



EPHESIANS

6 CHAPTERS

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EPHESIANS 1

Hey there, friends in Ephesus and all you kids who love Jesus! It is Paul—an official messenger of Jesus because God wanted it that way. I am sending you a huge wave of grace and peace straight from God our Father and our boss, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us give a massive cheer to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus! He has showered us with every invisible, super-cool gift in the heavenly realms because we belong to Jesus. Before God even built the world, He picked us out to be His very own special team—pure, spotless, and full of love.

Because He loves making good plans, He decided ahead of time to adopt us into His family through Jesus. He did this just because it made Him happy! So let us shout hooray for His amazing grace, which He poured all over us when we were welcomed by the One He loves.

Because of Jesus bleeding and rescuing us, our mistakes are totally wiped out! That is how mega-rich His grace is. God dumped buckets of wisdom and smarts on us, showing us His secret plan—something He cooked up all by Himself because it brought Him joy. His big-time plan is to bring everything together under Jesus, whether it is up in space or right here on Earth.

Because we are connected to Jesus, we hit the jackpot and got an awesome inheritance. God mapped all of this out beforehand because He is the Master Planner who makes everything happen just the way He wants. And why did He do it? So, we could bring a

standing ovation to His glory—we were the first ones to put our hope in Christ!

And guess what? You guys did too! The moment you heard the true story—the good news about how to be rescued—and trusted in Jesus, God stamped you with His Holy Spirit like a giant, official seal. That Spirit is like a down payment, a guarantee that the rest of our awesome prize is coming, holding our spot until we are fully rescued and cheering loudly for His glory.

Ever since I heard about your mega-faith in Jesus and how fiercely you love all God's kids, I have not stopped saying "Thank you, God!" in my prayers. I am always talking to the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus, asking Him to give you a super-smart spirit and open your eyes so you really get to know Him.

I want the lights in your heart to turn completely on, so you can see three giant things:

1. The incredible hope waiting for you because He called your name.
2. The mind-blowing, glittering treasure He keeps for His holy kids.
3. The muscle—the absolute heavyweight power He uses on us who believe!

It is the exact same muscle-power He used when He woke Jesus up from the dead and gave Him the VIP seat at His right hand in heaven. Jesus is sitting way, way above every single boss, hero, ruler, king, or famous name—not just in today's world, but in the next one too!

God jammed everything under Jesus's feet and made Him the absolute Head-in-Charge of the church.

And get this: the church is His body. It is the giant, wonderful puzzle piece that finishes filling up Jesus, who already fills up the whole universe!

EPHESIANS 2

There was a time when your heart fell completely asleep and broke because of the bad choices and mistakes you made. Back then, you just followed the crowd of this world. You let the invisible bully of this mysterious world—the one who bosses around people who always disobey—tell you what to do.

Truth is that we all used to live just like that. We spent our time chasing every selfish wish our bodies and brains could dream up. By nature, we were heading straight for trouble, just like everyone else.

But God!

God is so full of mercy, and He loves us with a giant, unstoppable love. Even when our hearts were dead from our bad choices, He brought us back to life right along with Jesus. (Seriously, it is a free rescue gift!)

He did not just wake us up; He raised us up to share a VIP seat with Jesus in the heavenly places. Why did He do all this? So that for all human history, people could look at us and see the mind-blowing, overflowing kindness and grace of God through Jesus.

Listen, you did not earn this rescue plan, and you cannot brag about it. It is entirely a gift from God. It is not something you worked for like a chore, so nobody gets to puff out their chest and say, "*Look how great I am.*" Instead, we are God's brand-new masterpieces! He created us in Jesus to do wonderful, good things—the exact things He planned out for us to do all along.

So, do not ever forget where you came from. You used to be people the religious crowd looked down on. Back then, you did not know the Messiah. You felt like outsiders who did not belong to God's special family. You had no promises, no anchors, and no hope, stumbling around the world all by yourselves without God.

But now!

Because of Jesus, and His blood spilled out for you, those of you who used to be miles away have been pulled right into the inner circle.

Jesus *is* our peace. He took two completely diverse groups of people and melted them into one. He smashed down the angry brick wall that used to keep everyone separated. He got rid of the endless list of strict rules in His own body, destroying the hostility so He could take both groups and build one brand-new, united human family. That is how He made true peace!

He brought both groups back to God by using His own body on the cross, killing the hate finally. Then He came and announced peace to everyone—both to those who felt miles away and to those who felt close.

Because of Him, all of us—no matter our background—get to walk right into the living room of the Father through the exact same Holy Spirit.

So, get this straight: you are not homeless wanderers or foreign tourists anymore. You are full-fledged citizens right alongside God's holy people. You belong to God's actual household!

Think of it like a massive, beautiful building. The apostles and prophets are the sturdy frame, but Jesus Christ Himself is the ultimate corner stone that holds the whole thing up. Every single piece of this building is carefully fitted together, growing into a shining, holy temple for the Lord.

