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# **God is the source of our grace and peace**

## **Ephesians 1:1-2**

### **An introduction to Paul**

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Saul was the one who held the coats at the death of Stephen - Acts 7:58  
Saul was in full agreement about the death of Stephen - Acts 8:1  
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Saul was chosen by God to take the Gospel to the Gentiles - Acts 9:10-22  
Saul was introduced to the apostles by Barnabas - Acts 9:23-29  
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Galatians 1:15-2:2  
Saul was brought by Barnabas to Antioch to help teach the Christians there -  
Acts 11:19-26  
Saul and Barnabas were sent out by the church at Antioch to take the Gospel  
to the Gentiles - Acts 13:1-3  
Saul had his name changed to Paul - Acts 13:9  
Paul spent nearly three years in Ephesus on his third missionary journey -  
Acts 19:1-20:1  
Paul wrote this book to the church at Ephesus while he was a prisoner in  
the city of Rome - Acts 28:11-16, 30-31

### **An introduction to the book of Ephesians**

**Paul wrote by the will of God**  
**Paul wrote to the Christians in Ephesus**  
**Paul wrote to all who are faithful in Christ Jesus**

### **Paul explained what he wanted for the Christians in Ephesus**

**Grace**  
the merciful kindness of God by which He turns us to Christ  
keeps, strengthens and increases us in the Christian faith  
and gives us His power to grow in godly character  
**Peace**  
the inner tranquillity of a right relationship with God  
grace and peace come both from the Father and Christ

# **God is the One who chose and sealed us**

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

this choice was made before creation - 1:3-4

this choice was to make us sons through Christ Jesus - 1:5-7

this choice also included knowing His will - 1:8-10

this choice also included an inheritance - 1:11-12

this choice was sealed by the Holy Spirit - 1:13-14

### **This choice was made before creation**

#### **Ephesians 1:3-4**

#### **God is blessed and blesses us**

##### **God is the one who is blessed**

God is the One who deserves all praise and honor

##### **God is the One who also blesses us**

God also chooses to place His favor and praise on us

##### **God blesses us with all spiritual blessings**

this means that God will not withhold from us any spiritual blessing

##### **God blesses us in the heavenlies in Christ**

this means that our blessings are spiritual rather than physical

#### **God is the One who chose us**

##### **God chose us in to be in Christ**

being in Christ makes us a new creation

##### **God chose us before the creation of the world**

the decision to save us was made before Genesis 1:1

##### **God chose us to be holy**

this means we are set apart to God

##### **God chose us to be without blame**

this is the result of all our sins being placed on Christ

##### **God chose us to stand before Him in love**

because our sins were placed on Christ, we no longer stand in fear

## **This choice was to make us sons through Christ Jesus Ephesians 1:5-7**

### **God chose us according to His own will**

#### **God is the One who predestinated us to adoption**

to predestine means to determine beforehand  
to adopt means God determined to adopt us into His family

#### **God adopted us to Himself by Jesus Christ**

God made us His children

God made that possible through the death of Christ

#### **God adopted us according to the good pleasure of His will**

God adopted us because of His kind intent  
God adopted us because He had determined that should be done

#### **God did this to the praise of the glory of His grace**

God made this choice so that He is the One who receives glory  
God made this choice so that all we do can show His grace

### **God made us accepted through Christ**

#### **God did this through His grace**

God chose us as a free gift of His grace

#### **God did this for us in the Beloved (Christ)**

God could do this for us because of the blood of Christ

### **God said that it is in Christ that we have redemption**

#### **Christ provided redemption through His blood**

Christ is the One who paid the price to redeem us  
Christ bought us back from the consequences of sin  
Christ did this through the shedding of His blood

#### **Christ provided the forgiveness of sins**

God chose to let go of our sins because He is satisfied with the payment

#### **Christ did this according to the riches of His grace**

God's grace has no limits so He gives according to His grace

**This choice also included knowing His will  
Ephesians 1:8-10**

**God made His grace to overflow toward us**

**this overflowing is done in all wisdom**

God chose to show His grace based on His perfect wisdom

**this overflowing is done in all prudence**

God chose to do this based on His perfect knowledge and holy love

**God made known to us the mystery of His will**

**God only reveals His will to those who are His friends**

**John 15:15**

**God has made His will known to us**

the moment we become Christians we begin to understand

the Word of God

the will of God

**God has made His will known to us because that pleases Him**

that pleases Him because He wants to treat us as friends

**God has made His will known to fulfill His purpose**

God actually is fulfilling His purpose as He makes known His will to us

**God is going to complete all things in Christ**

**this will happen according to the time plan of God**

God has the exact time for each part of His plan to be fulfilled

**this will happen because He has placed all things in Christ**

God will give us a summary of all things in Christ

**this will happen in heaven**

God will complete His plan in heaven

**this will happen on earth**

God will complete His plan on earth

**This choice also included an inheritance**  
**Ephesians 1:11-12**

**God has given us an inheritance**

**God chose us through Christ to receive this inheritance**

this inheritance makes us joint heirs with Christ - Romans 8:14-17

this inheritance is given by God to all Christians - Acts 20:32

this inheritance includes the Holy Spirit as a down payment - Ephesians 1:14

**God is the One who predestinated us**

to predestinate means to determine beforehand

to predestinate from God means to determine from eternity

God chose us to be sons from eternity - Ephesians 1:5

God chose to conform us to the image of Christ - Romans 8:29

God then called us, justified us and glorified us - Romans 8:30

**God predestinated us according to His purpose**

this purpose was the cause of our salvation - II Timothy 1:9

this purpose was His eternal purpose - Ephesians 3:11

this purpose is why God for Christians causes bad things to have good results -  
Romans 8:28

**God works out all things according to the counsel of His will**

God is the One who causes His counsel to stand - Isaiah 46:10

God is the One who works in us to complete His will - Philippians 2:13

God will fulfill His will by giving us eternal life - Titus 3:5-7

God has given an oath to back up this promise - Hebrews 6:17

**God is the One who deserves all praise**

**God is the One who caused us to trust Christ**

the Father is the One who draws us to Christ - John 6:44

the Father is the One who gives us the faith to believe - Ephesians 2:8

**God did this to bring praise to His glory**

God is the one who deserves all praise - I Corinthians 10:31

God will even receive glory from Christ - I Corinthians 15:24-28

## **This choice was sealed by the Holy Spirit Ephesians 1:13-14**

### **God sealed us with the Holy Spirit**

#### **God caused us to hear the word of truth**

the word of truth has its source in Christ - Ephesians 4:20-21

the word of truth comes to us through Christ - John 1:17

the word of truth leads us to faith - Romans 10:17

#### **God caused us to receive the Gospel**

the word of truth is the source of the Gospel - Colossians 1:4-6

the word of truth effectively worked in us - I Thessalonians 2:13

#### **God caused us to believe in Christ**

God worked through the Gospel to cause us to believe - Romans 1:16

God worked through the Scriptures to cause us to believe - II Timothy 3:15

God worked through His grace to cause us to believe - Titus 2:11

God worked through other Christians to cause us to believe - Hebrews 2:3

#### **God sealed us with the Holy Spirit of promise**

this seal is our down payment on eternal life - II Corinthians 1:22

this seal has been placed in us until the day of redemption - Ephesians 4:30

### **God gave us the Holy Spirit as our guarantee of eternal life**

#### **the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance**

the Spirit reminds us we are joint heirs with Christ - Romans 8:15-17

the Spirit reminds us of the coming redemption of our body - Romans 8:23

the Spirit reminds us He is our down payment - II Corinthians 5:5

the Spirit reminds us that we are children of God - Galatians 4:6

#### **the Holy Spirit provides this guarantee unto our full redemption**

our redemption was purchased by the blood of Christ - Acts 20:28

our redemption will be complete when we have a new body - Romans 8:23

#### **the Holy Spirit shows that we are now God's purchased possession**

the Holy Spirit reminds us we were bought with a price - I Corinthians 6:19-20

the Holy Spirit reminds us to glorify God both in body and in spirit - I Cor 6:20

#### **The Holy Spirit causes all glory to go to God**

the glory belongs to God for His grace - Ephesians 1:6

## **God is the One to whom Paul prayed Ephesians 1:15-23**

Paul gave thanks for the Ephesians faith and love - 1:15-16

Paul prayed for growth in wisdom and knowledge - 1:17-18

Paul prayed for growth in understanding God's power - 1:19-21

Paul prayed for understanding of Christ - 1:22-23

## **Paul gave thanks for the Ephesians faith and love Ephesians 1:15-16**

### **Paul heard about the faith and love of the Ephesians**

#### **word had spread about their faith in Christ**

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, II Thessalonians 1:3 (NKJV)

#### **word had spread about their love for each other**

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."  
John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

### **Paul thanked God for their faith and love**

#### **Paul prayed for them continually**

Paul prayed for Christians in many places continually  
Romans 1:8-9, I Corinthians 1:4, Philippians 1:3-4,  
Colossians 1:3, I Thessalonians 1:2, II Thessalonians 1:3

#### **Paul gave thanks for them continually**

Paul always gave thanks for God's work in their lives  
(see all of the above references)

#### **Paul prayed for them personally**

in Ephesians 3:14-21

we will see another prayer for the Ephesians  
we will see specific things he prayed for

## **Paul prayed for growth in wisdom and knowledge Ephesians 1:17-18**

### **God is the source of wisdom and knowledge**

#### **God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Christ called Him the Father in His prayer in John 17:1-26

#### **God is the Father of glory**

the Father is the One who deserves all glory - I Chronicles 29:11

the Father of glory is the One to whom we pray - Matthew 6:9-13

the Father is the God of glory who appeared to Abraham - Acts 7:2

#### **God gives us the spirit of wisdom in the knowledge of Him**

the Spirit of wisdom is the Holy Spirit - Isaiah 11:2

the Spirit of wisdom is the Spirit of truth - John 14:17

the Spirit of wisdom is the One who teaches us - John 14:26

the Spirit of wisdom gives us the wisdom that is from above - James 3:17-18

#### **God gives us the spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Him**

the Spirit is the One who reveals things to us - I Corinthians 2:1

the Spirit reveals the love of Christ to us - Ephesians 3:18-19

### **God is the source of understanding**

#### **God causes the eyes of our understanding to be enlightened**

God is the One who opens our eyes - Psalm 119:18

God is the One who opens our understanding - Luke 24:45

God gives us light to give us understanding - II Corinthians 4:4-6

#### **God wants us to know the hope of His calling**

in the past we were without hope - Ephesians 2:12

in the present God wants us to know the hope of our calling - Ephesians 4:4

#### **God wants us to know the riches of His glory**

the riches of His glory made possible the forgiveness of sins - Ephesians 1:7

the riches of His glory provide strengthening of our inner man- Ephesians 3:16

the riches of His glory make it possible to know the love of Christ - Eph 3:17-19

