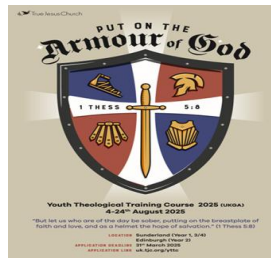


*The Letter of Paul to the*  
**EPHESIANS**

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8 But since we are of *the day*, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

**CHARACTERS WITHIN EPHESIANS**

**Main Characters**

**Paul (Eph 1:1, 3:1)**

- Apostle –

## **Tychicus (Eph 6:21-22)**

- Beloved brother and faithful minister

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## Study Analysis to the Book of Ephesians

Eph 1:1-3:21      Our Heavenly Calling

### Chapter One

Eph 1:1-2

Opening Greeting

- Greetings the saints of Ephesus. The will of God is discovered, understood, accepted.

## EPH 1:1 – 3:21      Our Heavenly Calling

Chapter 1

*The Blessings of Redemption*

## Eph 1:1-2 Opening Greeting

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus <sup>o</sup>by the will of God,  
To the <sup>d</sup>saints who are at Ephesus and *who are* faithful in Christ Jesus:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Eph 1:3-14 The Believer's Position in Christ

- As the believer in Christ we can allow time to reflect on identity of spiritual blessings we are recognised to have as His believers, similar to believers of Ephesus.
  - To remind self of blessings Christ has given us to cherish being in Christ, without which we do not obtain these blessings
  - When in Christ, we experience His blessings. When we remain in Christ, we strengthen fulfilment of every blessing God is willing to give in abundance.
- 3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
    - In Christ v Not in Christ

- In TJC v Not in TJC
- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
  - Chosen v Rejected
  - Love v Hated
  - Holy v Impure
  - Blameless v with fault
- 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
  - Adopted v Orphan
  - Good v Bad
- 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
  - Grace/Favor v Denied
  - Accepted v Rejected
- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
  - Redemption v No Value/Disowned (aside owned by Satan)
  - Forgiveness/Pardon v Unforgiven (sin remains)
- 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight
  - Wise v Foolish
  - Prudence v Careless

#### Eph 1:9-14

#### Partnership in God's purpose

- This section reveals what God has been willing to share with the elect through His works, as our response to truth in Him. We see the inheritance He wishes to give, the testimony of His word to help us obtain salvation and the Holy Spirit.
- 9 He <sup>a</sup>made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him
  - Will of God v Wil of man
- 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him
- 11 also we <sup>a</sup>have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
  - Inheritance v Without blessing
- 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
  - Trust/Assured v Unbelief
  - Parise/Glory v Unpraiseworthy/Not glorify
- 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
  - Word of truth v Word of falsehood
- 14 who is <sup>a</sup>given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.
  - ..... to the praise of His glory.?
  - God continues to give greater reason to regain; His word and work of them – true deep testimony/ies (Acts 13:47-48).

## Eph 1:15 – 23 The Apostle's Prayer for insight

Eph 1:15-23

### The Apostle's prayer for insight

- This section concerns what Apostle Paul prays for and why. The saints of Ephesus and those faithful will discover why and how to hope in the Lord. We can appreciate the Church that He has established, and His authority as the head of the Church.

Paul intercedes for the Church whereby:

- Believers are enlightened to hope in God through wisdom and revelation revealed to them.
- To learn about the authority Jesus Christ has been entrusted to be the head, and the believers can experience the fullness of God.

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints,

- ..... your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints
- God has convinced truth and light; you and fellow brethren on same

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers;

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

- Prayer/intercession builds deeper reasons why devote to God
- When we pray like Apostle Paul, others can gain reason to experience fruitful work from content/purpose of prayers

18 *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

- Eyes of our understanding (heart) continually strengthened because His proven testimonies

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

- ..... Him to be head over all things to the church,...
- His body, His Church cannot lie but confess.

