepted in the beloved" (1:6; Titus 2:11-14).
5. Redemption/forgiveness through his blood (1:7; Revelation 1:5).
6. Wisdom (spiritual insight) and prudence (practical knowledge) given (1:8).
7. God's purpose: to sum up all things in Christ and make us a heritage (1:9-14).
 - a. "Having made known" -- revelation and purpose (1:9).
 - b. "...gather together in one all things in Christ" (1:10). UNITY in purpose, revelation and application of these.
 - c. "...made a heritage" (1:11, ASV). (See 1 Peter 5:3.)
 - 1) "We" (Jews) [1:12] and "Ye" (Gentiles) [1:13] are an heritage to God (God's purchased possession). (See 1 Peter 2:9. Compare to Exodus 19:5-6 and Revelation 1:6.)
 - 2) Purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28; Titus 2:14).
 - d. "...to the praise of his glory" (1:12).
 - e. "...ye were sealed" (1:13).
 - f. The Holy Spirit is "the earnest of our inheritance" (1:14).

UNITY IS CENTRAL THEME

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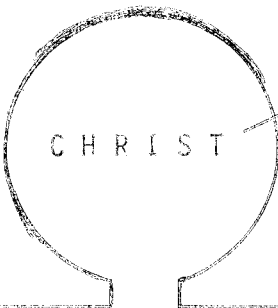
III. PAUL'S PRAYER. (1:15-23.)

1. That they might have knowledge of God's will, wisdom and spiritual understanding. (Colossians 1:9-10.) *ESP. SINCE THEY DID NOT HAVE BIBLE EXCEPT THIS LETTER*
2. That they might recognize:
 - a. The hope of his calling (1:18).
 - b. The riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints (1:18).
 - c. The greatness of God's power (1:19).
3. That they might see that the power of God was manifested in Christ.
 - a. God raised Christ from the dead (1:20).
 - b. God exalted Christ (1:20-23).
 - 1) Gave Christ all power or authority (Matthew 28:18).
 - 2) His name above every name. (Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 4:10-12.)
 - 3) "...the head over all things to the church, which is his body" (1:22-23).

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THE HEAD

Ephesians 1:22,23

The church is THE BODY

ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

I N C H R I S T

1:3

- 4 Chosen
- 5 Adopted
- 6 Accepted
- 7 Redemption, forgiveness
- 8 Wisdom and prudence
- 9 Having made known
- 10 Together in one all things
- 11 A heritage
- 12 To the praise of his glory
- 13 Ye were sealed
- 14 The earnest of our inheritance

- 2:1 Quickened (made alive)
- 2:13 Made nigh
- 2:16 Reconciled
- 2:18 Access unto the Father

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 New creature
- Colossians 2:10 Complete
- 2 Timothy 2:10 Salvation
- Romans 8:1 No condemnation
- 1 John 5:11 Eternal life
- 2 Corinthians 1:20 All the promises

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ETERNAL PURPOSE

I N C H R I S T

BELIEVE - REPENT - CONFESS

Mark 16:16 - Acts 2:38 - Romans 10:10

WERE BAPTIZED INTO
Galatians 3:27
(NASB)

UNITY
OF PURPOSE
AND REVELATION

I. THE FORMER CONDITION OF THE CHRISTIANS AT EPHESUS. (2:1-3.)

1. They were "dead". (See James 2:26; Luke 15:24; Isaiah 59:1-2.)
2. They were controlled by three forces:
 - a. "The world." (See 1 John 2:15-17; Romans 12:2; James 4:4.)
 - b. "The flesh." (See Galatians 5:19-21.)
 - c. The devil, "the prince of the power of the air". (2 Corinthians 4:4; John 8:44.)
3. They were "by nature the children of wrath."
 - a. Not born that way -- acquired nature. (James 3:9; Hebrews 12:9; Acts 17:29.)
 - b. Their OWN SINS (2:1,2,3 & 5), practiced habitually [and hence a part of their nature], are the consideration.
 - c. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23.)
 - 1) But sin is not the nature of man. (Ecclesiastes 7:29.)
 - 2) Man bears the guilt of his own sins -- not guilt of others. (Ezekiel 18:19-23.)
EZEKIAL 28:15
 - 3) Man can walk in the light of God's word. (Philippians 4:13; 1 John 1:7.)