And guess what? You are part of that building too! You are being knit together with everyone else to become a cozy, permanent home where God lives by His Spirit.

EPHESIANS 3

Because of all this, I, Paul, am currently in chains for the sake of you non-Jewish believers. Surely, you have heard how God trusted me with this special job of sharing His kindness with you. He whispered His secret plan directly into my heart—something I briefly wrote about earlier. When you read those words, you will see that I utterly understand God's amazing secret.

Long ago, people did not know this secret. But now, God's Holy Spirit has whispered it clearly to His special messengers and prophets. And what is the secret? It is that people from every nation

get to share equally in God's promises, belong to the exact same spiritual family, and receive His wonderful gifts through the good news about Jesus.

God gave me the joyful job of serving this message, empowering me with His own unstoppable strength. Even though I feel like the absolute least important person in God's whole family, He trusted me to announce the endless, treasure-filled riches of Jesus to the world. He wanted everyone to see how this hidden plan—which God, the Creator of everything, kept secret since the very beginning of the universe—is finally becoming known.

Why did God do this? He wanted the heavenly rulers and powers to look at the church and finally see His brilliant, colorful wisdom on full display! This matches the giant, forever-plan He made in Jesus our King. Because of Jesus, we can march right up to God with our heads held high, completely full of courage and trust.

So please, do not let my current troubles discourage you; my suffering is for your benefit and your shining honor!

Knowing all this, I bend my knees in prayer to the Father of our Lord Jesus—the One who gives every family in heaven and on earth their true name. I am asking Him to flood you with His glorious riches and strengthen you from the inside out with His powerful Spirit. I pray that Jesus will feel completely at home in your hearts as you trust Him. May your lives be planted deep and built strong on a foundation of pure love.

I pray you will have the superpower to grasp—along with all of God's people—just how wildly wide, remarkably long, shockingly deep, and impossibly high His love really is. Yes, I want you to experience

Christ's love, even though it is too big to fully measure, until you are overflowing with the very fullness of God!

Now, to the One who can do way more, way bigger, and way better things than anything we could ever dream up, ask for, or imagine—working His mighty power right inside us—to Him be all the honor in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever, through endless tomorrows.

Amen!

EPHESIANS 4

Hey everyone! Even though I am stuck in chains because I follow the Lord, I am begging you to live like the amazing heroes you were chosen to be.

Be super humble, gentle, and patient, always putting up with each other because you love one another. Work hard to keep everyone joined together in a happy, peaceful team.

Remember, we are all part of one big family with one Spirit, running toward the exact same wonderful prize. We share one master, one faith, one splash in the baptism pool, and one awesome God and Dad who rules over everything, works through everything, and lives inside all of us!

Still, Jesus has handed out special superpowers to every single one of us, measured out perfectly by his love. That is why the story says: When he climbed up high to the clouds, he beat the bad guys and

tossed down amazing gifts like a champion! (And think about it—before he went zooming up into the highest heavens, he first had to climb down deep into the dirt of the earth to make sure everything was rescued and filled with his presence.)

What kind of gifts did he give? Some people are great at starting new groups, some are brave speakers pointing the way, some are storytelling travelers sharing good news, and some are caring shepherds and teachers. They are here to help all of God's kids grow strong, do important rescue work, and build up the talented team of Christ.

We keep growing like this until we are all completely on the same page, knowing God's Son inside and out, becoming fully grown-up champions who match the greatness of Jesus.

No more acting like tiny babies who get knocked over by every windy rumor or tricked by sneaky bullies playing unfair games. Instead, let us tell the truth while wrapped in love, growing up closer to Jesus, who is the head of our whole team.

Every single part of this body fits together like puzzle pieces, helping and supporting one another so the whole team grows bigger and stronger through love.

So, listen closely: stop living like people who do not know God, whose brains are stuck in a fog and who have locked their hearts away from real life. They stopped caring about right and wrong, running wild and grabbing everything they can get their hands on just for themselves.

That is not what Jesus taught you!

If you truly listened to him and learned the truth straight from Jesus, you will rip off your old, stinky, ruined lifestyle—the one driven by sneaky, fake desires—and throw it in the trash. Instead, let your mind get a total makeover with fresh, clean thoughts. Slide into your brand-new life like a shiny suit of armor, built by God to look just like him: fair, honest, and glowing with goodness.

So, since we are done with lies, let us always tell the truth to our friends, because we are all connected like pieces of the same puzzle.

Got mad? Okay, feel your feelings, but do not let it trick you into doing serious stuff. Do not go to sleep while you are still boiling mad, and do not leave an open door for the trickster to sneak in.

If anyone used to take things that were not theirs, time to stop! Instead, roll up your sleeves, work hard with your own two hands, and make something good so you can share it with someone who needs help.

Keep your mouth clean, too! No gross or mean words allowed. Only say things that build others up, splash a little bit of grace onto whoever is listening, and make their day better.

And please, do not make God's Holy Spirit sad—he is the one who stamped you with a giant "Approved" sticker, keeping you safe until the big rescue day.