- New converts and existing brethren unite their heart to Him and one another. Full obedience to the Head

23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## Chapter 2

### *Made Alive in Christ*

## Eph 2:1-22 Believers: Past, Present and Future



### **Eph 2:1-22**

### **Believers Identity: Their Past, Present and Future**

As the believing member continues to cherish the heavenly call to every spiritual blessing, s/he is reminded of their identity of the past, compare with present, and give attention to future outcome;

- Reminder of the past: Order of the living dead, separated and hopeless without God
  - Reminder of the present and future: The faithful in Christ to appreciate God's love and union to Him.
  - Appreciate the body of Christ, His Church, which He has established and built through the work of the Spirit.
- 1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.
- ..... walked according to the course of this world
  - A walk in darkness, disobedience
  - Slave to obey continued darkness
- 3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.
- .... dead in trespasses and sins v you *He made alive*
  - ....the course of this world (influence and agree with devil) v course spiritual blessing (by Spirit of God)
  - **Walk in darkness v walk in Light**

Eph 2:4-10

**Present: Order of God's loving life**

- For this section we can appreciate the heavenly path and blessing God has established for us. We can see more clearly see:
    - Love, mercy, kindness salvation is according to man – consider condemnation of man
    - Love, mercy, kindness salvation is according to God – Consider justification of faith through Lord Jesus Christ
- 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- True sin of man v true love of God. Satan and unfruitful values man held firm to in their trends/decisions.
  - Darkness is unsecure, brings condemnation. Light in Lord Jesus Christ brings light and life for salvation.
- 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- Exceeding riches of kindness through grace (favour).
  - Lord Jesus Christ persist with works to ensure grace is much fruit to reign in man over persistent walk in darkness
  - Salvation.



- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;
- 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Grace is work of God upon man. Without His giving, we remain in suffering.
- 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
- Reason & Purpose – God prepared these works
  - Heart for task/duty
  - Carefully apply God's requirement; Walk to do what God set in place for man to walk in.
  - Shine forth in God's purpose

## Eph 2:11-12

## Past: Separation and hopelessness

### Eph 2:11-12

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--

that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God in the world.**

- 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," *which is* performed in the flesh by human hands—
- 12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, <sup>a</sup>excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

	UNNACCEPTABLE IDENTITY (Past)	PERFECT IDENTITY (Now) – God justifies our faith and accepts us that accords with His reasoning.
Identification	Gentile – not know God (1 <sup>st</sup> Thes 4:5)	Christian – know God
Privilege	Without Christ – Alien / stranger *Unwelcomed & Not known/recognised	With Christ Belong to Christ "welcomed, recognised, accepted"
Immediate and future outcome	Hopeless and without God *No clear direction in the good of God	Hope in God and remain with God


		*Hope that has direction and purpose

Eph 2:13-18

**Present/Future: New union and present peace**

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**Eph 2:13-18**  
**Present/Future: New union and present peace**

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  - To remove hostility to strengthen our connection to God due to our nature in the flesh
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- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near <sup>d</sup>by the blood of Christ.
- Don't repeat past state to abuse the present walk of spiritual blessing in Lord Jesus Christ! Obey Him for walk in light. Continue to reject the false way of darkness.
  - To experience the perfect step to the heavenly calling "to put on Christ" through water baptism and redemption (Gal 3:27, Eph 1:7).
  - Devil will seek to remove His precious garment on us if careless (Rev 16:15)
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
- 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might <sup>c</sup>make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace,
- 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;
- 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.
- Lord Jesus Christ determine not to depart from simple thoughts.
  - Why continue in both?

- To strengthen maximum effort for man to access matters of God through His Spirit. From One Spirit, all can receive the same shared purpose.