#### **God wants us to understand His inheritance to the saints**

that inheritance is all we will share with Christ -Romans 8:14-17

that inheritance includes eternal life - Acts 26:18

this inheritance includes the Holy Spirit as a down payment - Ephesians 1:14

## **Paul prayed for growth in understanding God's power Ephesians 1:19-21**

### **God wants us to know His power**

#### **the power of God is shown toward Christians**

this power is shown by creating us unto good works - Ephesians 2:10

this power is shown by giving us power to minister - Ephesians 3:7

this power means God will do through us more than we can imagine - Ephesians 3:20

#### **the power of God is working with mighty power**

the power of God is able to turn us from the power of Satan - Acts 26:18

the power of God is able to save - Romans 1:16

the power of God is able to make us new creations - II Corinthians 5:17

the power of God works in us to complete His will - Philippians 2:13

the power of God empowers our preaching - I Thessalonians 1:5

### **God wants us to understand why the resurrection shows His power**

#### **God showed His power in Christ**

the Father gave Christ power to rise again - John 10:18

#### **God showed His power by raising Christ from the dead**

this resurrection power is only understood as we grow - Philippians 3:10

#### **God showed His power by setting Christ at His right hand**

Christ is at His right hand interceding for us - Romans 8:34

### **God wants us to understand how Christ demonstrates His power**

#### **Christ is far above all principality, power, might and dominion**

God has exalted Him above all things - Philippians 2:9-11

God made Christ head of all principality and power - Colossians 2:10

God created all things through Christ - Colossians 1:15-19

#### **Christ is far above every name in this present age**

Christ has been given all authority - Matthew 28:18

Christ is over the principalities of this world - Ephesians 6:12-13

#### **Christ is far above every name in the age to come**

Christ will raise all from the dead - John 5:25-29

Christ will be victorious over all enemies - I Corinthians 15:23-28

## **Paul prayed for understanding of Christ Ephesians 1:22-23**

### **God made Christ the head of the church**

#### **Christ had all things placed under His feet**

God will place all enemies under His feet - I Corinthians 15:25-27

God will place all things under His feet - Hebrews 2:8

#### **Christ was made the head over all things to the church**

Christ is the head of the church -Ephesians 4:15-16

Christ is the head who makes us complete -Colossians 2:10

Christ is the head who joins all parts together - Colossians 2:19

Christ is the head who deserves all glory - Ephesians 3:21

### **God said that the church is the body of Christ**

#### **the church is the body of Christ**

the body of Christ makes us members of one another - Romans 12:5

the body of Christ has many different members - I Corinthians 12:12

the body of Christ has many individual members - I Corinthians 12:27

the body of Christ makes both Jews and Gentiles fellow heirs - Ephesians 3:6

the body of Christ is to grow to maturity - Ephesians 4:12

#### **the church is the fullness of Christ who fills all things**

Christ is the head who is to have the pre-eminence - Colossians 1:18

Christ is the One in whom all fullness dwells - Colossians 1:19

Christ demonstrates all the fullness of God in bodily form - Colossians 2:9

Christ is the One who makes us complete - Colossians 2:10

Christ is the One who triumphs over all things - Colossians 3:15

Christ wants to fill us with all the fullness of God - Ephesians 3:19

Christ is the One who Himself fills all things - Ephesians 4:10

#### **Colossians 1:18-19**

And He is the head of the body, the church,  
who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in all things He may have the preeminence.

For it pleased *the Father that* in Him  
all the fullness should dwell, (NKJV)

## **God is the One who saves us by grace Ephesians 2:1-10**

our past condition was spiritual deadness - 2:1-3  
our present position is seated with Christ - 2:4-6  
our future promise is to know the riches of Christ - 2:7  
our provision of salvation is by grace - 2:8-10

## **Our past condition was spiritual deadness Ephesians 2:1-3**

### **We were dead in trespasses and sins**

**we have been made alive**

Christ is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26

**we were dead in our sins**

our former condition was we were dead in our sins - Ephesians 2:5

### **We walked according to the pattern of Satan**

**we followed the pattern of the world**

we followed our old man which was corrupt - Ephesians 4:22

**we followed the pattern of Satan**

we followed the lusts of the devil - John 8:44

**we followed the spirit who deceives the world**

we followed the deceptions of evil spirits - I John 4:1-4

### **We walked according to the lusts of the flesh**

**our actions were controlled by the desires of our flesh**

we followed the flesh instead of the Spirit - Galatians 5:17-21

**our desire was to carry out the desires of our flesh**

we followed the desires of our flesh - Titus 3:3

**our desire was to carry out the desires of our mind**

we followed the thoughts of our minds - James 3:14-16

**our destination was wrath along with many others**

we followed the pattern of the entire world - Romans 3:19-20

**Our present position is seated with Christ  
Ephesians 2:4-6**

**We are loved with a great love**

**God is rich in mercy**

the riches of His mercy provided forgiveness of sin - Ephesians 1:7  
the riches of His mercy cause Him to give us a ministry - Ephesians 3:8

**God has loved us with His great love**

this love was so great that God gave His Son for us - John 3:14-17  
this love will give us boldness in the day of judgment - I John 4:10-19

**We are made alive in Christ**

**God reached out to us when we were dead in sins**

God awoke us from the dead - Ephesians 5:14

God drew us to Christ - John 6:44

**God made us alive together with Christ**

God says that we have risen with Christ - Colossians 3:1

God has renewed us by the Holy Spirit - Titus 3:5

**We have been made to sit in heavenly places with Christ**

**God has raised us up together with Christ**

Christ has been raised and seated at the right hand of the Father - Ephesians 1:19-20

**God has made us sit in heavenly places with Christ**

Christ has blessed us with all spiritual blessings - Ephesians 1:3

**Our future promise is to know the riches of Christ  
Ephesians 2:7**

**we can look forward to the ages to come**

God says there is no fear in love - I John 4:18

**we will see the exceeding riches of His grace**

God is rich both in mercy and love - Ephesians 2:4

**we will see His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**

God showed love and kindness to us in Christ - Titus 3:4

**Our provision of salvation is by grace**  
**Ephesians 2:8-10**

**We have been saved by grace**

**God saved us by grace**

we were dead before God saved us - Ephesians 2:5  
we were facing eternal punishment before God saved us - II Thessalonians 1:9

**God saved us through faith**

we received the promise of Christ by faith - Galatians 3:22  
we received the promised of the Spirit by faith - Galatians 3:14

**God gave us that faith as a gift**

we received Christ and eternal life as a gift - Romans 6:23  
we received that gift by believing in our hearts - Romans 10:9-10

**We have not been saved by our own works**

**God says our works will not save**

we cannot be saved by the works of the law - Romans 3:20  
we are saved apart from the works of the law - Romans 3:27-28

**God says no one is able to boast**

we can only glory in what the Lord has done - I Corinthians 1:29-31  
we were destroying ourselves when we followed our own way - Titus 3:3-5

**We have been created for good works**

**God is the workman who created us**

we were made by God - Psalm 100:3  
we are the work of God's own hands - Psalm 138:8  
we are God's building - I Corinthians 3:9

**God created us in Christ Jesus**

we were made a new creation in Christ - II Corinthians 5:17  
we are being brought to maturity in Christ - Hebrews 13:20-21

**God created us for good works**

we have been prepared for every good work - II Timothy 2:21  
we are to be thoroughly furnished unto all good works - II Timothy 3:14-17

**God appointed us to walk in good works**

we are to be an example of good works - Titus 2:6-8  
we are to practice good works and be fruitful - Titus 3:14

# **God is the One who brings Jews and Gentiles together**

## **Ephesians 2:11-18**

as Gentiles we had no hope - 2:11-13

as Gentiles we have been reconciled to God - 2:14-18

### **As Gentiles we had no hope**

#### **Ephesians 2:11-13**

#### **In the past we were Gentiles in sin**

**God said that we were Gentiles in the flesh**

we were following the idols of the world - I Corinthians 12:2

**God said that we were Uncircumcised**

we were dead in our sins and the uncircumcision of our flesh - Colossians 2:13

**God said that Jews and Gentiles were separated socially by Circumcision**

we could not get together with Jews - Acts 10:28, Galatians 2:11-16

#### **In the past we were Gentiles separated by sin and without hope**

**we were without Christ**

we were the other sheep - John 10:16

**we had nothing in common with Israel**

we were alienated from God - Ephesians 4:18-19

**we did not have the covenants of promise**

we did not have the promises made to Abraham - Galatians 3:16-17

**we did not have hope**

we did not have the hope of glory revealed to us - Colossians 1:26-27

**we were without God in the world**

we chose to substitute other things for God - I Corinthians 8:4-6

#### **In the past we were far away from God**

**God said that we were far away from Him**

we had our eyes blinded to God - Acts 26:18

**God has made us near Him by the blood of Christ**

we have now been reconciled to God by Christ - II Corinthians 5:18-21

we have been reconciled by the blood of Christ - Colossians 1:13-14

**As Gentiles we have been reconciled to God  
Ephesians 2:14-18**

**Christ is our peace**

**He is the One who made peace**  
we no longer face condemnation - Romans 5:1  
**He makes Jews and Gentiles one**  
we have been joined together in one body - Ephesians 4:16  
**He had broken down the wall of division**  
we are all one in Christ - Galatians 3:28

**Christ is the One who ended the enmity between Jews and Gentiles**

**He ended the enmity by His death**  
we can now enter the presence of God with boldness - Hebrews 10:19-22  
**He ended the division brought by the law**  
we are no longer under the curse of the law - Galatians 3:10-13  
**He brings us together as a new person**  
we are a new creation in Christ - Galatians 6:15  
**He makes peace between us**  
we have put off the old man and put on the new man - Colossians 3:9-10

**Christ is the One who has reconciled both Jews and Gentiles to God**

**He reconciled both Jew and Gentile to God**  
Christ made this peace through His blood - Colossians 1:20-22  
**He made us all a new man (a new unified body)**  
Christ made it possible for us to carry out the will of God - I Peter 4:1-2

**Christ brought the Gospel to both those far and those near**

**the Gentiles who were far off heard the Gospel**  
Christ accepts people of every nation - Acts 10:34-35  
**the Jews who were near heard the Gospel**  
Christ says the Gospel is for both Jew and Gentile - Romans 1:16