II. GOD'S LOVE, MERCY, GRACE AND KINDNESS EXTENDED TO MAN. (2:4-7.)

1. They were "dead in sins" but are NOW "made alive with Christ." (Romans 6:3-8; Colossians 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17.)
2. Man is made "free from sin" only when he has "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine." (Romans 6:17-18.)

III. SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH. (2:8-9.)1. NOT BY GRACE ONLY -- THROUGH FAITH.BOTH REQUIRED:GOD'S PARTMAN'S PART

- a. God's grace is extended to all mankind. His grace teaches us to act righteously, according to his will. (Titus 2:11-14.)
- b. Man must have faith in order to receive God's grace, the kind of faith which causes obedience to God (Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:21; James 2:19).
2. Obedience does not nullify grace (Joshua 6:2-6,20), it shows faith (James 2:18).
3. GOD EXTENDS HIS GRACE -- MAN MUST REACH OUT AND ACCEPT IT -- OBEY BY FAITH.

IV. WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP. (2:10.)

1. Man is not saved by works alone. (Matthew 7:21-23.)
2. We are new creatures in Christ to do good works which glorify God.
 - a. Not to do the works of the Old Law (Galatians 2:16).
 - b. Not to do the works of man's righteousness (Romans 10:1-2; Titus 3:5).
 - c. We are to do GOOD WORKS. Good works are those activities commanded and/or approved by God (James 2:24; Hebrews 5:9) in His word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

V. PRESENT CONDITION VERSUS FORMER CONDITION. (2:11-18.)

1. FORMER: without Christ, aliens, strangers, no hope, without God. [Their condition was that of most gentiles. See also Romans 1:20-32.]
2. PRESENT: in Christ, made nigh, fellow-citizens, of the household, of the temple, reconciled to God. "He is our peace." (Colossians 2:14.)

VI. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ONE BODY. (2:19-22.)

1. FELLOW-CITIZENS, SAME FAMILY, SAME TEMPLE. Unanimity -- unit -- sharing.

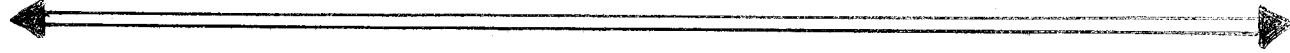
* 310-2 * 2. FOUNDATION = JESUS CHRIST; laid by the apostles. (2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11.)

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CHAPTER TWO

T H E N N O W



CHILDREN OF WRATH
SEPARATED
ALIENS
STRANGERS

I N C H R I S T
NEW LIFE
SINS FORGIVEN
MADE HIGH BY BLOOD
RECONCILED

D E A D *BAPTISM* R A I S E D A L I V E

WITHOUT GOD
WITHOUT HOPE

O N E
BODY -- TEMPLE -- HOUSE

BY GRACE (GOD'S PART) *OF SELF*
THROUGH FAITH (MAN'S PART) *NOT*
OF WORKS

[OBEY BY FAITH -- RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE]

FELLOWCITIZENS IN THE KINGDOM.
CHRIST IS KING -- SAVED ARE SUBJECTS
CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY.
GOD IS FATHER -- OBEDIENT CHILDREN
STONES IN THE BUILDING/TEMPLE OF GOD
JESUS IS FOUNDATION; APOSTLES LAID

I. PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST. (3:1-2.)

1. At Rome. (See Acts 21:28-29; 22:21-22; 24:5-6,13.) "For this cause."
2. "If ye have heard" does not suggest doubt. (See Acts 20:20,27.)

II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST. (3:3-8a.)

1. "Mystery" means the "hidden things of God". (Example: Matthew 16:16-17.)
2. Things previously hidden of God's will have been revealed so that WE CAN UNDERSTAND. (3:3-5; 5:17; 1 Corinthians 2:6-13.)
3. The particular mystery revealed here is inclusion of the gentiles. (3:6. Note also Acts 10:34-35; Galatians 3:27-29.)
4. Paul's humility. (3:7-8. See 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:13-16.)

III. THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD. (3:8b-13.) Summed up in the following:

1. JESUS CHRIST as a sufficient Saviour. (5:23; Luke 2:11.)
 - a. God purposed to bring salvation near. (Isaiah 46:11-13.)
 - b. To bring all things together in heaven and on earth in Christ.
 - c. God accomplished his purpose for man's redemption in Christ (3:11): all spiritual blessings; holy, godly people; all of God's children; all of the redeemed (sins forgiven); knowledge, wisdom, prudence; a heritage of God and an everlasting inheritance for the saints.
2. The GOSPEL as a sufficient revelation. (2 Timothy 3:16-17.)
3. The CHURCH as a sufficient relationship in which to serve God and receive his blessings. (1:1-14; 3:10,21; 1 John 1:3,6-7.) Jesus will save the body which is the church (5:23). Must be in the body or church in order to be saved. Always in God's Eternal Purpose.

IV. THE FAMILY OF GOD. (3:14-21.)

1. The church is the whole family of God. (1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6.)
 - a. Adopted as children (1:5); made a part of the household (2:19).
 - b. Galatians 3:26-27 tells how. [Salvation is IN CHRIST (Acts 4:12).]
2. Paul prays for God's family that:
 - a. They may be "strengthened . . . in the inner man." (3:16.)
 - b. "Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith." (3:17a.)
 - c. They be "rooted and grounded in love." (3:17b.)
 - d. They might "comprehend" every dimension of the unmeasureable "love of Christ" and thus "be filled with all the fulness of God." (3:18-19.)
Note also John 3:16 and compare to the ideas here.
3. God is able to do far more than we ask or think. (3:20. James 1:5-8; 4:2-3; 5:15-18; Matthew 7:7-8.)
4. CHRIST IS GOD'S ANOINTED, the one God purposed to send into the world for the redemption of mankind and for the reconciliation of man to himself by the blood of Christ. All things have been brought together IN CHRIST! BY CHRIST sinners are reconciled to God in one body [the church] according to his eternal purpose. The church therefore is the perpetual manifestation of the wisdom of God. To discredit, minimize, modify, or otherwise speak or stand against the church as God gave it is to discredit, minimize, and speak and stand against the wisdom of God. THE CHURCH GLORIFIES GOD:
 - a. By following the revelation of God in every detail. (Hebrews 8:5.)
 - 1) In worship and service to God. (John 4:23-24; Matthew 7:21.)
 - 2) In organization and work.
 - b. As it works the plan of God and thereby manifests the overwhelming character of God, including: love, mercy, wisdom, justice, patience, etc.

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CHAPTER THREE

T H E E T E R N A L P U R P O S E O F G O D

- 1. A SUFFICIENT SAVIOUR ——— C H R I S T
- 2. A SUFFICIENT REVELATION ——— G O S P E L
- 3. A SUFFICIENT RELATIONSHIP — C H U R C H

EPHESIANS 3:18

G O D ' S L O V E

JOHN 3:16

- 1. L E N G T H ——— GOD SO LOVED ——— GAVE SON,
- 2. B R E A D T H ——— W H O S O E V E R ———
- 3. D E P T H ——— SHOULD NOT PERISH ———
- 4. H E I G H T ——— E V E R L A S T I N G L I F E

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MEMBERS OF BODY

I N C H R I S T

PARTAKERS OF PROMISE

I. THE PROPER ATTITUDE TO PROMOTE UNITY. (4:1-3.)

1. "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." (4:1, NASB. See also Philippians 1:27-30.)
 - a. "With all lowliness and meekness." (Matthew 5:3; Micah 6:8; Philippians 2:5.)
 - b. "With longsuffering." (Colossians 1:11; Galatians 5:22; 2 Timothy 4:2.)
 - c. "Forbearing one another in love." (Colossians 3:13; Romans 12:9-10.)
2. "Endeavoring" (working intensely) to preserve "the unity of the Spirit."
 - a. This is the unity taught by the Spirit. (1 John 1:7; John 1:1-5; 17:20.)
 - b. It is revealed in the gospel. (Galatians 1:6-9.)
 - c. If we teach a l l of the gospel (Romans 1:16) and o n l y the gospel (2 John 9) we can maintain UNITY on God's terms and "in the bond of peace." (John 17:17-26.)
 - d. Jesus prayed for this kind of unity and showed us how. (John 17:17-26.) He also showed us why. Consider also 1 Corinthians 1:10; Galatians 5:20.