Eph 2:19-22

**The Church: Christ and His body**

- **For this section we can see the establishment of the Body of Christ through the work of the Spirit.**
  - We can appreciate the great depths He has gone to guide us towards this heavenly calling not according to man, but according to the Spirit of God. We can learn how to identify with God through Jesus Christ and His Church.
- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
- 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
- 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.
- Stranger and foreigner v fellow citizen
  - Stranger and foreigner (In the dark about how to become fellow citizen)
  - Fellow citizen.....all access the same light to become a citizen, and how to remain a citizen
  - .....the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple **in the Lord**
  - **The example prepared by the Spirit:**
    - **Time to fit people together, in purpose, led by His Spirit in Him**
    - **To become/remain holy (set apart) is a work to perfect identity, continue to submit to the work of the Spirit.**
      - Thoughts of the Spirit
      - Carefully apply what we have learned
  - **C Remain preserved in truth, which is light to help correct steps of darkness for His light**

Chapter 3

*Paul's Stewardship*

## Eph 3:1-13 The Apostle's Ministry and Message

## **Chapter Three**

**Briefly, this chapter has about two or three sections:**

Eph 3:1-13     The Apostle Paul's Ministry and Message, concerning Paul appreciating the message and mystery of the Gospel of God, and within this, the mission and purpose in relation to the Gospel, and the how Gentiles are involved in the Gospel of God.

Eph 3:14-21     Apostle Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Power. Paul gives praise and honour to glorify His name through prayers because the mystery of the Gospel is clear. However, Paul also wishes to saints to do the same, and yet experience this through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Eph 3:1-13**

#### **The Apostle Paul's Ministry and Message**

- For this section, we can learn how Apostle Paul appreciated the ministry of the Gospel of God, that has revealed mystery.
- It is also for the saints to learn about the mystery seen in the ministry of the Gospel and yet discover God as a result, and discover through His Church.
- Today, when we relate to the ministry well, like Apostle Paul, we can relate well with the Gospel of God, and have greater awareness and impact of our identity in relation to the Gospel of God.

### **Eph 3:1-7**

#### **Stewardship Paul has been entrusted**

Apostle Paul explains the mystery of the Gospel (Good News) of God

- 1     For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
- 2     if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;
- 3     that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.
  - When – Time to learn, be transform by truth
  - Reject time, we build ignorance, but disciple to learn His mystery and testify of light.
- 4     By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

- 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;
- ..... was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit
  - Go from unknown (dark) to what s revealed (true light)
  - Unholy in darkness v set apart in His light
  - Prophets (Lk 11:50, 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 1:10)
- 6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
- 7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

Eph 3:8-13

**Stewardship each believer is given**

- 8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,
- 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;
- ....and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery
    - for "all to see" work of fellowship and mystery:
    - Prepare to receive, yet make known mystery while we live among the Gentiles/Unbelievers in hope they believe
- 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.
- 11 *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- Church to abide with God's eternal purpose: Receive, preach, teach, keep self within
- 12 in whom we have boldness and <sup>a</sup>confident access through faith in Him.
- 13 Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

## Eph 3:14-21 – The Apostle's Prayer for Spiritual Power

Eph 3:14-21

**The Apostle's prayer for Spiritual Power**

- In this section, because of the mystery being revealed from the Gospel, and witnessing mystery of the Gospel according of the truth, for example spiritual blessings in Christ and He giving life to His saints, Paul gives praise and honour to glorify His name through prayers. However, Paul also wishes to saints to do the same, and yet experience this through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Eph 3:14-16****Strength by the Holy Spirit**

- 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- To glorify and praise God because of His works (Eph 3:1-13)
- 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,
- **How to remain named in His family?**
  - People to enter into God's choice and plan, and obey His reason (Deut 12:5, 11)
  - Church of the firstborn (Heb 12:22-23)
  - Avoid entry/retry into iniquity
- 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,
- Identify reasons to be on bended knees in His presence, that build up, yet reasons worthy to reflect upon and pray to God for:
  - Identified to be included as partaker of the promises of God in Jesus Christ
  - Identify with the grace of God to fellowship in His mystery
  - Receive wisdom from God when we remain in the Church of God
  - Identify the eternal purpose in Christ for which He accomplishes/fulfills
  - Mystery of the Gospel grows, and the Church of God grows physically and yet spiritually.