**Christ gave us both access by to the Father by the Spirit**

# God is the One who is building us into a holy temple

## Ephesians 2:19-22

### Christ has made us fellow citizens

**we are no longer strangers and sojourners**

we are now strangers to the earth instead of heaven - I Peter 2:11

**we have become fellow citizens with all saints**

we have been joined together in one body - Ephesians 4:16

**we have become a part of the household of God**

we all become children of God - Romans 8:14-17

### Christ is our chief corner stone

**we are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**

the apostles gave us eyewitness testimony of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-22

the prophets gave us the written Word of God - II Peter 1:19-21

**we have Jesus Christ, Himself, as our chief cornerstone**

we are living stones built on Christ, the chief cornerstone - I Peter 2:5-6

### Christ is building us all into a holy temple

**we are all to be fitly framed together**

God is the wise masterbuilder who uses us to build - I Corinthians 3:10-11

**we are to be growing into a holy temple**

God is building us into a holy temple - I Corinthians 3:17

God wants us a holy temple both in body and spirit - I Corinthians 6:19-20

### Christ is making us a fit dwelling place for God

**we are being built together**

we glorify God by becoming one - John 17:20-23

**we are being built into a dwelling place for God**

we are the temple of God and His Spirit dwells in us - I Corinthians 3:16

**we are having this happen through the Spirit**

God has given us His Spirit because He dwells in us - I John 4:12-13

# **God is the One who makes us equal in the body of Christ Ephesians 3:1-12**

the church was a mystery in the past - Ephesians - 3:1-5  
the church is where Jews and Gentiles become one - 3:6-7  
the church was a part of the eternal purpose - 3:8-12

## **The church was a mystery in the past Ephesians 3:1-5**

**Paul was a prisoner for the sake of the Gentiles**

**Paul was given a special ministry to the Gentiles**

**this ministry of oversight was by the grace of God**  
the ministry of oversight was to fulfill the Word of God - Colossians 1:25  
**this ministry of oversight was given to Paul**  
this ministry was to be an apostle to the Gentiles - Romans 11:13

**Paul had a mystery revealed to him**

**this mystery was given by revelation**  
Paul learned the plan of God by direct revelation - Galatians 1:12-17  
**this mystery was written down by Paul**  
Paul was chosen by God to write down this mystery - Colossians 1:26-27

**Paul was to help people understand this mystery**

**this mystery can be learned by reading**  
**this mystery can be understood by us**

**Paul revealed a mystery that had not been made known**

**this mystery had not been known in the past**  
God had hidden various mysteries in the past - Colossians 1:25-26  
**this mystery is now revealed by the holy apostles and prophets**  
the apostles spoke about this mystery - Ephesians 3:8-9  
the prophets wrote about this mystery - Ephesians 3:3

## **The church is where Jews and Gentiles become one Ephesians 3:6-7**

### **Christ has made Jews and Gentiles fellow heirs**

**we as Gentiles have become fellow heirs with the Jews**

Christ broke down the wall between Jew and Gentile - Ephesians 2:13-22

Christ made us joint heirs with Him - Romans 8:14-17

**we have become part of the same body**

Christ made us one body by the cross - Ephesians 2:16

**we have become partakers of His promise**

Christ made us all a part of the family of God - Galatians 3:26-28

Christ made us heirs of His promise - Galatians 3:29

**we have had this happen through Christ**

Christ is the One who made us His body - I Corinthians 12:27

**we have received this message by the gospel**

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law - Galatians 3:13-14

### **Christ gave Paul the privilege of sharing this message**

**Paul was made a minister by Christ**

Christ is the One who made Paul a minister - I Timothy 1:12-17

**Paul was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God**

Christ showed mercy to Paul - I Timothy 1:13

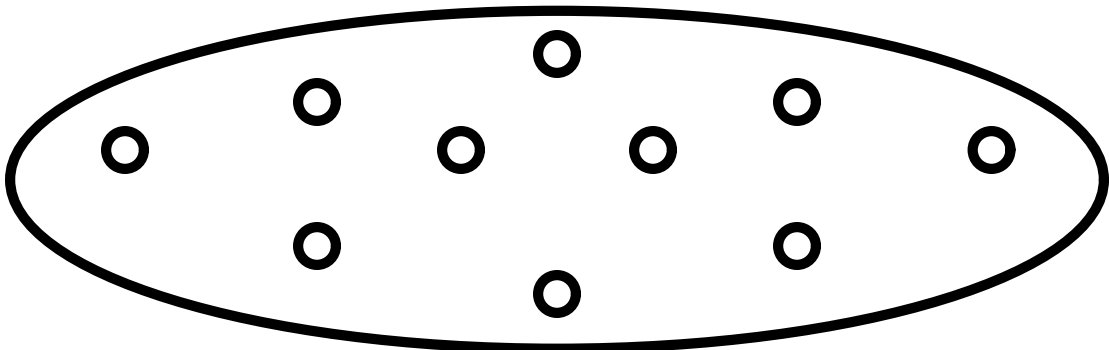
**Paul had been given this gift by grace**

Christ gives all gifts by grace - Romans 12:6-8

**Paul had been given this gift through God's power**

Christ chose to show His power in Paul - I Timothy 1:16

**The body of Christ is one but has many members  
I Corinthians 12:12-13**



## **The church was a part of the eternal purpose Ephesians 3:8-12**

### **Paul was called to declare this purpose**

**he was the least of all saints**

Paul was also the least of the apostles - I Corinthians 15:9

**he was given grace to preach**

Paul had been given grace by God to minister - Romans 15:15-17

**he was called to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ**

Paul had been called by God to share the message - I Timothy 2:7

### **Paul was called to reveal this mystery**

**this mystery is the basis of fellowship for all men**

Paul had been given a commission to all the Gentiles - II Timothy 4:17

**this mystery was hidden by God**

Paul said this mystery was not known in other ages - Ephesians 3:5

### **Paul was revealing the greatness of the wisdom of God**

**this wisdom was being revealed through Paul**

Paul had been chosen to reveal the hidden wisdom of God - I Corinthians 2:7

**this wisdom was not revealed to the angels**

Peter says that there are many things the angels desire to know - I Peter 1:12

### **Paul was revealing the eternal purpose of God**

**this purpose was the eternal purpose of God**

God had this purpose from eternity past - Ephesians 1:3-12

**this purpose was carried out in Christ Jesus**

God called us through Christ according to His purpose - II Timothy 1:9

### **Paul was revealing the access that we have through Christ**

**we have boldness because of Christ**

we can come through Christ with boldness - Hebrew 4:14-16, 10:19-22

**we have confident access through faith in Christ**

we have access to God through Christ - Ephesians 2:18

# **God is the One who is able to do more through us than we can ever imagine Ephesians 3:13-21**

Paul gives us a model for prayer - 3:13-15

Paul prayed that Christians would be strengthened with might by the  
Spirit in the inner man - 3:16

Paul prayed that Christians would become rooted in the love of Christ- 3:17-19a

Paul prayed that Christians would be filled with the fullness of God - 3:19b

Paul prayed that Christians would see God work beyond our imagination  
through our lives - 3:20-21

## **Paul gives us a model for prayer Ephesians 3:13-15**

### **This prayer did not focus on Paul**

**Paul did not want the Christians to get discouraged**

we will be rewarded if we do not faint - Galatians 3:8-10

we are not to get tired of doing good - II Thessalonians 3:13

**Paul was willing to suffer for the sake of other Christians**

he was glad his suffering caused boldness in others - Philippians 2:12-14

### **This prayer was to the Father**

**Paul bowed his knees to the Father**

Paul continually bowed his knees for the Ephesians - Ephesians 1:16-19

Daniel and many others showed humbleness before God in prayer - Daniel 6:10

**Paul recognized the relationship between the Father and Christ**

this relationship brings glory to both - John 17:1-6

### **This prayer was to the Father of all saints**

**God is the Father of all saints now in heaven**

this includes all Old Testament saints - Ephesians 4:8-10

this includes all New Testament saints who have died - I Thessalonians 4:13-18

**God is the Father of all saints still on the earth**

we are all the children of God and will be like Him - I John 3:1-3

**Paul prayed that the Christians would be strengthened with  
might by the Spirit in the inner man**

**Ephesians 3:16**

**this strength comes from the Father**

this growth in strength was modeled by Christ - Luke 2:40

this strength comes as we humble ourselves before God - I Peter 5:6

**this strength is according to the riches of His glory**

our forgiveness is based on His riches - Ephesians 1:7

our inheritance is based on His riches - Ephesians 1:18

our kindness that we will receive is based on His riches - Ephesians 2:7

**this strength comes through the power of the Spirit**

the Spirit is our only source of power - Acts 24:49, Acts 1:8

**this strength becomes present in our inner man**

this strength gives us His power - Colossians 1:11

this strength renews our inner man day by day - II Corinthians 4:16

**Paul prayed that the Christians would become rooted in the  
love of Christ**

**Ephesians 3:17-19a**

**we are to be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ**

**Christ dwells in our hearts by faith**

Christ lives in us so we can live by faith - Galatians 2:20

Christ is greater than he that is in the world - I John 4:4

**Christ roots us and grounds us in His love**

Christ roots us in Himself and in His love - Colossians 2:6-7

**we are to comprehend the greatness of the love of Christ**

**we can comprehend this love only as we are rooted in it**

we become rooted by spending time with Christ - John 13:34-35

**we are to understand the four dimensions of Christ's love**

His love fills both space and time - Ephesians 1:4

**we are to know Christ's love which surpasses human knowledge**

the thoughts and ways of God are beyond human understanding - Isaiah 55:8-9

the love of Christ becomes what motivates us - II Corinthians 5:14-15

**Paul prayed that Christians would be filled with the  
fullness of God  
Ephesians 3:19b**

**understanding the fullness of God**  
to be filled with God is to be emptied of self  
we are to be filled with God - Ephesians 3:19  
we are to be filled with Christ - Ephesians 4:13  
we are to be filled with the Spirit - Ephesians 5:18

**Paul prayed that Christians would see God work beyond our  
imagination through our lives  
Ephesians 3:20-21**

**God is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine**

**now  
now to Him  
now to Him who is able  
now to Him who is able to do  
now to Him who is able to do exceedingly  
now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly  
now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all**

**that we ask  
that we ask or think**

**according to the power that works in us**

**God is the One who is to receive all glory**

**this glory is to be given to God  
this glory is to be given by the church  
this glory is to be given through Christ Jesus  
this glory is to be given throughout all ages  
this glory is to be given through eternity**

# God wants us to be one with other Christians

## Ephesians 4:1-6

our desire should be a worthy walk - 4:1-2

our desire should be to keep the unity of the Spirit - 4:3-6

## Our desire should be a worthy walk

### Ephesians 4:1-2

### We are to walk worthy of our calling

#### Paul was a prisoner of the Lord

Paul did not view himself as a prisoner of men - Ephesians 3:1

#### Paul was making a request in humbleness

Paul did not demand but rather requested - Philemon 1:8-11

#### Paul wanted all Christians to walk worthy of our calling

a worthy walk is a walk in love - Ephesians 5:2

### We are to walk with a humble attitude

#### this attitude includes a humble opinion of self

we are to give preference to one another - Romans 12:10

we are to view others as better than ourselves - Philippians 2:3

#### this attitude is an attitude of gentleness

gentleness is a part of the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23

gentleness is the attitude we are to have as we restore others - Galatians 6:1

gentleness is an attitude we are commanded to put on - Colossians 3:12

gentleness is the attitude we are to have toward those who oppose - II Timothy 2:25