II. GOD'S PLAN IS UNITY [ONENESS]. (4:4-6.)

1. "ONE BODY" -- the church. (Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13,20.)
2. "ONE SPIRIT" -- the Holy Spirit, the guiding truth. (John 16:13.)
3. "ONE HOPE" -- eternal life in heaven. (Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2)
4. "ONE LORD" -- Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:36; 10:36; Revelation 17:14.)
5. "ONE FAITH" -- Revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:27; Jude 3; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Galatians 1:6-9.)
6. "ONE BAPTISM" --
 - a. Administered by a man. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 8:38.)
 - b. A burial (Colossians 2:12) in water (Acts 8:35-38).
 - c. Sins remitted in. (Acts 2:38; 22:16.)
 - d. Belief necessarily precedes. (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37.)
7. "ONE GOD and FATHER of all" -- (Isaiah 44:6,8; 45:5,20-25.) Only one Father in heaven (Matthew 23:9).

III. CHRIST'S GIFTS TO THE CHURCH TO AID ITS FUNCTIONS. (4:7-16.)

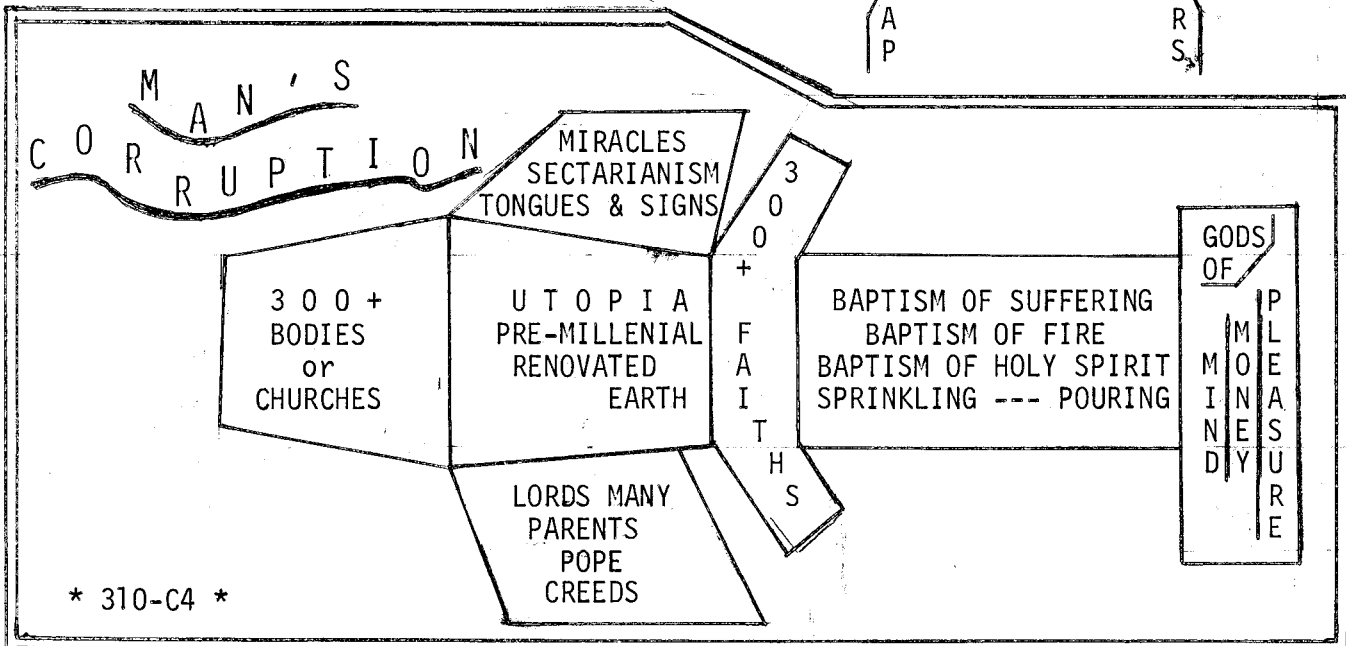
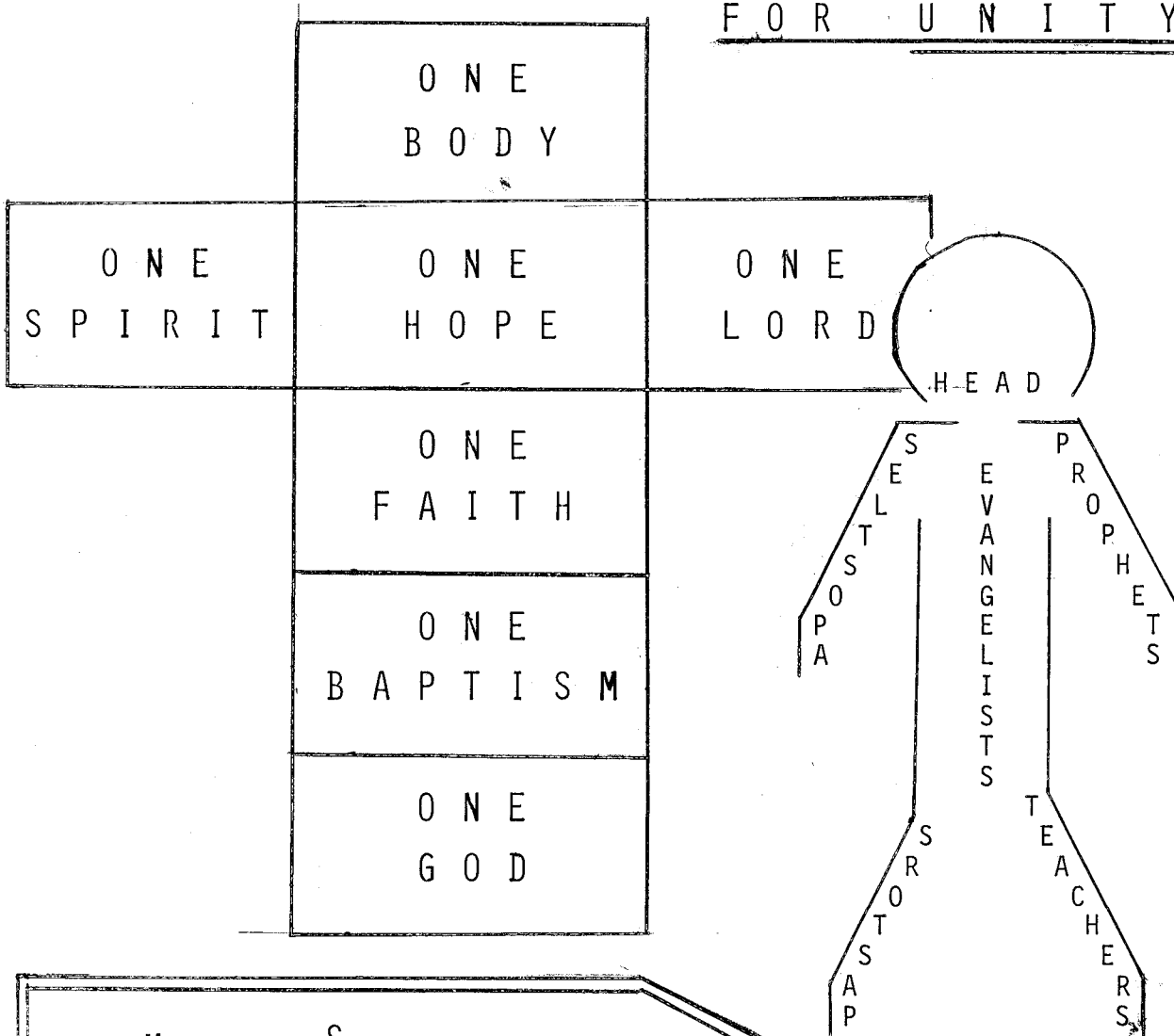
1. Given according to the measure of the gift of Christ himself. (4:7.)
 - a. No greater gift possible. (John 3:16; 15:13.)
 - b. Man's great need (forgiveness of sins/reconciliation to God) was supplied by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ -- AND MUCH MORE.
 - c. Grace is given beyond the need [or minimum] and is measured according to the measurement of the gift of Christ himself.
 - d. Surely the gifts here mentioned were sufficient to accomplish everything that God purposed for them to accomplish.
2. These gifts equipped the early church to do its work: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers.
3. The three-fold work of the church (4:12):
 - a. "For the perfecting of the saints."
 - b. "For the work of the ministry."
 - c. "For the edifying of the body of Christ."
4. These gifts were needed until "we all come in the unity of the faith" (4:13a).
 - a. No complete recording of the gospel available at the time (3:3).
 - b. When the revelation was complete ["perfect"], then the gifts would no longer be needed and would be done away. (1 Corinthians 13:8-10; James 1:25.)
5. "Knowledge...unto a perfect man." (4:13, 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17.)
6. When we "measure up", will not be deceived by false teaching (3:14; Hebrews 5:14).
7. We are mature when we are "speaking the truth in love". (3:15; Hebrews 5:12-14.)
8. The body of Christ at work will grow and "grow up" (4:16). Every member supplies a need to the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) working together under the head.