Kick all the nasty stuff out of your clubhouse: ditch the bitterness, temper tantrums, screaming matches, trash-talking, and mean-spirited pranks.

Instead, be super kind to each other, soft-hearted, and quick to forgive one another—just like God lovingly forgave the huge pile of messes you made, all because of Jesus.

EPHESIANS 5

Hey kids! As God's incredibly special children, try your best to copy His loving ways just like a little one looks up to a parent. Let love guide every step you take, remembering how Jesus loved us so much that He gave His life as a wonderful, pleasing gift to God.

Since you belong to God's family, you should completely leave behind unkind actions, cheating, greedy attitudes, or inappropriate talk and silly jokes that hurt others. Instead, always look for reasons to say, "thank you" and show gratitude! You already know that people who live selfish, greedy, or dishonest lives are missing God's wonderful kingdom. Do not let anyone trick you with empty excuses, because bad choices only bring heartache and trouble. So, stay far away from those unhealthy habits!

You used to wander around in the dark, but now you are shining bright with God's goodness in your hearts! Let your actions show off that bright light through kindness, fairness, and honesty. Figure out what makes God smile, and avoid dark, useless choices. In fact, shining the light on unruly behavior helps make things clear, just like turning on a lamp chases away the shadows. It is like hearing a wake-up call saying, "Wake up, sleepyhead, step out of the shadows, and let Christ shine His bright light on you!"

So, watch your step and live wisely, making the very most of every single day because life can be tough. Do not be silly; instead, figure out what God wants you to do. Skip the things that make you lose control and instead let God's Spirit fill you up with joy! Share happy times by singing uplifting songs, making music right from your heart to God, and always thanking God our Father for everything in Jesus' name.

Show respect and kindness to one another because you respect God. Wives, support and respect your husbands with the same love you show to the Lord, because a husband is meant to lead and care for his family just as Christ lovingly leads, protects, and cares for the church. Just as the church happily follows Christ, wives should support their husbands in all good things.

Husbands, love your wives fiercely! Think of how Christ loved the church so much He gave everything for it, cleaning it up with His word to make it radiant, spotless, and pure. In the exact same way, husbands should cherish their wives as they cherish their own bodies. When a man loves his wife, he is really taking care of himself, because nobody ever hates their own body—we feed it, protect it, and care for it, just like Christ cares for us, His body!

The old saying goes that a man leaves his parents to unite with his wife, and the two become one team. This is a deep, amazing mystery, but it is really a picture of how close Christ is to His people. So, remember the golden rule for your home: husbands, love your wives just like you love yourselves; and wives deeply respect and honor your husbands.

EPHESIANS 6

Hey kids, listening to your parents because you love God is simply the right thing to do. Remember the very first commandment that comes with a special promise: respect your mom and dad, so that life goes well for you and you get to enjoy a long, happy life right here on Earth. And to you dads and moms, do not constantly push your kids to their breaking point. Instead, raise them up with gentle guidance and loving encouragement, just like God would.

If you have a job or chores to do for someone here on Earth, give it your absolute best. Do your work honestly and sincerely, as if you were working directly for Jesus. Do not just work hard when people are watching to try and impress them; instead, serve others from your heart because you genuinely want to do God's will. Put a good attitude into everything you do, knowing you are working for the Lord, not just for people. Remember, whatever good thing any of us does—whether we are young or old, helper or boss—God will reward us for it.

And to those in charge, treat your team with that same respect and drop the harsh threats. Remember that we all answer to the ultimate Boss in heaven, and He does not play favorites.

Finally, my friends, tap into God's endless strength and power. Suit up in His complete spiritual armor so you can stand strong against every trick the bully of this world tries to pull. After all, our biggest fights are not against other people; we are wrestling against unseen dark forces and invisible negativity all around us.

So, grab that God-armor and put it on! Be ready for those tough days, and when the dust settles, you will still be standing tall. Equip yourselves: tie the belt of truth around your waist, strap on the chest plate of doing what is right and lace up your shoes with the readiness that comes from the good news of peace. Most importantly, carry the shield of trust in God, which will easily block and put out any hurtful attacks sent your way. Protect your mind with the helmet of salvation, and wield the sword of the Spirit, which is God's powerful word.

Always keep the lines of communication open with God. Pray about everything, guided by the Spirit, and never give up. Keep praying for all God's people, and please pray for me, too! Pray that I find the right words and the courage to speak up fearlessly and explain the amazing mystery of the good news. Even though I am sitting in chains as a prisoner for this message, I pray that I keep talking boldly just like I am supposed to.

So, you know how I am doing and what is going on with me, Tychicus—an awesome brother and loyal helper in the Lord—is going to fill you in on everything. I am sending him straight to you so you can catch up on my news and feel encouraged in your hearts.

May God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ shower you all with deep peace, genuine faith, and unstoppable love. And may God's amazing grace be with every single person who truly and deeply loves our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.