#### this attitude is an attitude of patience

patience is a part of the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23

patience is an attitude that we are to put on - Colossians 3:12

patience is an attitude that we are to have as we preach the Word - II Timothy 4:2

#### this attitude is an attitude of endurance

we are to bear with one another and forgive one another - Colossians 3:13

we are to endure when we experience persecutions - II Thessalonians 1:4

#### this attitude is an attitude of love

true love bears the infirmities of others - Romans 15:1

true love bears all things - I Corinthians 13:7

true love bears one another's burdens - Galatians 6:2

## **Our desire should be to keep the unity of the Spirit Ephesians 4:3-6**

### **We are to keep the unity produced by the Spirit**

#### **the Spirit has already produced unity**

this unity began with the Godhead - John 17:21-23

#### **this Spirit wants us to preserve that unity**

this unity was present when we were placed in the body - I Corinthians 12:12-13

#### **the Spirit wants us to preserve that unity in peace**

this unity will produce peace and edification of one another - Romans 14:17-19

### **We are to keep the unity of the Spirit**

#### **there is one body**

Christ reconciled us all to God in one body - Ephesians 2:16

#### **there is one Spirit**

the Spirit gave us different gifts and ministries - I Corinthians 12:4-11

#### **there is one hope in our calling**

Christ will make us like Himself when He appears - I John 3:1-3

### **We are to keep the unity of Christ**

#### **there is one Lord**

Christ is Lord of both the living and the dead - Romans 14:8-9

#### **there is one faith**

Christ wants us all to come to the unity of the faith - Ephesians 4:13

#### **there is one baptism**

we were all baptized into Christ - Romans 6:3-4

### **We are to keep the unity of the Father**

#### **there is one God and Father of all**

there is one God, the Father - I Corinthians 8:5-6

#### **He is above all**

the Father is above all principality and power - Ephesians 1:15-21

#### **He is through all**

the Father is the One through whom all things happen - Romans 11:33-36

#### **He is in us all**

we have been built into a habitation for God - Ephesians 2:21-22

# **God wants us to grow to spiritual maturity**

## **Ephesians 4:7-16**

Christ is the One who gives spiritual gifts - 4:7-10

Christ is the One who gives leaders to equip the saints - 4:11-12

Christ wants every Christian to become mature - 4:13-14

Christ wants every Christian to function effectively - 4:15-16

## **Christ is the One who gives spiritual gifts**

### **Ephesians 4:7-10**

#### **He has given grace to each of us**

**every Christian has been given grace**

we have all been given grace and spiritual gifts - Romans 12:3-8

**every Christian has received the gift of Christ**

we have all been given a gift to minister to one another - I Peter 4:10-11

#### **He ascended on high and gave gifts to men**

**Christ ascended up on high**

this happened the day He arose - John 20:17

**Christ led captivity captive**

this happened to fulfill an Old Testament promise - Psalm 68:18

**Christ gave gifts to men**

this happened so we can serve one another - I Peter 4:10-11

#### **He descended into the lower parts of the earth**

**Christ was the One who ascended**

He had promised He would ascend where He was before - John 6:62

**Christ first descended into the lower parts of the earth**

He descended into paradise - Luke 23:39-43, I Peter 3:18-19

#### **He ascended far above the heavens**

**Christ ascended far above the heavens**

He is at the right hand of the Father - Hebrews 7:26-8:1

**Christ is the One who fills all things**

He fills all places - I Kings 8:27, Acts 7:47-50

## **Christ is the One who gives leaders to equip the saints Ephesians 4:11-12**

### **Christ gives spiritual leaders to the church**

#### **Apostles and Prophets were given as a foundation for the church**

the apostles and prophets are the foundation of the church - Ephesians 2:19-22

the apostles gave eyewitness testimony of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-22

the prophets gave us the written Word of God - II Peter 1:19-21

#### **Evangelists are given to build the church**

every Christian is commissioned to make disciples - Matthew 28:18-20

every Christian needs to be equipped to preach the Gospel - Romans 10:14-15

#### **Pastors are given to build the church**

pastor is translated shepherd in all other passages - John 10:11-16

shepherds equip the saints for several ministries - Ezekiel 34:4-6, 11-16

#### **Teachers are given to build the church**

Paul was a teacher who equipped the saints - I Timothy 2:7

### **Christ gives spiritual leaders to equip the saints for ministry**

#### **spiritual leaders are to equip the saints**

spiritual leaders are to equip the body and mature it - I Corinthians 1:10

#### **spiritual leaders equip the saints for ministry**

spiritual leaders equip us for every good work to do His will - Hebrews 13:20-21

#### **spiritual leaders equip the saints to build up the body**

the body is built up externally as we are equipped to evangelize - Mark 16:15

the body is built up internally as we are equipped to minister to one another  
in love - John 13:34-35

the body is built up in maturity as we are equipped to obey the Word of God  
and teach it - Matthew 7:24-27, II Timothy 2:2

#### **The saints are to be built up to function properly**

**Ephesians 4:13-16**

**The evangelists, pastors and teachers equip the saints to build**

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

**The apostles and the prophets are the foundation - Ephesians 2:19-22**

**Christ is the chief cornerstone - Ephesians 2:19-22**

## **Christ wants every Christian to become mature Ephesians 4:13-14**

### **The will of God is for Christians to become mature**

**this includes coming to the unity of the faith**

we are all to be of one accord - Acts 1:14, Acts 4:32

**this includes growth in the knowledge of the Son of God**

we are to grow in our knowledge of Christ - Philippians 3:8-10

**this includes growing to spiritual maturity**

we are to grow to spiritual maturity - II Timothy 3:14-17

**this includes growing in Christlikeness**

we are to grow and become more and more like Christ - I John 3:1-3

### **The will of God for Christians is that we would not remain toddlers**

**toddlers (children who cannot speak clearly) are not the goal of God**

toddlers are still walking like non-Christians - I Corinthians 3:1-3

**toddlers are tossed to and fro**

toddlers are weak in faith and doubleminded - James 1:4-8

**toddlers are carried about by every wind of doctrine**

toddlers are easily deceived by false teaching - II Timothy 4:3-4

**toddlers are deceived by the slight of man**

toddlers follow men instead of Christ - Acts 20:30

**toddlers are deceived by the cunning craftiness of false teachers**

toddlers are often deceived by false teachers - Acts 20:29

### **The tragedy of toddlers**

- ♦ toddlers act like people who are not Christians - I Corinthians 3:1
- ♦ toddlers are not able to understand difficult teachings from the Bible - I Cor. 3:2
- ♦ toddlers experience envying, strife and divisions - I Corinthians 3:3
- ♦ toddlers talk, understanding and thinking of spiritual things is limited - I Cor. 13:11
- ♦ toddlers are tossed to and fro by every false teaching - Ephesians 4:14
- ♦ toddlers are easily deceived by false teachers - Ephesians 4:14
- ♦ toddlers are dull of hearing to spiritual truth - Hebrews 5:11
- ♦ toddlers need to be retaught the basics of Christianity - Hebrews 5:12
- ♦ toddlers are unskillful in the word of righteousness - Hebrews 5:13
- ♦ toddlers do not have their senses developed to recognize good and evil - Heb. 5:14

## **Christ wants every Christian to function effectively Ephesians 4:15-16**

**The will of God is for Christians to learn to serve in love**

**we are to learn to speak the truth in love**  
this involves speaking the truth - Ephesians 4:25  
this involves speaking in love - Ephesians 4:29  
**we are to grow up in Christ in all things**  
we are to continue to grow in Christ - II Peter 3:18  
**we are to recognize Christ as the head**  
Christ is the head of the church - Ephesians 1:22  
Christ is the head of the body - Colossians 1:18

**The will of God is for Christians to learn to function effectively**

**Christ is the One who joins the whole body together**  
we all are to abide in Christ - John 15:5  
**Christ is the One who keeps us united as one body**  
Christ is the Head who binds us together - Colossians 2:19  
**Christ wants every person to do his or her part**  
every part has an important ministry - I Corinthians 12:12-28  
**Christ wants us to work together in His power**  
we are to work together as one body - I Corinthians 12:14-20  
we can do nothing in our own power - John 15:5, Acts 1:8  
we can do all things through Christ's power - Philippians 4:13  
**Christ says every Christian working effectively is His standard**  
toddlers do not work because they are self centered - I Corinthians 3:1-3  
toddlers do not work because they are tossed to and fro - Ephesians 4:14  
toddlers do not work because they are dull of hearing and are not exercising  
their senses to discern good and evil - Hebrews 5:11-14  
Christ wants us to mature and function properly - Ephesians 4:11-16  
**Christ says this will cause growth in the body**  
healthy Christians speak the Word with boldness - Acts 4:31, Acts 8:4  
healthy Christians lead others to Christ - John 1:40-41, Acts 11:19-21  
**Christ says this will also cause the body to build itself up in love**  
healthy Christians love one another - John 13:34-35  
healthy Christians bear one another's burdens - Galatians 6:2  
healthy Christians build up one another - I Thessalonians 5:11-18

## **God wants us to walk as new people in Christ Ephesians 4:17-24**

the Christian is no longer to walk like other Gentiles - 4:17-19  
the Christian is to put off our past lifestyle - 4:20-22  
the Christian is to put on the new man - 4:23-24

## **The Christian is no longer to walk like other Gentiles Ephesians 4:17-19**

### **The Gentiles walk in the evilness of their mind**

**the Lord is speaking through Paul**  
Paul was writing the commandments of the Lord - I Corinthians 14:37  
**the Lord does not want us to walk like our past life**  
we were in darkness but now are to walk in the light - Ephesians 5:8  
**the Lord does not want us to walk in the evilness of our mind**  
as a man thinks in his heart, so is he - Proverbs 23:7

### **The Gentiles have their understanding darkened**

**they have their understanding darkened**  
we formerly followed the desires of the mind - Ephesians 2:3  
**they are alienated from the life of God**  
we were formerly alienated from God - Colossians 1:21  
**they are separated by the ignorance that is in them**  
this ignorance left us without knowledge of God - Acts 17:30  
**their hearts are filled with blindness**  
our foolish heart was darkened - Romans 1:21-23

### **The Gentiles have given themselves over to sin**

**they are beyond feeling guilt, shame or grief**  
they have their conscience seared - I Timothy 4:2  
**they have given themselves over to outrageous sin**  
this has led to every form of sin - Romans 1:24-28  
**they are doing all wild living and desire more**  
they take pleasure in their evil - Romans 1:29-32

## **The Christian is to put off our past lifestyle Ephesians 4:20-22**

### **Christ did not teach us our former lifestyle**

we have become dead to our former lifestyle - Romans 6:1-2  
we are now motivated by the love of Christ for us - II Corinthians 5:14-15  
we are now to live godly in this present world - Titus 2:11-14

### **Christ has taught us a new lifestyle**

#### **we have heard Christ**

we as the sheep of Christ hear His voice - John 10:4, 14  
we have heard the truth through Christ - Ephesians 1:13