**Eph 3:17-19****Faith and love by Christ's indwelling**

- 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
- **.....to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**
  - True love not of this world, His Spirit, strength, poured in our hearts (Rom 5:12)
  - Paul uses two analogies – a plant and to have a firm foundation, faith and love which is very strong. Love has a foundation, which can be genuine. Love is the greatest, greater than gifts, eloquence and good deeds (1<sup>st</sup> Cor 13). To have the love of God. The love is rooted and sacrificed.

**Eph 3:20-21****The Church and glory of God**

- The Church is gloriously established and will continue in glory of God through generations
  - Aspect of the glorious Church
- 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
- 21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

- TJC will advance in years, yet even though there are different generations, each generation should uphold same identity in relation to:
- Unity of the faith through 10 Articles of Faith (Eph 4:13)
- Resolutions of TJC, International Assembly.
- Knowledge of the Son of God (Eph 4:13)
- A perfect man to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph 4:14) – faith justified by God, faith in Christ.
  - The above relate to our walk with God, yet this walk with God still remains a blessing to keep, spiritually.
- As, long as we do not harm what is glorious to God, we shall share in His glory and remain a testimony to it.
- Those who harm the Church will find they actually fight against God. As long as we do not fight against God and His Church and rebel, we still will abide in the love of God which is glorious in itself (Is 63:9-10).

## **EPH 4:1 – 6:24 Our Earthly Walk according to God**

### **Eph 4:1-6:24 Our Earthly Walk according to God**

- For this section there are a few factors that help determine the believers earthly walk according to God that Apostle Paul identifies:
  - Responsibility towards the spiritual gifts to manifest for the purposes of the Lord Jesus, which can help edify the body of Christ in the work of His ministry.
  - To live a skillful life whereby believers remain pure by not pollute the love of God in order to shine for Him
  - To live by the Spirit that is according to God when we understand His will through wisdom that we are to fulfil.
  - To affirm our devotion to Christ and the Church, and our duty towards our spouse in marriage
  - To know our roles towards our employer, family.
  - To cherish adoring the whole armour of God.

# Eph 4:1-16 Devotion and serving one another

## Chapter Four

### Eph 4:1-16

#### The believer's call to responsibility

- The believers are to maintain this early walk according to God, **behave responsibly in relation to the gifts they have received**. This includes participating to serve in God's ministry with purpose determined by Him.
- We are **to preserve identity in Christ in good integrity according to God**, by not imitating the old way of life according to the prince and power of the air, rather that new creation of righteousness and holiness from the perspective of God (Eph 2:2-3, Eph 4:24). Learn to "put off" what does not help us but "put on" what helps our identity in Christ.
- Through good diligence to responsible earthly **walk according to God alongside the mindset of the new creation as God intended**, such believers and saints will be able to cause the Lord to delight in us, especially when we do not grieve the Holy Spirit.
- When such believers do so, they can shine for the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Eph 4:1-6

#### Pursue unity with diligence – Foundation for Unity

- God loved to consider us, so worked to include us into His plan of salvation by establishing unity to guide us to His body, the Church, through the Spirit (Eph 2:19-22).
- However, we are to do our part in our earthly walk according to the calling of God, whereby we preserve unity established by God.