*vs. 8-10
It was necessary for
Christ to die
& conquer death*

EPHESIANS

4:1-16

GOD'S PLAN
FOR UNITY



I. DON'T LIVE LIKE THE HEATHENS -- LIVE AS TAUGHT BY JESUS. (4:17-5:10.)

1. "Be not conformed to this world." (Romans 12:2.)
 - a. Don't walk in the vanity of your mind [follow a meaningless way]. (Romans 1:21-25; Ecclesiastes 1:14,17; 2:1,11; 4:5-8; 11:9-12:1,13-14; Mark 8:34-38.)
 - b. "I think . . ." is not authority -- God's word is. (1 Corinthians 1:21; 3:18-19; John 12:48; Matthew 7:21-23.)
2. Don't let your understanding be darkened. (5:8; Psalm 119:130.)
 - a. Alienated from God because of ignorance/sin. (Romans 1:25; Acts 17:30-31.)
 - b. Alienated from God because of blindness of heart. (Matthew 13:13-15.)
3. Don't lose your feeling of SHAME for sin. (Jeremiah 3:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:14.)
4. Don't be guilty of lasciviousness or uncleanness. (Galatians 5:19.)
5. Put off the ways of sin; be renewed in your mind. (Romans 12:2.) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature . . ." (2 Corinthians 5:17.)

"OLD THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY"a. OFF WITH THE OLD.

- 1) Corruptness, deceitfulness.
- 2) Anger which turns into bitterness, wrath, hatred.
- 3) Satan getting the advantage.
- 4) Cheating, sponging.
- 5) Hoarding, being miserly or selfish.
- 6) Corrupt speech [swearing, cursing, vulgarity, lying, evil speaking].
- 7) Sinfulness; works of the flesh.
- 8) Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, malice.
- 9) Fornication, uncleanness, covetousness.
- 10) Filthiness, foolish talk, jesting. (2 Timothy 3:2.)

"BUT GOD, ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW."b. ON WITH THE NEW.

- 1) Righteousness, holiness. (Romans 6:18; 1 Peter 1:16.)
- 2) Anger controlled. (Proverbs 19:11; 2 Peter 1:6.)
- 3) Resist the devil. (James 4:7.)
- 4) Work for needs. (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12.)
- 5) Give to needy. (Galatians 6:10.)
- 6) Good, useful, edifying speech: meaningful to the hearer. (Titus 2:1,15; Matthew 12:36-37.)
- 7) Walk after the Spirit. (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:16.)
- 8) Be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving. (Romans 12:10; Matthew 5:12,14-15; 1:21f.)
- 9) Walk in love. (Romans 13:9-10; Colossians 1:4,6; 1 Timothy 6:11; 1 John 4:9-12.)
- 10) Give thanks. (Hebrews 13:15; 1 Timothy 4:3-4.)

6. Note some examples which contrast the OLD LIFE of sin with the NEW LIFE in Christ. (Ephesians 2:1-6; Romans 8:3-12,17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-12; Saul [Paul] in Acts 9 & 22; Acts 2:36-47.)

7. What is the dividing line between the OLD LIFE and the NEW LIFE?

(See Romans 6:17-18 and then 6:3-5.)

ANSWER: _____

II. CLOSING EXHORTATIONS. (5:6-14.)

1. "Let no man deceive you with empty words." (5:6; Colossians 2:8.)
2. Don't partake of sinful practices or teachings. (5:7.)
 - a. No fellowship. (Romans 16:17-18; 2 John 9-11; 1 Timothy 6:3-5.)
 - b. Reprove "works of darkness". (2 Timothy 4:2-4; Proverbs 1:29.)
3. Saints are the "children of light". (Matthew 5:14-16.)
 - a. "Saints in light" -- "delivered from darkness". (Colossians 1:12-13.)
 - b. "Proving what is acceptable." (Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:21.)