#### **we have been taught by Christ**

the law came by Moses but truth came by Christ - John 1:17  
we have been taught by Christ through the Spirit - John 14:26

#### **we have learned the truth through Christ**

Christ is the way and the truth - John 14:6  
Christ has given us the Spirit of truth - John 14:16-17

### **Christ has taught us to put off the old man**

#### **we are to put off our former lifestyle**

we are to put off the works of darkness - Romans 13:12  
we are to put off the the attitudes that cause evil speaking - Colossians 3:8  
we are to lay aside every hindrance and sin - Hebrews 12:1

#### **we are to put off our old man**

we have put off the old man and his deeds - Colossians 3:9  
our old man was crucified with Christ - Romans 6:1-6

#### **we are to realize our old man is corrupt**

our old man caused us to be slaves to sin - Romans 6:6  
our old man caused us to live in sin - Colossians 3:5-7  
our old man followed the lifestyle of the Gentiles - I Peter 4:3

#### **we are to realize our old man followed deceitful lusts**

our old man deceived our heart - James 1:26  
sin deceived us and destroyed us - Romans 7:11

## **The Christian is to put on the new man Ephesians 4:23-24**

### **Christ wants us to be renewed in the spirit of our mind**

#### **we have been given a new spirit**

we are created in Christ Jesus - Ephesians 2:10  
we have Christ living in us - Galatians 2:20  
we are born of the Spirit when we place our trust in Christ - John 3:5-8  
we have become partakers of the divine nature - II Peter 1:4  
we have a right spirit renewed in us as we confess sin - Psalm 51:10

#### **we are to be renewed in the spirit of our mind**

we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind - Romans 12:2  
we are now able to think spiritual thoughts - I Corinthians 2:9-16  
we are being renewed in knowledge by Christ - Colossians 3:10  
we are being renewed by the Holy Spirit - Titus 3:5  
to be spiritually minded produces life and peace - Romans 8:6

### **Christ wants us to put on the new man**

#### **the new man is what we are to put on**

the new man is Christ in us - Galatians 2:20  
the new man makes us new creations - II Corinthians 5:17  
the new man is renewed in knowledge - Colossians 3:10-11  
the new man motivates us to put on a new lifestyle - Colossians 3:12-17

#### **the new man is created in righteousness**

our new man has been raised by Christ for new life - Romans 6:4  
our new man is a new creation and creates new life - II Corinthians 5:17  
our new man is being renewed day by day - II Corinthians 4:16

#### **the new man is created in holiness**

we were originally created in the likeness of God - Genesis 1:26-27  
we are now being changed into His image - II Corinthians 3:18  
we are becoming conformed to His image - Romans 8:28-29  
we have been created unto good works - Ephesians 2:10  
we will be like Him one day - I John 3:2

# **God wants us to put away the actions of the past**

## **Ephesians 4:25-32**

Christians are to be members one of another - 4:25  
Christians are to handle anger properly - 4:26-27  
Christians are to work and share - 4:28  
Christians are to speak what builds up others - 4:29  
Christians are not to grieve the Holy Spirit - 4:30-31  
Christians are to be kind and forgiving - 4:32

## **Christians are to be members one of another**

### **Ephesians 4:25**

**we are to put away lying**  
lying has it's source in Satan - John 8:44  
**we are to speak the truth**  
we are to speak the truth in love - Ephesians 4:15  
**we are members of one another**  
the body of Christ has many parts - I Corinthians 12:12-13  
the members of the body all depend on one another - I Corinthians 12:14-27

## **Christians are to handle anger properly**

### **Anger must be handled properly**

**we are to have anger against sin**  
Moses had great anger against sin - Exodus 32:19-22  
**we are not to have anger against the sinner**  
Moses had great love for the sinners - Exodus 32:30-32  
**we are not to let the sun go down on our wrath**  
wrath by man does not do righteousness - James 1:19-20  
wrath against sin belongs to the Lord - Romans 12:19-21

## **Anger handled wrongly gives the devil an opportunity**

we are in a conflict against Satan - Ephesians 6:11  
we are to be aware of Satan's traps for us - II Corinthians 2:11  
we are to resist the devil - James 4:7-8  
we are to be vigilant against Satan - I Peter 4:8-9

## **Christians are to handle anger properly**

### **Ephesians 4:26-27**

#### **we are to deal with anger properly**

##### **God tells us to have a holy anger against sin**

we are to hate evil against God - Psalm 69:9  
we see Christ showing anger toward sin against God - Matthew 21:12-13  
we are to be angry at sin against others - Matthew 22:7  
we see Christ showing anger toward sin against others - Mark 3:3-5  
we are to hate sin but love the sinner - Matthew 5:43-45

##### **God tells us we are not to sin in our anger**

we are not to be angry with our brother - Matthew 5:21-22  
we are to be willing to pass over the transgressions of others - Proverbs 19:11  
we are to not to take vengeance ourselves - Romans 12:17-21  
we are not to be provoked in our spirit - Psalm 106:30-33

##### **God tells us not to let the sun go down on our wrath**

we ourselves have been saved from wrath - Romans 5:9  
we need to be concerned for those facing wrath - John 3:36  
we are to be slow to wrath - James 1:19-20  
we are to put away wrath - Ephesians 4:31-32  
we are to put off wrath - Colossians 3:6-8  
father are not to provoke their children to wrath - Ephesians 6:4

#### **we are not to give the devil an opportunity**

sin gives the devil an opportunity - Acts 5:3  
we are to stand against the wiles of the devil - Ephesians 6:11  
we are to be alert to the traps of the devil - I Peter 5:8-9  
we are to resist the devil - James 4:7  
we resist the devil by faith - Ephesians 6:16  
we resist the devil by forgiveness - II Corinthians 2:10-11

## **Christians are to work and to share**

### **Ephesians 4:28**

#### **Christians are not to steal**

we are commanded not to steal - Exodus 20:15, 17  
we have been set free from our past - I Corinthians 6:10-11  
we are to love rather than steal - Romans 13:9

#### **Christians are to labor**

we are to labor to present people mature in Christ - Colossians 1:28-29  
we are to labor in our service for Christ - I Timothy 4:8-10  
we are to labor in the Word and doctrine - I Timothy 5:17  
we are to labor as spiritual leaders - I Thessalonians 5:12

#### **Christians are to work with our hands**

we are to do good to all - Galatians 6:10  
we are to work to please the Lord - Colossians 3:23  
we are to work to meet our own needs - II Thessalonians 2:8-12  
we are to work to meet the needs of others - I Thessalonians 4:9-12

#### **Christians are to do the things that are good**

we are to abound in every good work - II Corinthians 9:8  
we are to do good to all - Galatians 6:10  
we were created for good works - Ephesians 2:10  
we are to speak what is good - Ephesians 4:29  
we are to be fruitful in every good work - Colossians 1:10  
we are to follow what is good - I Thessalonians 5:15  
we are to do good works to other saints - I Timothy 5:10  
we have been prepared for every good work - II Timothy 2:21

#### **Christians are to be prepared to share**

we are to share both the Gospel and our lives - I Thessalonians 2:8  
we are to share through our spiritual gifts - Romans 1:11  
we are to share generously with others - Romans 12:8

#### **Christians are to give to those in need**

the Christians in Philippi send to meet Paul's need - Philippians 4:16  
the Christians in Philippi were told God would supply their need - Philippians 4:19  
the meetings of needs is a way of showing love - I John 3:17

## **Christians are to speak what builds up others**

### **Ephesians 4:29**

#### **Christians are not to speak worthless words**

worthless words come from a worthless character - Matthew 7:17-18  
worthless words show the character of a person - Matthew 12:33  
worthless words will bring judgment - Matthew 13:48  
worthless words are not fitting for a Christian - Ephesians 5:3-4  
worthless words are to be put off by the Christian - Colossians 3:8-9  
worthless words create great problems - James 3:2-12  
worthless words are the way false teachers deceive - II Peter 2:18

#### **Christians are to speak words that are good**

we will be rewarded for the good we have spoken - II Corinthians 5:10  
we are to look for opportunities to speak good words - Galatians 6:10  
we were created for good words and works - Ephesians 2:10  
we are to always speak with grace - Colossians 4:6  
we are to teach good words that teach our children - Deuteronomy 6:6-9  
we are to speak good words that teach others - I Corinthians 14:19  
we are to speak to bring honor to Christ - Colossians 3:16-17

#### **Christians are to speak words that build up others**

we are to speak words that comfort and build up others - I Thess. 5:11  
we are to speak words that build up the body of Christ - Ephesians 4:12  
we are to speak words that build up others in love - Ephesians 4:16  
we are to speak words of godly wisdom - James 3:17

#### **Christian are to speak words that minister to others**

we are to speak words of comfort to others - II Corinthians 1:3-4  
we are to speak words that help others learn godly living - Titus 2:1-10  
we are to speak words that help people walk worthy of God - I Thess. 2:11-12  
we are to speak words that bring wisdom to others - Proverbs 10:31-32  
we are to speak words that turn away wrath - Proverbs 15:1  
we are to speak words that bring life and knowledge to others - Proverbs 15:2-7

## **Christians are not to grieve the Holy Spirit Ephesians 4:30-31**

### **The Holy Spirit is the One who sealed us**

#### **we are not to grieve the Holy Spirit**

the Spirit is grieved by the sinfulness of man - Genesis 6:3-6

the Spirit is grieved by hardness of heart - Acts 7:51

#### **we are to remember that the Holy Spirit is the one who sealed us**

we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and given life - Romans 8:9-11

we were sealed by the Spirit as our guarantee of eternal life - Ephesians 1:13-14

### **The Holy Spirit is grieved by wrong attitudes and actions**

#### **we are to put away bitterness**

a root of bitterness will defile many others - Hebrews 12:15

a root of bitterness produces bondage - Acts 8:23

#### **we are to put away wrath**

wrath is anger that boils up against another - Luke 4:28-29

wrath will cause a person to be contentious - Romans 2:8

#### **we are to put away anger**

anger is to be taken by God not us against sin - Romans 12:19

anger will cause a person to be contentious - Romans 2:8

anger does not produce the righteousness of God - James 1:19-20

#### **we are to put away clamor**

clamor is crying out in anger against another - Acts 23:9

(this is a public outburst indicating loss of control)

#### **we are to put away evil speaking**

evil speaking is a railing accusation against another - Jude 9

evil speaking is a characteristic of false teachers - I Timothy 6:3-5

evil speaking will a characteristic of the antichrist - Revelation 13:1, 5-6

#### **we are to put away all malice**

malice is a desire to hurt another by words or actions - Titus 3:3

malice comes from an evil nature - I Peter 3:9-12

malice is something we are to lay aside - I Peter 2:1

malice has the same affect as yeast - I Corinthians 5:8

# **Christians are to be kind and forgiving**

## **Ephesians 4:32**

### **God calls us to be kind to one another**

love is kind and patient - I Corinthians 13:4  
we are called to put on kindness - Colossians 3:12-13  
God showed us His kindness through Christ - Titus 3:4  
kindness is part of the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22  
brotherly kindness is to be added to godliness - II Peter 1:7