- 1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,
- 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,
- 3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
  - **To see the example and live it.**
  - **When can we not keep the unity of the Spirit (Eph 4:3)?:**
  - No lowliness, hostile, longsuffering, hatred (Eph 4:2)
  - Against Lord Jesus Christ by ungodly ways/deeds (Jude v 15)
  - Self-seeking to gain advantage (Jude v 16)
  - **How to keep unity of the Spirit?**
  - Connect together faith and life (Phil 2:15).
  - Tightly hold the word of life (Phil 2:16)
  - Honour - Strong sense of reason/purpose to keep, not throw away



Gentleness of Jesus Christ (Mt 11:29)

Humility to correct those who oppose truth (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim 2:24)

Meekness – not weakness but strength (Prov 25:15)

- 4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

#### **Eph 4:4-6**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Seven criteria for unity:

- There is only one body, one Church – one church can have several locations, yet should be one spiritual body with the apostolic church and saints.
- One Spirit – members are of the same spirit.
  - The foundation of being together in the Spirit (Eph 2:19-20)
  - Those not Antichrist will retain true fellowship with Jesus Christ and one another (1<sup>st</sup> Jn 1:3-4, 1<sup>st</sup> Jn 2:19).
- One hope – the hope to have eternal life, a collective hope.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Pet 1:3 – another opportunity of the living hope granted to us, heaven which is incorruptible
- One Lord – Jesus is the only Saviour
  - Acts 4:12 –
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Tim 2:3-4 -
- One Faith –
  - the common faith of the Ten Articles of Faith.
  - If the faith is unified and the Spirit is unified then the body would be unified, related to our salvation.
  - There is no compromise with other denominations.

#### **Statement of Faith**

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**Jesus Christ**, the Word who became flesh, died on the cross for the redemption of sinners, resurrected on the third day, and ascended to

heaven. He is the only Savior of mankind, the Creator of the heavens and earth, and the **only true God**.

The **Holy Bible**, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by God, the only scriptural truth, and the standard for Christian living.

The **True Jesus Church**, established by our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit during the time of the 'latter rain', is the restored true church of the apostolic time.

**Water baptism** is the sacrament for the remission of sins for regeneration. The baptism must take place in natural living water, such as the river, sea, or spring. The Baptist, who already has had received baptism of water and the Holy Spirit, conducts the baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And the person receiving the baptism must be completely immersed in water with head bowed and face downward.

Receiving the **Holy Spirit**, evidenced by speaking in tongues, is the guarantee of our inheritance of the kingdom of heaven.

The sacrament of **footwashing** enables one to have a part with the Lord Jesus. It also serves as a constant reminder that one should have love, holiness, humility, forgiveness, and service. Every person who has received water baptism must have his/her feet washed in the name of Jesus Christ. Mutual footwashing may be practiced whenever is appropriate.

The **Holy Communion** is the sacrament to commemorate the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It enables us to partake of the flesh and blood of our Lord and to be in communion with Him so that we can have eternal life and be raised on the last day. This sacrament shall be held as often as possible. Only one unleavened bread and grape juice shall be used.

The **Sabbath day**, the seventh day of the week (Saturday), is a holy day, blessed and sanctified by God. It is to be observed under the Lord's grace for the commemoration of God's creation and salvation, and with the hope of eternal rest in the life to come.

**Salvation** is given by the grace of God through faith. Believers must rely on the Holy Spirit to pursue holiness, to honor God, and to love humanity.

The Lord's Second Coming will take place on the **last day** when He descends from heaven to judge the world: the righteous will receive eternal life, while the wicked will be eternally condemned.

#### **Eph 4:7-11**

#### **Humble mindset towards grace and use of gifts**

- For this section we can learn about the sense of mission and purpose with gifts God has given us, and yet responsibility to maintain the correct mindset to those gifts.

The believer has a call from God's creative purpose to become His workmanship for good works (Eh 2:10). We would have a responsibility to cooperate with the LORD. From this section we learn that, while we are for His purpose and have a determined heart and zeal for this, we still need to behave responsibly in spite of the gifts God has bestowed upon us for His purpose.

- 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
8 Therefore it says,  
    "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,  
    HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,  
    AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."  
9 (Now this *expression*, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?  
10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

#### **Eph 4:11-16**

#### **Grow in the ministry as part of the body**

- For this section we can discover the plans of God and His arrangement, to behave responsibly to that arrangement and expectations in our behaviour to God's ministry and His Church.
  - Orderly arrangement God has established and reason and purpose
- 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,  
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;
- God called some to fulfil His ministry (Eph 4:11)
    - To equip, to edify will strengthen others – Present and future pattern of works.

