

Ephesians

Chapters 1-6

Background

- The Book of Ephesians is a letter (epistle) which was written by the Apostle Paul to the people being holy and believing in Christ Jesus – the holy-people (Christians) – and it was circulated to many churches throughout Asia.
- The city of Ephesus was located in the Roman province of Asia, west Asia Minor (modern Turkey), in the area of Ionia near the Aegean coast; however, the words "in/at Ephesus" are not in most of the Greek texts.
- This letter may have been written during Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea (refer to Acts 23:33 – 27:2) or it may have been written about 62/63 A.D. when Paul was a prisoner in Rome and stayed in his hired-house (refer to Acts 28:16-31).

To whom is this written?

- Paul wrote to the people who are holy and believing in Christ Jesus.
 - Ephesians 1:1 and 2:
 - ^{1:1}Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by means of *(the)* intention of God – to the *(people)* being holy and believing in Christ Jesus; ²grace to you and peace from God our Father and *(the)* Lord Jesus Christ.

Sealed with the spirit

- All who believe what God says regarding Himself and His son, the Lord Jesus Christ, receive the gift of holy spirit.
 - Ephesians 1:13 and 14:
 - .¹³in whom also you – having heard the word of the truth, the good-message of your salvation, in which also having believed – were sealed with the spirit of the promise, the holy (*spirit*) .¹⁴which is (*the*) deposit of our inheritance into full-redemption of the acquisition into (*the*) praise of His glory.

The church of holy-people

- God subjected all things under Christ's feet and the church of holy-people is his body of people.
 - Ephesians 1:22 and 23:
 - .²²and "He subjected all-things under his feet," and He gave him (*who is*) head over all-things to the church .²³which is his body (*which is*) the fullness of the (*one*) filling (*his body with*) all-things in all-people.

God made us alive

- What God has done for all of us holy-people (Christians):
 - Ephesians 2:5-7:
 - ...He made-alive-together with the Christ – with grace you are having been saved² – ⁶and He raised (*us*) up-together and He caused (*us*) to-sit-down-together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus ⁷in order that He may point-out in the ages, the coming-on (*ages*), the super-throwing wealth of His grace in benevolence on us in Christ Jesus

God created us in Christ Jesus

- All holy-people are God's production and we have access in one spirit towards God our Father.
 - Ephesians 2:10 and 18:
 - .¹⁰for we are His made-product, having been created in Christ Jesus on good works which God prepared-beforehand in order that we may walk in them.
 - .¹⁸because by means of him we both have the access in one spirit towards the Father.

The Mystery Revealed

- The mystery/secret of the Christ has been revealed.
 - Ephesians 3:3-6:
 - ³...according to revelation the mystery was made-known to me, according as I wrote-beforehand in a little-amount ⁴towards which reading you are able to mentally-perceive my understanding in the mystery of the Christ, ⁵which (*during*) different generations was not made-known to the sons of men as now it was revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit, ⁶(*which is*) the Gentiles to be inheritors-together and people-bodied-together and sharers-together of the promise in Christ Jesus by means of the good-message,

God is able

- God is able and He is to receive the glory.
 - Ephesians 3:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰but to the (*One*) being able to super-exceedingly do all-things of-which we ask-for-ourselves or we mentally-perceive according to the ability, the (*ability*) being caused-to-in-work in us – .²¹to Him (*is*) the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus into all generations of the age of the ages, with-certainty.

We received Grace

- Grace was given to each one of us.
 - Ephesians 4:4-7:
 - ⁴(*for there is*) one body and one spirit, according as also you were called in one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one belief, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all (*holy-people*), the (*One being*) upon all and through all and in all – ⁷but to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of the free-gift of Christ.

We received Gifts

- The Lord Jesus Christ gave gifts to holy-people.
 - Ephesians 4:8 and 11:
 - .⁸On-which-account it says, "Having ascended into (*the*) height he captivated captivity, he gave gifts to men" –
 - .¹¹and he gave² indeed the apostles, and the prophets, and the good-messengers, and the shepherds and teachers

Walk in Love

- Holy-people should walk within the sphere of action of Godly-love.
 - Ephesians 5:1 and 2:
 - 5:1 Therefore you must become imitators of God as loved¹ children, ·²and you must walk in love¹ according as also Christ loved¹ us and gave himself over on behalf of us, (*the*) offering and sacrifice to God into an odor of good-odor;

Thankful to God

- Holy-people are to thank God and be in submission among one-another in fear of Christ.
 - Ephesians 5:20 and 21:
 - .²⁰being thankful always on behalf of all-things in *(the)* name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God and Father,
 - .²¹subjecting-yourselves to one-another in fear of Christ

Stand

- Holy-people should stand during the evil day.
 - Ephesians 6:14-18(a):
 - ^{.14}therefore you must stand having girded your loin around in truth, and having clothed-yourselves-with the breastplate of the righteousness, ^{.15}and having bound-under (*your*) feet in (*the*) preparation of the good-message of the peace, ^{.16}in all-things having taken-up the shield of the belief in which you will be able to quench all the missiles of the evil-one having been set-on-fire², ^{.17}and you must accept the helmet of the salvation and the sword of the spirit, which is (*the*) spoken-matter of God, ^{.18(a)}by means of all prayer and supplication praying in every time in spirit;