### **God calls us to be tenderhearted toward one another**

the wicked do not know how to show tender mercies - Proverbs 12:10  
the Lord is the source of compassion and tenderness - James 5:11  
the Lord calls us to be full of compassion and tenderness - I Peter 3:8

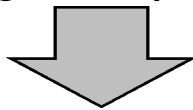
### **God calls us to forgive one another**

God made us alive and forgave all our trespasses - Colossians 2:13  
God now calls us to forgive one another - Colossians 3:13  
God calls us to continue to forgive - Luke 17:3-4

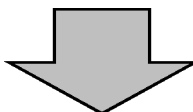
### **God forgave us because of Christ**

it is because of Christ that we have forgiveness - Colossians 1:14  
we are to forgive others as Christ forgave us - Colossians 3:13

Forgiven by God



because of Christ



we are now to forgive others

# **God wants us to avoid the works of darkness**

## **Ephesians 5:1-17**

Christians are to walk in love - 5:1-2

Christians are to avoid the sins of the flesh - 5:3-7

Christians are to walk in the light - 5:8-10

Christians are to expose the works of darkness - 5:11-12

Christians are to walk as wise men - 5:13-15

Christians are to make good use of the time we have - 5:16-17

## **Christians are to walk in love**

### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

### **God calls us to be followers**

**we are to be followers of God**

God has called us to live a holy life - I Peter 1:15-16

**we are to follow as dear children**

God has called us His children - I John 3:1-3

### **God calls us to walk in love**

**we are to walk in love**

we are to be rooted in the love of Christ - Ephesians 3:17-19

we are to walk in Christ - Colossians 2:6

we are to walk worthy of Christ - Colossians 1:10

**we are to remember that Christ loves us**

Christ loved the church and gave Himself for us - Ephesians 5:25

Christ loved us first and we respond to His love - I John 4:19

**we are to remember that Christ gave Himself for us**

Christ died for us according to the Scriptures - I Corinthians 15:3

Christ died for us because of His love for us - II Corinthians 5:14-15

**we remember that Christ gave Himself as an offering and sacrifice to God**

Christ gave Himself as an offering for us - Hebrews 10:5-18

Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for us - Hebrews 9:24-26

**we are to realize that Christ's sacrifice was pleasing to God**

the sweet savor of Christ's sacrifice has been placed on us - II Cor. 2:14-16

this sweet savor makes our works well pleasing to God - Philippians 4:18

## **Christians are to avoid the sins of the flesh Ephesians 5:3-7**

### **God calls us to avoid all uncleanness**

#### **we are to avoid fornication**

the will of God is for us to avoid any sex sin - I Thessalonians 4:3

#### **we are to avoid all uncleanness**

uncleanness is following the evil lusts of the heart - Romans 1:24

#### **we are to avoid covetousness**

covetousness is a desire to have more things - Luke 12:15

### **God calls us to avoid foolish talk**

#### **we are to avoid filthiness**

filthiness is evil speaking and denying the truth - II Corinthians 4:2

#### **we are to avoid foolish talk**

foolish talk is godless talk - Titus 3:9

#### **we are to avoid jesting**

filthy talk with double meanings - II Peter 2:18

#### **we are to give thanks**

we are to give thanks always for all things - Ephesians 5:20

### **God says those who practice such things show their heart**

#### **a sinful heart may produce a fornicator**

a fornicator is a person who has given himself to sex sin - I Corinthians 5:9-11

#### **a sinful heart may produce an unclean person**

an unclean person is one who has given himself over to evil lusts - II Cor. 6:14-17

#### **a sinful heart may produce a covetous person (idolater)**

a covetous person is one controlled by the love of money - I Timothy 6:9-10

#### **a sinful heart does not produce eternal life**

a covetous person (idolater) does not have eternal life - I Cor. 6:9-10

### **God does not want us to be deceived**

#### **we are not to be deceived**

a deceived person has a deceived heart - James 1:26

#### **we do not want to share in the wrath of God**

before Christ we are children of disobedience - Ephesians 2:2

### **God does not want us to share the deeds of evil doers**

## **Christians are to walk in the light Ephesians 5:8-10**

### **Christians are in the light**

#### **we were once darkness**

we were formerly separated from God - Ephesians 2:12

we were in darkness when separated from God - Ephesians 4:18

#### **we have been made light in the Lord**

Christ came to bring light to all in darkness - Matthew 4:16

we have been delivered from the power of darkness - Colossians 1:12-13

God has given us His light in our hearts - II Corinthians 4:6

our ministry is to turn people from darkness to light - Acts 26:18

#### **we are to walk as children of light**

walking with Christ causes us to walk in the light - John 8:12

we are to walk in the light as Christ is in the light - I John 1:7

### **Christians are the fruit of the light**

#### **we are to demonstrate all goodness**

we are to be full of goodness - Romans 15:14

we have goodness as the fruit of the Spirit develops in us - Galatians 5:22

we are to fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness - I Thessalonians 1:11

#### **we are to demonstrate righteousness**

the new man is created in righteousness - Ephesians 4:24

we are to have on the breastplate of righteousness - Ephesians 6:14

we are to follow after righteousness - I Timothy 6:11

#### **we are to demonstrate truth**

we are to have our loins girded about with truth - Ephesians 6:14

we are to speak the truth in love - Ephesians 4:15

we have put on the new man and are to speak truth - Ephesians 4:25

### **Christians are to learn what is pleasing to the Lord**

we are to prove what is acceptable to the Lord - Romans 12:1-2

righteousness, peace and joy are acceptable to the Lord - Romans 14:17:18

prayer for all leaders is acceptable to the Lord - I Timothy 2:1-3

suffering patiently when serving the Lord is acceptable to the Lord - I Peter 2:20

## **Christians are to expose the works of darkness Ephesians 5:11-12**

**God tells us not to fellowship with the works of darkness**

**we are not to participate in the unfruitful works of darkness**

we are to avoid the counsel of the ungodly - Psalm 1:1-2  
we are to cast off the works of darkness - Romans 13:12  
we are to avoid those who cause divisions and offenses - Romans 16:17  
we are to avoid fellowship with Christians living in sin - I Corinthians 5:9-11  
we are to avoid fellowship with false worship - I Corinthians 10:20  
we are to avoid fellowship with unrighteousness - II Corinthians 6:14-17  
we are to avoid fellowship with false teachers - I Timothy 6:3-5

**we are to expose the unfruitful works of darkness**

the works of darkness are the fruit of walking in darkness - I John 1:6  
the Word of God will reprove of hidden sin - I Corinthians 14:24  
we are to use the Word of God to reprove - II Timothy 4:2  
the end of the works of darkness is death - Romans 6:21

**God tells us not to even discuss the works of darkness**

**the works of darkness are even shameful to discuss**

we are to avoid discussing the works of darkness - Ephesians 5:3  
we are no longer to focus on our past life - I Peter 4:2-3  
God is the One who will judge the secrets of men - Romans 2:16  
God will judge men according to their works - Revelation 20:12

**the works of darkness are the things done in secret**

the works of uncleanness are the works of darkness - Romans 1:24-32  
the works of the flesh are works of darkness - Galatians 5:19-21  
the deeds of the old man are the works of darkness - Colossians 3:5-9  
the deeds of the last days are the works of darkness - II Timothy 3:1-8  
the works of the defiled are the works of darkness - Titus 1:15-16

**Christians are to walk as wise men  
Ephesians 5:13-15**

**All things become visible when exposed to the light**

**the light exposes all things**

the light reveals the hidden things of darkness - I Corinthians 4:5

the light reveals both the good and the bad - II Corinthians 5:10

the light reveals those who are false teachers - I John 2:19

**the light causes everything to become visible**

the light reveals the wickedness of individuals - Hosea 2:10

the light reveals the wickedness of nations - Hosea 7:1

the light causes the deeds of those who do truth to be revealed - John 3:20-21

**All unbelievers are called to salvation**

**unbelievers need to awake to spiritual things**

those in darkness are to awake to salvation - Romans 13:11-12

those who are sleeping need to awake - I Thessalonians 5:6-7

**unbelievers need to arise from the dead**

those who are dead need to come to life - Ephesians 2:5

those who are dead need to be raised to newness of life - Romans 6:4-5

**unbelievers can have Christ give them light**

Christ promised to be a light to those walking in darkness - John 8:12

Christ will cause the light to flow into our hearts - II Corinthians 4:6

**All believers are called to be careful how we walk**

**we are to walk carefully**

we are to walk in the Spirit - Galatians 5:16

we are to walk with good works - Ephesians 2:10

we are to walk in love - I Peter 1:22

**we are not to walk as fools (unwise)**

an unwise person leaves God out of his life - Psalm 14:1, 53:1

an unwise person changes the glory of God - Romans 1:19-21

an unwise person depends on worldly wisdom - James 3:14-16

**we are to walk as those who are wise**

a wise person walks with godly wisdom - James 3:13, 17-18

# **Christians are to make good use of the time we have**

## **Ephesians 5:16-17**

### **God wants us to use our time wisely**

#### **we are to buy up every opportunity to serve the Lord**

Christ bought us back from the curse of the law - Galatians 3:13

Christ bought us out from under the law - Galatians 4:5

Christ wants us to buy up every opportunity to serve Him - Colossians 4:5

Christ wants us to use every opportunity to do good - Galatians 6:10

#### **we are to realize that the days are evil**

this present age is an evil age - Galatians 1:4

we are to be prepared to withstand in the evil day - Ephesians 5:16

we are to avoid every appearance of evil - I Thessalonians 5:22

we are to realize the people will become more evil - II Timothy 3:13

### **God wants us to understand His will**

#### **we are not to be unwise**

the unwise man (fool) focuses on the outward man - Luke 11:39-40

the unwise man (fool) does not prepare for the future - Luke 12:20

#### **we are to understand the will of the Lord**

the Holy Spirit prays for us according to the will of God - Romans 8:27

the Word of God will teach us the will of God - Romans 12:1-2

the will of Christ is to deliver us from this present evil age - Galatians 1:4

the will of God is to be done from the heart - Ephesians 6:5-6

we are to become mature and complete in the will of God - Colossians 4:12

the will of God is for us to avoid sexual sin - I Thessalonians 4:3

the will of God is for us to give thanks in everything - I Thessalonians 5:18

the will of God was to verify the ministry of the apostles - Hebrews 2:4

the will of God is to silence foolish men by our godly actions - I Peter 2:15

sometimes it is the will of God for us to suffer - I Peter 3:17

the will of God is for to no longer live for the lusts of the flesh - I Peter 4:2

the Word of God was given to us by the will of God - II Peter 1:21

the will of God is for all to come to repentance - II Peter 3:9

the will of God is to abide forever - I John 2:17

# **God want us to be filled with the Spirit**

## **Ephesians 5:18-21**

Christians are to be continually filled with the Spirit - 5:18

Christians are to have a melody in our hearts - 5:19

Christians are to give thanks always - 5:20

Christians are to submit ourselves to one another - 5:21

## **Christians are to be continually filled with the Spirit**

### **Ephesians 5:18**

#### **we are not to be drunk with wine**

drink is not for the sons of the King - Proverbs 31:4

drink will cause a leader to pervert justice - Proverbs 31:5

drink is for those who are perishing or of heavy hearts - Proverbs 31:6

drink is for those who are of the night - I Thessalonians 5:6-8

#### **we are to be filled with the Spirit**

a Christian filled with joy serves in the power of the Spirit - Romans 15:13

a Christian filled with the Spirit bears the fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-25

a Christian filled with the Spirit is abiding in the Word of God-Colossians 3:14-17