- 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the <sup>b</sup>knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.  
Channel to identify maturity in faith and unity.
- Strive towards perfection in Christ;
  - To fellow brethren in One Faith, abide in same pattern (Rom 6:17-18).
  - Not to be swayed by doctrine.
- 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;
- 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,
- Love to God builds growth. Church built in love of Christ
  - Share love of Christ to brethren and those new to His body (1st Cor 13:6)
- 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

## Eph 4:17-32 Mutual love and personal integrity

### **Eph 4:17-5:14**The believers call to purity

As Christians who walk on this earth according to Jesus Christ, we are to discern to know what will be helpful Christian Living according to Jesus Christ. As we living in this world we will discover a variety of principles. However, these principles may not be according to Jesus Christ, which is even more reason why we are to discern in order to do what is according to God.

For this section we can see about how the believer is to remain faithful by way of conduct/behaviour that is pure according to God while we live on this earth.

When we discern in behaviour between what God rejects and what God accepts, we can learn to:

- cherish what is according to God in true righteousness and holiness according to Him.
- not cause God to be disappointed with us
- walk in such a way to dim the light of God
- avoid darkness yet to pursue what is light.

#### Eph 4:17-19

#### To refuse the carnal/worldly mindset

The section concerns the earthly walk of the Gentile, that is not according to God. We can see the impact of what they cherish without God

#### *The Christian's Walk*

- 17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,  
 18 being darkened in their understanding, <sup>b</sup>excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;  
 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

Identity according to man	Identity according to God
Futile mind or empty thought	Pursue wisdom and revelation
Darkened understanding	Enlightened heart
Choose to ignore abiding in the life of God	Abide in the hope of His calling
Blind heart	Experience greatness of His power and work of His mighty power
Eph 4:17-19	(Eph 1:18-19)

- 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way,  
 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,  
 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,  
 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,  
 24 and put on the new self, which <sup>c</sup>in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.



- 25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Renewal of actions.

- To speak truth – lies comes from the evil one (Rev, Zech, 1<sup>st</sup> Jn 2:22). Those who practice lies are the antichrist.
- To forsake all lies.  
Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son (1<sup>st</sup> Jn 2:22)

- [Example of liars v examples of the truthful](#)
- [Liars \(Eph 4:17-18\)](#)
- [Truth](#)

- 26 BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,  
27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.  
28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.  
29 Let no <sup>a</sup>unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a *word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.  
30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.  
31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.  
32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

## Eph 5:1-6:9 Intimate connection with the holy God to live holy life

### Chapter Five [Be imitators of God to live a godly life.](#)

For this section there are three areas that believers are called to take more responsibility towards in everyday life

- To walk in the love of God, yet not pollute or dilute it to manifest purity
- To walk as children of light, so that we do not become overtaken in darkness, to help us preserve purity acceptable to God.
- The responsibility to maintain a careful walk according to God through wisdom and through the Holy Spirit.
- To take responsibility in the pathway of marriage:
  - Marriage to the Lord and His Church
  - Marriage in the Lord

Eph 5:1-7

**Avoid polluting or diluting love as we progress forward in this new creation according to God.**

- Encouragement is for the believers to become and remain imitators of God's love because from His love towards us, He became a sweet-smelling aroma.
- The lifestyle of the Christian in this earthly walk according to God should be fitting for His kingdom, an earthly walk that is not disobedient towards God and not cause God to be angry with us. Rather a walk that manifests we love God according to His preparations for us.
- To cherish the love by also affirming our love to God that is acceptable to Him.

## Chapter 5

### *Be Imitators of God*

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
- 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
- 3 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints;
- 4 and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.
- 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.
  - The way of life on this earth in decision-making, that is not according to God.....so will dilute the love of God, so will hinder progressing forward according to God
  - Esau was described as profane. He did not cherish his birthrite.
  - We should not be vulgar in our speech

Eph 5:6-7

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Therefore do not be partakers with them.

