

Ephesians 1

Read the chapter. *The He might gather together in one all things in Christ both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His, who first trusted in Christ.*

It's restoration time! We, in Jesus Christ, are seated in Heavenly Places in Him, His kingdom, not this world even though our bodies are still here. So not only is our body redeemed at salvation but *the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the Glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power,...when He raised Him from the dead...far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:...all things under His feet, and GAVE Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is the body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.*

It is a deep knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, a veil of misunderstanding being ripped away, He wants you to walk in His revelation in knowledge of Him of who He is and what He wants to accomplish in your life

Ephesians 2

Read the chapter. In verse **2:2** you will read about the prince of the power of the air. Once a brother from Haiti came to visit us and I told him that the devil was the lord of flies; well at least he is lord of something!. He told me to find it in the bible as he was not going to believe me. I looked in the Concordance but could not find it; until he left. Then I remembered the name, Beelzebub, the lord of flies. Since he is not omnipresent he cannot be in more than one place at a time. He works through the evil spirits in his command and through the children of disobedience, those who are not followers of Christ Jesus and those who give satan lordship.

But God's mercy endures. He sent His beloved Son to die for us so that we have the victory over the devil and all his evil spirits and we are *seated in Heavenly Places by Christ Jesus* where we are in His Kingdom in peace, joy and the Holy Ghost. By the way, satan does not want to be exposed that he has no authority with the children of the King, and that he does not want you to take the position as the powerful, mature, fully-equipped child of God that God has planned you to be.

Ephesians 3

Read the chapter. *The unsearchable riches of Christ* were given to Paul that the gentiles might also talk and fellowship with God as the Israelites could. Israel, chosen to bring forth the Christ, the Messiah, to bring the whole world into His fellowship, as children of the Most High of Israel whom Paul preaches.. You must understand, when Adam and Eve fell and after the flood when ALL of Cain's progeny were destroyed, the gentile could not be a part of fellowship with God unless they attached themselves with Israel. Paul was indeed given grace to even be a minister to the Gentiles and he acknowledges that. So, there are Gentiles, Jews and Christians. From the beginning of time, again, no one could fellowship with God because of sin and the knowledge of that was, as it were, hidden, from the world.

Paul, in his sufferings, has obtained grace in that he now ministers to the gentiles. You think it is easy to go where you're not wanted? So by faith, he goes and by faith the heathen receive this gift that Paul preaches that *Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge; that you might be filled with all the fulness of God. World without end.*

Ephesians 4 Read the chapter. I will start from the end of the chapter:

1. *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.*
2. You have to *put away from you bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil-speaking, with all malice.* You choose.
3. *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit who has sealed you unto the day of redemption.*
4. *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that of edifying in order to minister grace.*
5. *Let him that steals, steal no more but labour, working with your hands which is good so that you can share with others.*
6. *Do not give place to the devil.*
7. *You can get angry as long as you do not sin with it and let not your anger stay with you until the going down of the sun.*
8. Put away lying; speak truth with your neighbour, because we are members one with another.
9. When you are born-again, live it in righteousness and true holiness.
10. *Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.* Grow up!
11. All that old conversation you used to have, give it up, because it belongs to the OLD MAN, as you are now a NEW MAN. It is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.
12. When you learned about Jesus, the WORD taught you, as the truth is in Jesus.
13. *Don't walk in the vanity of your mind having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in the gentiles, i.e., without fellowship with the Holy One of Israel, because of the blindness of their heart, who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*
14. We are not to run after *every wind of doctrine, tossed to and fro, by the sleight of men, and cunning, craftiness, whereby they are lying in wait to deceive, but speak the truth in love, GROWING UP into HIM in all things, which is the head, even CHRIST.*

15. Listen to the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers that JESUS GIVES; *for your perfection, for your work in the ministry, so that the body may be edified until we come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the SON OF GOD, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ... GROW UP!*

Jesus ascended into Heaven, taking with Him all those that had been captive in Sheol (a place divided from Hell) where Adam, Eve, Abel, Seth, Abraham, Ruth, David, Isaiah, Ezekiel, etc. waited for Him for redemption. After His blood paid the price of redemption, He also gave gifts to men. Here it says that He had descended also to hell (no doubt kicking satan in the noggin.)

Paul wants us to walk worthy in the vocation we were called into (gifts from the Most High), *with all lowliness and meekness with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are 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. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. GROW UP!*

Ephesians 5

Read the chapter. This chapter really works with **Deuteronomy 19**. In this chapter we are to walk in love, as dear children because Christ has loved us, and has given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour. In this peaceful walk with Jesus, we are not to fornicate, have no uncleanness, or covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking, nor jesting, thankful in all things. No whore monger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, can come into the **Kingdom of God** through Christ Jesus.

We, in the Spirit, live in goodness and righteousness and truth. Be wise and walk in this light, not drunk, but be filled with the Spirit of God. We are to submit to one another--wives to their own husbands, as unto the Lord. The husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, as the church is subject to the Head, Christ, so the wife is subject to their own husbands in everything. There is a great onus on the husbands to be like Jesus. Jesus died for the church, so husbands are to be ready to love their wives as much as Christ loved the church. He that loves his wife loves himself. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (This great mystery is explained when you see Christ and the church: we love Jesus because He died for us and set us free).

Jesus said just as He and the Father are One, so there is a Oneness with Christ and with each other. What a marvellous Mystery! Actually, marriage is a "death to self" and service to the spouse; oneness with Jesus is *death to self*" and obedience to Him just like in a marriage. Wouldn't it be great if marriages really operated like that. Most, when trouble hits, separate instead of dying to self and serving the other. They take things that are temporary and make them permanent, instead of working it out. There is no guarantee that you will not have to go through worse things than that you are going through now. *I'm not happy* is the usual complaint so refusing to talk it out. God never said you are to be happy. He said you are going to have trouble if you marry and He will give you JOY, not happiness. There is a difference. JOY is from within and is a result of dying to self to obey your spouse and Him.

Ephesians 6

Read the chapter. The Word, now directs, the children. *Honor your father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that is may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.* And immediately after the Lord speaks to the fathers of these children *Fathers, provoke not your*

children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Then the Lord speaks to the servants *Be obedient to them that are masters according to the flesh with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ, not with eye service, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man does, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether bond or free.* Now the Word is directed to masters. This is the LOVE chapters where a reminder is that God so loved the world that He gave His Son to die for us: O what love! *Masters, do not threaten, as your Master is in Heaven, neither is there respect of persons with Him.*

Just after reading **Deutronomy 20** with The Sovereign Hand of the Almighty God on Him, Jesus, so it is with all of us when we obey the Word: *Be strong IN THE LORD, and in the Power of HIS MIGHT. Putting on the whole armor of God,* as we walk in LOVE, the devil cannot have any part in us because these principalities and powers of wickedness have no power against those that have the sovereign hand of the Almighty God on them. Be truthful, be righteous, knowing the gospel of peace (that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, loved you so much He died for you and was resurrected and defeated ALL principalities and powers); IN FAITH, speaking the Word against these principalities and powers that will quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Be saved, using the Word of God as the sword of the Spirit. In other words, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, GO! Then we pray always in the Spirit, watching out for each other, in sincerity.