## **Christians are to have a melody in our hearts**

### **Ephesians 5:19**

#### **we are to speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs**

we are to speak to one another in psalms - I Corinthians 14:26

(psalms refers to the book of Psalms - Luke 24:44)

we are to speak to one another hymns - Colossians 3:16

we are to speak to one another in spiritual songs - I Corinthians 2:13

#### **we are to be singing and making melody in our hearts**

we will one day sing to Christ in heaven - Revelation 5:9-10

we sing to glorify God for His mercy - Romans 15:9

we are to sing with both the spirit and understanding - I Corinthians 14:15

we are to make melody when we are cheerful - James 5:13

we are to sing from our hearts - Ephesians 5:19

(the heart is the center of both physical and spiritual life - Proverbs 4:23)

## **Christians are to give thanks always Ephesians 5:20**

### **we are to give thanks at all times**

Paul gave thanks always for other Christians - I Corinthians 1:4  
Paul always gave thanks when he prayed - Ephesians 1:16  
Paul gave thanks always both in word and deed - Colossians 3:17  
Paul gave thanks that people accepted the Word of God - I Thessalonians 2:13  
Paul gave thanks that people were chosen by God - II Thessalonians 2:13

### **we are to give thanks for all things**

we are to give thanks in everything - I Thessalonians 5:18  
we are to give thanks always for all things - Ephesians 5:20

### **we are to give thanks to the Father in the name of Christ**

Paul gave thanks to the Father each time He prayed - Colossians 1:3  
Paul gave thanks to the Father for giving us power to share in the  
inheritance of the saints - Colossians 1:12  
we are to give thanks to the Father in all that we say or do - Colossians 3:17

## **Christians are to submit to one another Ephesians 5:21**

### **we are to submit ourselves to one another**

we begin by being submissive to God - James 4:7  
wives are to be submissive to their husbands - Titus 2:4-5  
men are to be submissive to their wives - I Timothy 5:14  
employees are to be submissive to their employers - Titus 2:9  
we are all to be submissive to leaders - Titus 3:1  
the younger are to submit to the elders - I Peter 5:5

### **we are to submit in the fear of God**

we are to be obedient with godly fear - Hebrews 11:7  
we are to serve God with reverence and fear - Hebrews 12:28

## **God describes the Spirit filled life for husbands and wives Ephesians 5:22-33**

a Spirit led wife will submit to her husband - 5:22-24  
a Spirit led husband will love his wife - 5:25-30  
a Spirit led couple will become one in Christ - 5:31-33

### **A Spirit led wife will submit to her husband Ephesians 5:22-24**

#### **Understanding why a wife submits**

the wife is submissive to win her husband to Christ - I Peter 3:1-5  
the wife is submissive so that the Word is not blasphemed - Titus 2:5  
the wife is submissive because it is fitting - Colossians 3:18  
the wife is submissive to show a learner's attitude - I Timothy 2:11-12  
the wife is submissive in the church to fulfill the law - I Corinthians 15:34-35

#### **Understanding headship**

**the wife is to recognize her husband as head**  
Christ calls the husband to be the head of his wife - I Corinthians 11:3  
Christ calls the wife to recognize her husband as head - Ephesians 5:23  
**the church is to recognize Christ as head**  
Christ is the head of the man - I Corinthians 11:3  
Christ is the head of the church - Colossians 1:18  
Christ calls us all to grow up into Him - Ephesians 4:15  
Christ calls us all to minister with a submissive attitude - Ephesians 4:16  
**the husband is to sacrifice for his wife**  
Christ gave His life for the church - Ephesians 5:25  
the husband is to give his life for his wife - Ephesians 5:28

#### **Understanding balanced submission**

**the church is subject to Christ**  
the church is to be subject in all things - Colossians 3:17-18  
**the wife is subject to her husband**

## **A Spirit led husband will love his wife Ephesians 5:25-30**

### **Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it**

#### **husbands are commanded to love their wives**

love is an act of the will not the emotions - John 13:34-35  
husbands are commanded to love their wives - Colossians 3:19

#### **husbands are to love as Christ loved the church**

love was demonstrated to us by Christ - I John 4:10-11  
husbands have been given a new pattern for love - John 13:34-35

#### **husbands are to give of themselves as Christ gave for the church**

true love is the result of spiritual life - I John 4:7  
love is mature when it is without fear - I John 4:18

### **Christ cleanses and sanctifies the church**

#### **husbands are to sanctify and cleanse their wives**

sanctifying happens through the Word - John 17:17-19  
cleansing happens through confession of sin - I John 1:9

#### **husbands are to minister the Word to their wives**

husbands are to answer the questions of their wives - I Cor. 14:34-35  
husbands are to model the Word for their wives - James 1:22

### **Christ will present the church without spot or wrinkle**

#### **husbands are to present their wives as glorious wives**

Christ calls the church to be to the praise of His glory - Ephesians 1:12  
the wife is the glory of her husband - I Corinthians 11:7

#### **husbands are to protect their wives from spot or wrinkle**

husbands are to avoid bitterness toward their wives - Colossians 3:19  
because bitterness will defile those around it - Hebrews 12:15

#### **husbands are to present their wives holy and without blemish**

the goal of Christ is to present the church holy - Colossians 1:22  
the goal of the husband is to present the wife holy - I Peter 3:5  
Christ chose us to be holy and without blemish - Ephesians 1:4  
Christ will present us holy and without blemish - Colossians 1:22

## **Christ calls husbands to love their wives as they love their own bodies**

### **husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies**

a husband and wife become one flesh - Ephesians 5:31

a husband is to love his wife as he loves himself - Ephesians 5:33

**husbands actually love themselves when they love their wives**

a husband is caring for his own bones and flesh - Genesis 2:21-24

a husband becomes one flesh with his wife - Matthew 19:5-6

## **Christ says men take care of their own bodies**

### **men do not hate their own bodies**

hate is usually felt toward others - Titus 3:3

hate is demonstrated toward those around us - I John 2:9-11

hate is to be replaced by love toward those around us - I John 4:11-20

### **men nourish their own bodies**

men nourish their own hearts both good and evil - James 5:5

merciful men do good to their own souls - Proverbs 11:17

### **men cherish their own bodies**

men care for their bodies as a nursing mother cares for her child - I Thess. 2:7

**men are to nourish and cherish their wives as Christ does the church**

Christ gave His life for the church - Ephesians 5:25

## **Christ says we are a part of Him**

### **we are a part of His body**

Christians become one body in Christ - Romans 12:5

Christians are all a part of the body of Christ - I Corinthians 12:12-27

Christians are the body and Christ is the head - Colossians 2:19

### **we are a part of His flesh**

Christians become part of the flesh of Christ - John 6:50-58

Christians reveal Christ in our flesh - II Corinthians 4:11

Christians live in the flesh by faith - Galatians 2:20

### **we are a part of His bones**

Christ was flesh and bones after the resurrection - Luke 24:39

Christ lives within our lives - Galatians 2:20

Christ calls us to represent Him in the world - John 20:21

## **A Spirit led couple will become one in Christ Ephesians 5:31-33**

### **Christ calls couples to become one flesh**

**a husband is to leave father and mother**

to leave means to forsake or leave behind - Acts 18:19

**a husband is to be joined to his wife**

to be joined together means to cleave or be welded together - Mark 10:7

**a husband and wife are to become one flesh**

to become one flesh means to have sexual relations - I Corinthians 6:16

### **Christ says a godly couple pictures the church**

**the unity of a couple is a great mystery**

a mystery reveals the wisdom of God - I Corinthians 2:7

a mystery is something not known which Christ reveals - Ephesians 1:9

**the unity of the church is a great mystery**

a mystery is something which is now revealed by the Spirit - Ephesians 3:3-5

this unity began with Christ and the Father - John 17:4-8

this unity is the desire of Christ for the church - John 17:21-23

this unity is to be kept by Christians - Ephesians 4:3-7

### **Christ calls godly couples to love and respect**

**a godly husband will love his wife**

a husband is to love his wife as his own body - Ephesians 5:28

a husband is to love his wife and not be bitter toward her - Colossians 3:19

a husband shows love to his wife by honoring her - I Peter 3:7

a husband shows love by meeting his wife's needs - I Corinthians 7:3-5

a husband shows love by following Christ's example - Ephesians 5:25-29

a husband shows love by listening to his wife - James 1:19-20

**a godly wife will respect her husband**

a wife shows respect to her husband when she has godly fear - I Peter 3:1-6

a wife shows respect to her husband when she submits - Colossians 3:18

a wife shows respect by meeting her husband's needs - I Corinthians 7:3-5

a wife shows respect by listening to her husband - James 1:19-20

# God describes the Spirit filled life for parents and children

## Ephesians 6:1-4

Spirit led children will obey their parents - 6:1-3

Spirit led parents will not provoke their children to wrath - 6:4

## Spirit led children will obey their parents

### Ephesians 6:1-3

#### Children are to obey their parents

##### children are to obey to please the Lord

obedient children are well-pleasing to the Lord - Colossians 3:20

obedient children are a blessing to their parents - Proverbs 1:8

obedient children listen to their parents - Proverbs 23:22

##### children are to obey because it is right to obey

obedient children are following the example of Christ - Luke 2:51

obedient children are looking to the Lord for reward - Colossians 3:23-24

#### Children are to honor their parents

##### honoring parents is one of the ten commandments

honoring parents is the fifth commandment - Exodus 20:12

honoring all people is pleasing to God - I Peter 2:17

honoring a Father was demonstrated by Christ - John 8:49

##### honoring parents is the first command with a promise

honoring parents also contains a promise - Exodus 20:12

#### Children will reap the rewards of obedience

##### obedient children experience the blessing of the Lord

it is well for us when we obey the Lord - Jeremiah 42:6

##### obedient children experience long life

our days will be prolonged as we honor our parents - Deuteronomy 5:16

#### Children please God by:

Obeying Parents

Honoring Parents

#### God rewards children by:

Blessing

Long Life

## **Spirit led parents will not provoke their children to wrath Ephesians 6:4**

### **fathers are to lead in helping their children grow spiritually**

fathers are to instruct their children - Proverbs 6:1-4  
fathers are to teach their children by example - Deuteronomy 4:5-9  
fathers are to train their children as they are growing - Proverbs 22:6  
fathers are to teach their children at all times - Deuteronomy 6:5-9  
fathers are to take time to answer children's questions - Deuteronomy 6:20-24  
fathers are to teach their children in all places - Deuteronomy 11:19-21  
fathers are to lead their family in serving the Lord - Joshua 24:15  
fathers are to teach their children to seek the Lord - I Chronicles 28:9  
fathers are to teach the next generation - Psalm 78:4-7