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4:17 - 5:14

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VANITY OF MIND	<u>EPHESIANS 2</u>	B A P T I S M	A L I V E - R A I S E D T O S I T W I T H C H R I S T	L O V E
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IGNORANT	<u>ROMANS 6</u>		F E L L O W C I T I Z E N S	F O R G I V I N G
HARDENED	SERVANTS OF SIN/UNCLEANNES		S E R V A N T S O F R I G H T E O U S N E S S	C O M P A S S I O N
PAST FEELING	DUE WAGES OF DEATH		F R E E F R O M S I N	L O W L I N E S S
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UNCLEAN	UNRIGHTEOUS [ADULTERY FORNICATION, IDOLATRY THIEVES, COVETOUS]		S A N C T I F I E D	J O Y
ANGER			J U S T I F I E D	P E A C E
LYING	<u>SAUL</u>		S E R V A N T O F G O D	L O N G S U F F E R I N G
STEALING	CHIEF OF SINNERS	A P O S T L E O F J E S U S C H R I S T	G O O D N E S S	
EVIL TALK	MURDERER - BLASPHEMER	S A V E D	F A I T H F U L N E S S	
WRATH	<u>ACTS 2</u>	A D D E D T O T H E C H U R C H	M E E K N E S S	
MALICE	Y O U	S A V E D		
UNFORGIVENESS	S I N N E R	N E W		
SELFISHNESS		C R E A T U R E		

I. THE WALK OF A CHRISTIAN. (5:15-17.)

1. Walk worthy of your calling. (4:1.)
2. Walk not as the Gentiles. (4:17.)
3. Walk in love. (5:1.)
4. Walk as children of light. (5:8.)
5. Walk circumspectly. (5:15.)
 - a. Redeeming or making the most of time. (5:16.)
 - b. Understanding the will of the Lord. (5:17.)

II. CONTRAST OF HEATHEN PRACTICES TO PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN. (5:18-21.)

<u>HEATHEN</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN</u>
1. Fill with spirits (wine).	1. Fill with the Spirit (word).
2. Sing songs of the drunkard.	2. Sing psalms, hymns, spiritual.
3. Sing empty, meaningless words.	3. Sing with (from) the heart; e.i., the true expression of the heart.
4. Sing to idol, sweetheart, self, into the air.	4. Sing to the Lord.
5. Unthankful.	5. Give thanks always for all things.
6. Inconsiderate, selfish.	6. Considerate, submissive to the wishes of others.

III. COMPARISON OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH TO HUSBAND AND WIFE. (5:22-33.)

<u>CHRIST AND THE CHURCH</u>	<u>HUSBAND AND WIFE</u>
1. The church is subject to Christ.	1. Wife to submit to her husband.
2. Christ is the head of the church.	2. Husband is the head of his wife.
3. Christ loves the church.	3. Husband is to love his wife.
4. The church is to be pure, holy.	4. Wife is to be pure, holy.
5. Christ loves the church -- gave himself (died) for it; nourishes it (with the word); cherishes it (present to himself); protects it (the Saviour of the body).	5. Husband is to love his wife to the same extent as Christ loves church. He will then nourish her (provide), cherish her (value highly; esteem), protect her from harm (physical; mental; emotional; spiritual).
6. Every member of the church is a member of his body -- as it were, a part of his flesh and bones.	6. The wife is part of her husband -- " <i>bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.</i> " (Genesis 2:23.)
7. Christ and the church are one.	7. Husband and wife are one flesh.
8. The church is to reverence Christ.	8. Wife is to reverence her husband.

IV. SOME OBSERVATIONS.

1. On the walk of a Christian: The various ideas mentioned above should cause us to reflect that the influence we wield is powerful and does have an effect. The emphasis of Jesus and Paul involves the fact that outward actions show the inward thoughts and feelings. (See Matthew 5:16; 7:20; 15:18-20.)
2. On the contrast of heathen and Christian: We cannot think and act like a heathen and at the same time think and act like a Christian. (2 Corinthians 5:.)
- * 310-6 * 3. On Christ and the church: To hold marriage/church in light esteem corrupt.

E P H E S I A N S

5:15-33

C H U R C H

1 . I M P O R T A N C E O F

5:23,25; 1:23; 2:16; Acts 20:28.

2 . U N I T Y O F

5:23; 4:4-6; 5:31.

3 . A U T H O R I T Y O F

5:23-24; 1:22-23.

4 . C H A R A C T E R O F

5:25-26; 2 Corinthians 11:2;
Revelation 19:7-8; 21:2,9.