- A greedy heart is like an adulterer.
- We cannot have God and money at the same time, which is like worshipping the idols.
- The wealthy can oppress others and persecute the righteous, so speak loudly.

- Love pleasant than unpleasant description/identity
- Esau was profane. He did not cherish his birthrite.
- To speak rude or offensive language. This doing in life will promote darkness. Significance is loss to inherit kingdom of God.

- 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- 7 Therefore **do not be partakers with them;**

Eph 5:8-14

Shine as bearers of light

This section concerns the responsibility to walk on this earth as children of life according to God. We can:

- discover what is acceptable to God according to the fruit of the Spirit.
- distinguish in our life between light and darkness. We remain in the light when we are truly awakened according to Christ

- 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light
- Slumber in sin V Wake up from sin – “Put off” V “Put on” - (Eph 4:22-24).
  - God’s great works to empower us from pain/suffering to true hope in Lord Jesus Christ:
- 9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),
- 10 <sup>a</sup>trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
- 11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even <sup>d</sup>expose them;





- **Why expose darkness?**
- Turn from darkness to light.
  - Fellowship in light in line with Creator.
  - Overcome evil with good (Rom 12:21).
  - Unfruitful? – Useless (compared to good)
  - Do bad for others to receive bad v Do good for others to receive good.

- 12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.
- 13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.
- 14 For this reason it says,
- “Awake, sleeper,  
And arise from the dead,  
And Christ will shine on you.”
- V14...Therefore He says ..... And Christ will give you light.”
    - Light to show difference; false v true
    - Light to show direction: step back v step forward
    - Light to discern: Wrong v right

**Eph 5:15-6:9**

**Believer's call to live by the Spirit (be filled by the Spirit)**

- This section concerns how in our life that we truly can understand what the will of God, how we manage that time available to us, and identify with fellow believers in Christ to we fear the Lord

**Eph 5:15-17**

**Pursue God's will and wisdom**

- This section concerns how in our life that we truly can understand what the will of God and how we manage that time available to us.

- 15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,
- 16 <sup>a</sup>making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

- To be a wise person
- “see then...” Wise to keep, tightly keep or corrupt good for consequence
- **Why remain wise to keep good?**

17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

**Eph 5:18-21**

**Sustain fullness of the Holy Spirit: Cultivation through  
Worship and humility**

- This section concerns how in our life that we truly can understand what the will of God as we walk on earth according to God for ourselves and when with fellow believers as we fear the Lord

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,  
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making  
melody with your heart to the Lord;  
20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to <sup>b</sup>God, even the  
Father;  
21 <sup>a</sup>and be subject to one another in the <sup>b</sup>fear of Christ.

**Eph 5:22-6:9**

**Conduct relationships to God's authority**

This section looks into:

- Marriage, Christ and the Church
- The Church is the bride of Christ, one of the main themes in the book of Ephesians.
- Order in marriage; Union of one man and one wife, Church to Christ
- Love, commitment and respect from the union of marriage
- The role/duties of the family unit; children and parents
- The orderly working relationships between bondservants (employees) and masters (employees)

*Marriage Like Christ and the Church*



- 22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.
- 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.
- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
- 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
- 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.
- To love
  - To give
  - To strengthen and perfect holy union
- 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;
- 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,
- ----- husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies
  - Husbands to fulfil purpose – **How? Why?**
  - Example of His love and commit to the Church;
    - Continually nourish and cherish
    - Maximum effect (Col 2:17-19)

- 30 because we are members of His body.
- 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.
- 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
- 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see *to it* that she respects her husband.
- Both become one; God witness the union - Particular
  - When husband and wife allow themselves to understand and fulfil their role:
    - Good healthy union of love and respect
    - Prepare to become model example for children to receive love and respect (Eph 5:33, Eph 6:1-3)
    - Perspective of God (Mal 2:15-16)
  - Eyesight on union, development (Early years, growing years, lasting years)
  - Eyesight on union TJC for purposes of salvation, development (Early years, growing years, lasting years married to the LORD as Groom)

## Chapter 6

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### **Relationship between Father and Son**

- The role/duties of the family unit; children and parents
- The orderly working relationships between bondservants (employees) and masters (employees)

Eph 6:1-4

Duties/Expectations of Children and parents

- Orderly arrangement according to God
- Behaviors and application.