### **fathers are not to provoke their children to wrath**

fathers are not to provoke or discourage their children - Colossians 3:21  
fathers are to discipline but not destroy - Proverbs 19:18  
fathers are to correct through loving discipline - Proverbs 22:15

### **fathers are to bring their children up in the training of the Lord**

training is best done by using the Word of God - II Timothy 3:16-17  
training is to be done with gentleness - II Timothy 2:25  
training has as its focus growth in godly living - Titus 2:12  
training includes chastening and discipline - Hebrews 12:5-11

### **fathers are to bring their children up in the admonition of the Lord**

fathers are to give wisdom by discipline and rebuke - Proverbs 29:15  
fathers are to admonish and warn in love - I Corinthians 4:14  
fathers warn children to bring them to maturity - Colossians 1:28  
fathers can admonish children through music - Colossians 3:16  
spiritual fathers are to admonish spiritual children - I Thessalonians 5:12  
fathers are to warn the unruly - I Thessalonians 5:14

## **God describes the Spirit filled life for employees and employers Ephesians 6:5-9**

Spirit led employees will work to please the Lord - 6:5-8

Spirit led employers will show respect to employees - 6:9

### **Spirit led employees will work to please the Lord Ephesians 6:5-8**

**employees will obey their employers as if they were obeying the Lord**  
employees are to obey their employers from the heart - Colossians 3:22-24  
employees are to please their masters in all things - Titus 2:9-10

**employees will seek to do the will of God**  
employees are to seek to understand the will of God - Ephesians 5:17  
employees are to honor those in authority - I Peter 2:13-16

**employees will seek to serve the Lord**  
employees are to do all to the glory of God - I Corinthians 10:31-33  
employees are to do all they do to the Lord - Colossians 3:23

**employees will look to the Lord for provision**  
employees are to look to the Lord for reward - Colossians 3:24  
employees will see Christ provide needs as they honor Him - Philippians 4:19

### **Spirit led employers will show respect to their employees Ephesians 6:9**

**employers will also seek to serve the Lord**  
employers are to treat their employees fairly - Colossians 4:1  
employers who are not fair will be judged - James 5:4

**employers will not threaten**  
Christ gave the example by not threatening - I Peter 2:23  
employers are to treat others the way they want to be treated - Matthew 7:12

**employers will seek to please the Lord, their Master**  
God does not show partiality in salvation - Acts 10:34-35  
Christ does not show partiality when He rewards - Colossians 3:24-25  
Christ calls us to avoid all partiality - James 2:1-10

## **God describes our enemy as Christians**

### **Ephesians 6:10-12**

we are to depend on the strength of the Lord - 6:10

we are to put on the armor of God - 6:11

we are to understand our enemy - 6:12

## **We are to depend on the strength of the Lord**

### **Ephesians 6:10**

**we are to be strong in the Lord**

Christ is the source of our strength - Philippians 4:13

**we are to be strong in the power of His might**

Christ causes His power to work through us - Ephesians 1:19

## **We are to put on the armor of God**

### **Ephesians 6:11**

**we are to put on the whole armor of God**

God calls us to put on the entire armor not just part - Ephesians 6:13

**we will then be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**

God tells us that the devil is very deceptive - II Corinthians 11:3, 13-15

## **We are to understand our enemy**

### **Ephesians 6:12**

**our fight is not against human enemies**

God says our fight is not a physical fight - I Corinthians 9:25-27

God says that our fight is a spiritual fight - II Corinthians 10:3-5

**our fight is against principalities**

principalities are the first created angels who became demons - Colossians 1:16

**our fight is against powers**

Satan is the prince of the power of the air - Ephesians 2:2

**our fight is against the rulers of the darkness of this world**

God delivered us from the power of darkness - Colossians 1:13

**our fight is against spiritual wickedness in high places**

Satan is the wicked one - I John 2:13-14

# God describes our armor as Christians

## Ephesians 6:13-20

spiritual armor is for defence - 6:13-17a

spiritual armor is for offence - 17b-18

spiritual armor caused Paul to speak boldly for Christ - 6:19-20

### Spiritual armor is for defence

#### Ephesians 6:13-17a

**We have been commanded to stand**

**Christ has already clothed us with certain things in order to stand**

**we have had our loins girded with truth**

we are to be committed to knowing the truth - John 8:31-32

we are to be committed to obeying the truth - James 1:22

**we have been given the breastplate of righteousness**

we have been given the righteousness of Christ - Philippians 3:9

we are to grow in our obedience to that righteousness - Philippians 3:10-14

**we have had our feet shod with the gospel of peace**

we have the peace of God controlling our hearts and minds - Philippians 4:4-7

we have the God of peace with us in spiritual battle - Philippians 4:8-9

**Christ tells us to take certain things in order to stand**

**we are to take the shield of faith**

the shield of faith provides protection from temptation - I Corinthians 10:12-13

this faith gives us an eternal viewpoint - II Corinthians 4:16-18

this faith quenches all the fiery darts of Satan - I Peter 5:8-9

this faith causes us to know the wicked one cannot touch us - I John 5:18-19

**we are to take the helmet of salvation**

the helmet of salvation is the hope of salvation - I Thessalonians 5:8

that hope is based on the resurrection of Christ - I Corinthians 15:12-21

that hope is based on the return of Christ - I Thessalonians 4:13-18

## **Spiritual armor is for offence Ephesians 6:17b-18**

### **The sword of the Spirit is one of our weapons**

#### **we are to take the sword of the Spirit**

the sword of the Spirit is greater than a human sword - Hebrews 4:12

the sword of the Spirit defeats Satan - Matthew 4:4, 7, 10-11

#### **we are to realize that the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God**

the Word of God is living and powerful - Hebrews 4:12

the Word of God is greater than our words - Isaiah 55:8-9

the Word of God will take away our fear of man - Hebrews 13:5-6

### **Prayer is our other weapon**

#### **we are to pray always**

we are to pray at all times - I Thessalonians 5:17

we are to pray for all people - I Timothy 2:1

we are to pray in all places - I Timothy 2:8

#### **we are to pray with prayer and supplication**

prayer speaks of general prayer addressed to God - Colossians 4:2, 12

supplication (petition) refers to specific requests to God - Philippians 4:6

#### **we are to pray in the Spirit**

we pray to the Father through the Spirit - Romans 8:15

we pray in the Spirit for the will of God - Romans 8:26-27

#### **we are to pray with all perseverance**

we are to continue in prayer to avoid temptation - Matthew 26:41

we are to continue in prayer until Christ comes - Mark 13:33-37

we are to continue in prayer and watch - Colossians 4:2

#### **we are to pray with all supplication (petition)**

we are to pray for forgiveness - Matthew 6:12, I John 1:9

we are to pray for victory over temptation - Matthew 6:13

we are to pray for the salvation of others - Romans 10:1

we are to pray for the ministry of one another - II Corinthians 1:11

we are to pray for Christians in other areas - II Corinthians 9:14

we are to pray for victory for one another - James 5:16

#### **we are to pray for all saints**

we are to pray for the spiritual growth of all Christians - Ephesians 3:14-21

we are to pray for fruitfulness for all Christians - Colossians 1:9-13

## **Spiritual armor caused Paul to speak boldly for Christ Ephesians 6:19-20**

### **Paul asked the Ephesians to pray for him**

#### **he asked them to pray for utterance**

Paul realized that we lack personal strength - II Corinthians 1:8-11  
Paul realized that God is the One who opens the door - Colossians 4:3  
Paul wanted people to pray that the Word would spread quickly - II Thess. 3:1

#### **he asked them to pray he would open his mouth boldly**

when we spend time with Christ we can speak boldly - Acts 4:13  
when we are filled with the Spirit we can speak boldly - Acts 4:31  
when we are filled with hope we can speak boldly - II Corinthians 3:4-12

#### **he asked them to pray that he would be able to share the Gospel**

Paul was chosen to reveal the mystery of the gospel - Ephesians 3:3-7  
Paul had a goal to share the Gospel where it had not been heard - Romans 15:20-21  
Paul had a goal to bring people to maturity - Colossians 1:26-29

### **Paul had a desire to speak to please God**

#### **this is because Christians are ambassadors for God**

we are ambassadors for Christ to call people to be reconciled to God  
II Corinthians 5:20

#### **this is because we are to speak boldly**

we are to speak boldly and without fear - Philippians 1:12-14  
we are to speak with the love that casts out fear - I John 4:18

#### **this is because speaking boldly is the way we ought to speak**

we are to obey God rather than men - Acts 5:29  
we are to speak the Word with confidence - Acts 28:31  
we are to speak the Word of God without shame - Philippians 1:20  
we are to make the Gospel clear to others - Colossians 4:3-4  
we are to speak the Word even when facing opposition - I Thessalonians 2:2  
we are to be willing to lay down our lives as we speak - I John 3:16  
we are to be bold as we contend for the faith - Jude 3

## **God wants us to be concerned for one another Ephesians 6:21-24**

Paul sent Tychicus to tell what was happening to him - 6:21-22  
Paul wanted the brethren to experience peace and love - 6:23-24

### **Paul sent Tychicus to tell what was happening to him Ephesians 6:21-22**

#### **Tychicus was a faithful servant of God**

**he would tell how Paul was doing**  
Paul realized how God was working - Philippians 1:12  
**he was a beloved brother**  
Paul had a real love for Tychicus - Colossians 4:7  
**he was a faithful servant of God**  
Paul had added Tychicus to his ministry team - Acts 20:4

#### **Tychicus was sent to encourage the Ephesians**

**he was sent with a purpose**  
Paul sent Tychicus to encourage the brethren - Colossians 4:7-8  
**he would tell what was happening to Paul**  
Paul wanted to keep the Christians informed - Colossians 4:9  
**he would encourage the Ephesians**  
Paul knew that Tychicus had a ministry of encouragement - II Timothy 4:12

### **Paul wanted the brethren to experience peace and love Ephesians 6:23-24**

#### **Peace is something God wants us all to experience**

**peace can be our experience**  
peace has it's source in the Father and Christ - Romans 1:7  
**love with faith comes from the Father and Christ**  
love has it's source in the Father and Christ - John 17:23

#### **Grace is present with all who love Christ**