5 . D E S T I N Y O F

5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 15:24-28;
Revelation 19:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

F A M I L Y

S U B J E C T I O N

1 Corinthians 11:3

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C I V I L
G O V E R N M E N T

Romans 13:1-8.

L O C A L C H U R C H

1 Peter 5:1-5.

R E L I G I O N

Jeremiah 2:13; Isaiah 9:6;
Ephesians 1:20-23;
Matthew 28:18; 7:24-29.

I. OBEEDIENCE "IN THE LORD" (6:1-9.)

1. Children obey your parents. (6:1-3. See Colossians 3:20; Acts 4:10.)
2. Fathers are to train children in the ways of the Lord. (6:4.)
 - a. Do not provoke to wrath, discouragement. (Colossians 3:21.)
 - b. Train in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Proverbs 22:6.)
3. Servants obey your masters. (6:5-8.) Respect his authority (1 Timothy 6:1) and serve him as though you were serving the Lord (Titus 2:9).
 - a. With singleness of heart. (Colossians 3:22.)
 - b. Not with eyeservice. (Titus 2:10.)
 - c. From the heart. (1 Peter 2:18-19.)
4. Masters are to treat servants properly (6:9) without partiality (Colossians 4:1).

II. SOLDIERS OF CHRIST. (6:10-17.)

1. Be strong in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 16:13.)
 - a. Christ is the source of strength and power. (Philippians 4:13.)
 - b. Able to stand and withstand. (Revelation 6:17; Romans 14:4.)
 - c. Able to quench (cool; lose zeal for) every temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13.)
 - d. To be strong: need proper food. (1 Peter 2:2; Matthew 4:4.)
 - e. To be strong: need proper exercise. (1 Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrews 5:12-14.)
 - f. To be strong: need protection from disease. (1 Corinthians 11:30.)
2. Recognize and understand enemies. (2 Corinthians 2:11.)
 - a. The devil. (1 Peter 5:8.)
 - b. The wiles (acts of cunning deception) of the devil. (Revelation 12:9.)
 - c. Principalities. (Jude 6.)
 - d. Powers. (2:1-2.)
 - e. Rulers of the darkness of this world. (Luke 4:5-6; Colossians 1:13.)
 - f. Spiritual wickedness in high places. (Jude 8; 1 Corinthians 15:25.)
3. Our battle dress and arms: "the whole armour of God". (6:11.)
 - a. Girdle of truth. (1 Peter 1:13.)
 - b. Breastplate of righteousness. (Isaiah 59:17.)
 - c. Shoes of preparation. (Luke 1:17; 2 Timothy 2:21.)
 - d. Shield of Faith. (Psalm 5:12.)
 - e. Helmet of salvation. (Isaiah 59:17.)
 - f. Sword of the Spirit. (Hebrews 4:12.)
4. Warfare of the Christian [compared to actual military service].

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patriotism. b. Leave civilian life. c. Sworn in. d. Induction. e. Training. f. Warfare. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. BELIEVE. (John 1:12.) b. REPENT. (Luke 13:3.) c. CONFESS. (Matthew 10:32.) d. BAPTISM. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:41.) e. Spiritual GROWTH. (2 Peter 1:5-7.) f. "<u>FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH.</u>" (1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7-8.)
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III. PRAYERS TO BE OFFERED. (6:18-20.)

1. Pray with prayers and supplications (6:18) making your requests known unto God (Philippians 4:6; Colossians 3:17); pray for all saints (1 Thessalonians 1:2; James 5:16), for all who proclaim the gospel (Acts 4:29-31); et. al.
 - a. Pray at all times. (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1.)
 - b. Pray "*in the Spirit*". (1 John 5:14-15.)
 - c. Watchful unto prayer. (1 Peter 4:7.)

IV. CLOSING. (6:21-24.) Paul sends a messenger to tell of his affairs. Paul desires that peace, love with faith, and grace will be with them.

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CHAPTER SIX

P A R E N T - C H I L D
R E L A T I O N S H I P

"NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD"

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P E R S O N A L C H O I C E !

"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE . . . AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD." JOSHUA 24:15.

- 1 . WILL YOU CHOOSE TO BE A SOLDIER FOR CHRIST?
- 2 . WILL YOU PUT ON THE "WHOLE ARMOUR"?
- 3 . WILL YOU SERVE THE LORD IN EVERY RELATIONSHIP AS HE DIRECTS? * 310-07 *