### *Family Relationships*

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),
- 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
  - ..... obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right
  - See and examine how parents in the LORD relate to fear God
    - Fear God in their marriage
    - Love and respect
    - Discern reason and understanding
- 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

### **Eph 6:5-9**

#### Relationship between slaves and masters.

- The orderly working relationships between bondservants (employees) and masters (employees)
  - Slaves to live a loyal life in obedience to their masters.
- 5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;
  - 6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
  - 7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,
    - Eyeservice - **service that is performed only to make an impression in the owner's presence, eye-service –**
    - Aim to receive recognition from man, no consideration for God, but self.
    - Heart for God can cause God to see, know, and allow God to confirm His decision to you by His choice.
  - 8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.
  - 9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

## **Eph 6:10-24 Warfare and armour of God**

### **Chapter Six**

#### **Eph 6:10-20**

#### **Believer's call to spiritual warfare**

#### Spiritual Warfare to put on the armour of Christ

This sections looks into:

- The responsibility to stand in the Lord, and reasons why to stand in the Lord.
- How to take up the whole armour of God.
- To always remain watchful and alert through prayers
- The ministerial duties of Tychicus and how he will help the brethren of Ephesus

### *The Armor of God*

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
- 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
- ....the wiles of the devil – Schemes – craftiness – tactics (Eph 2:1-3, 4:14)
  - The devil possess devices that cause ignorance, testify against what is good, and will accuse (2nd Cor 2:11).
  - The devil is clear-minded to deceive, alert to unsettle (1<sup>st</sup> Pet 5:8, 2nd Cor 2:11)
  - Devil to weaken elect within His Church, the scheme to corrupt the simple mind (2nd Cor 11:3).
- 12 For our struggle is not against <sup>b</sup>flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
- Satan is our enemy who has many schemes, bringing much tribulations to man (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 2:11).
  - With our flesh, we cannot overcome spiritual beings unless we rely on the Lord.
- 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.



- 14 Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

- **Gird our waist with belt of truth?**

Truth is our strength

Waist must have a lot of power to do the work and to fight because truth (Is 11:5).

- Any compromise in truth, no strength to continue.
- Eve spoke to Satan and let go of truth God instructed her.
- Lost truth and light of truth.
- No courage to keep truth (1<sup>st</sup> Jn 1:5, Ps 27:14)

- 15 and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

- 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

- "...Shield of faith"
- Why become complete to attain and retain the shield of faith?
- .....all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **Why does the wicked one attack?**
  - A spirit to work on the disobedient (Eph 2:3-4)
- Our stand when we root self to commandment of God and testimony of Lord Jesus Christ (Rev 12:17)
- Wicked one desires darkness to reign and wound children of God who fellowship in His light (Eph 6:12, Col 1:13)

- 17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- .....the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. – One and the same
- **Helmet protect head, within our head, our thoughts to God.**(Heb 4:13)
- **Word of God – spiritual power** (Rom 1:16)



- God will examine (Prov 15:3)

- 18** With all prayer and petition <sup>b</sup>pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, <sup>d</sup>be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,
- 19** and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
- 20** for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- 21** But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you.
- 22** <sup>a</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.
- Beloved brother and faithful minister
    - Beloved and valued
    - Minister – Servant
    - Purpose; to share the affairs of their ministry with Ephesian brethren
    - To comfort their hearts;
- 23** Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24** Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible *love*.

End.