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- 1) God, the Eternal Father, the Creator and Sustainer of all existence
- 2) The Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God who are before his throne,
who continually convict us of sin, righteousness, and the coming Judgment
- 3) Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, the Lord and Savior of all mankind

Without these Three, this work would never have been possible.

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1 Paul, [the] apostle of Jesus Christ through [the] will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus and faithful in Christ Jesus:
 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and [the] Lord Jesus Christ.
 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us in Christ with every kind of spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places].
 4 because¹ he chose us for himself in him before [the] foundation of [the] world, in order that we might be holy and blameless before him in love,
 5 by predetermining² us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 6 for [the] praise of [the] glory of his grace, with which he favored us in the Beloved [one],
 7 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, according to the wealth of his grace,
 8 which he caused to abound to us in all wisdom and understanding
 9 by making known³ to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he had planned in himself,
 10 with reference to [the] plan of the fullness of the times, namely, to sum up all [things] in Christ, both the [things] in the heavens and the [things] upon the earth, in him,
 11 in whom also we were chosen by lot by being predetermined according to [the] purpose of him who produces all [things] according to the resolution of his will,
 12 in order that we might be for [the] praise of his glory, who were the first to hope in Christ,
 13 in whom also you, when [you] heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, when [you] believed, you were sealed by means of the Holy Spirit of promise,
 14 who is [the] first installment of our inheritance, for [the] redemption of [his] possession, for [the] praise of his glory.
 15 Because of this, after⁴ [I] heard of your faith⁵ in the Lord Jesus and [your] love which [is] for all the saints,
 16 I do not stop giving thanks on your behalf when [I] make mention of you in my prayers,
 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, should grant you [the] spirit of wisdom and of revelation⁶ in [the] knowledge of him,
 18 that the eyes of your understanding should be enlightened⁷, in order that you may know what is the hope of his calling and what [is] the wealth of glory of his inheritance in the saints
 19 and what [is] the surpassing greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of the strength of his might,
 20 which he worked in Christ by raising⁸ him up from among [the] dead, and he seated [him] at his right [hand] in the heavenly [places],
 21 high above every ruler and authority and power and dominion and every name which is named, not only in this age, but also in the one which is to come,
 22 and he subjected all [things] under his feet and appointed him [as] head over all [things] for the church,
 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all [things] with all [things] for himself.

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:
 2 Grace [be] to you, and peace, from God our Father, and [from] the Lord Jesus Christ.
 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ:
 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him:
 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
 13 In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
 15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,
 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;
 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:
 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
 19 And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set [him] at his own right hand in the heavenly [places],
 21 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:
 22 And hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church,
 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

1) or, "just as"

2) or, "when [he] pre-determined"

3) or, "when [he] made known"

4) or, "because"
 5) lit, "the faith according to you"

6) or, "spiritual wisdom and revelation"

7) or, "enlightened with respect to the eyes of your understanding"

8) or, "when [he] raised"

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1 And you, although¹ [you] were dead in transgressions and in sins,
 2 in which at one time you walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler over the domain of the air, over the spirit which now works in the sons of disobedience,
 3 among whom also we all conducted ourselves at one time in the lusts of our flesh by doing the wills of the flesh and of the senses², and we were by nature [the] children of wrath, as also the rest;
 4 but God, because [he] was rich in mercy, out of his great love [with] which he loved us,
 5 even us, although³ [we] were dead in transgressions, he made alive together with Christ (by grace you are being⁴ saved)
 6 and raised [us] up together with [him]⁵ and caused [us] to sit down together with [him]⁶ in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus,

1 And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins;
 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 6 And hath raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus:

1) or, "while"

2) or, "thoughts"

3) or, "while"
 4) or, "are"
 5) or, "together"
 6) or, "together"

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7 so that he should show in the ages which are to come the surpassing wealth of his grace in kindness toward us through⁷ Christ Jesus.
 8 For by grace you are being⁸ saved through faith, and this [is]⁹ not from yourselves; [it is] the gift of God;
 9 not from works, in order that no man may boast.
 10 For we are his created work, because [we] were created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, so that we should walk in them.
 11 Therefore remember that you, at one time gentiles in [the] flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by the so-called Circumcision, made by hands in [the] flesh;
 12 that you were at that time separated from Christ because [you] were alienated from the commonwealth¹⁰ of Israel, and un-acquainted with¹¹ the covenants of the promise with the result that [you] had no hope, and without God in the world.
 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who at one time were far away have become near by the blood of Christ.
 14 For he is our peace, who made both¹² [into] one and broke down the middle wall of partition
 15 by abolishing in his flesh the enmity, the law of commandments consisting in ordinances, so that he should make in himself the two into one new man, with the result of making peace,
 16 and [so that] he should reconcile both¹³ in one body to God through the cross by killing the enmity with it.
 17 And [he] came [and] proclaimed the gospel of peace to you who [were] far away and to those who [were] near,
 18 for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
 19 As a result, then, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God,
 20 because [you] were built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, while Jesus Christ himself is [the] chief corner [stone],
 21 in whom the whole building, because [it] is joined together, grows into a holy temple in [the] Lord,
 22 in whom also you are built together for [the] dwelling place of God in¹⁴ [the] Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

1 Because of this I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you gentiles;
 2 if indeed you heard of the administration of the grace of God which had been given to me for you,
 3 that according to a revelation he made known to me the mystery, just as I have written before in brief,
 4 in accordance with which you are able, when [you] read [this], to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by means of [the] Spirit
 6 that the gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the same body and fellow sharers in his promise in Christ through the gospel,
 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which had been¹ given to me according to the working of his power.
 8 To me, the less than² the least of all the saints, this grace was given, to proclaim among the gentiles the gospel of the untraceable wealth of Christ
 9 and to enlighten all [men] what [is] the participation in the mystery which from the ages had been hidden in God who created all [things] through Jesus Christ,
 10 in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly [places] through the church,
 11 according to [the] purpose of the ages which he accomplished through³ Christ Jesus our Lord,
 12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through faith in him⁴.
 13 Therefore I ask [you] not to lose heart at my afflictions on your behalf, which is your glory.
 14 Because of this I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

CHAPTER 2
 7) or, "in"
 8) or, "are"
 9) or, "and especially"
 10) or, "people"
 11) or, "strange to"
 12) lit, "the both"
 13) lit, "the both"
 14) or, "by means of"

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1) or, "was"
 2) or omit
 3) or, "in"
 4) or, "his faithfulness"

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in [his] kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:
 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
 11 Wherefore remember, that ye [being] in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
 12 That at that time ye 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:
 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition [between us];
 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, [even] the law of commandments [contained] in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, [so] making peace;
 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];
 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,
 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.
 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
 9 And to make all [men] see what [is] the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly [places] might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.
 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.
 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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15 from whom every⁵ family in heaven and upon [the] earth is named,
 16 that he should grant you, according to his wealth of glory, to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner man,
 17 in order that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, because [you] are rooted and because [you] are founded in love,
 18 in order that you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what [is] the width and length and depth and height,
 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, in order that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.
 20 Now to him who is able beyond all [things] to do exceeding-ly more⁶ than [those things] which we ask or imagine, according to the power which works in us,
 21 to him [be] glory in the church through⁷ Christ Jesus to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

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 5) or, "[the] whole"

 6) lit, "beyond by abundance"
 7) or, "in"

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,
 21 Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus through- out all ages, world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore I, the prisoner in [the] Lord, exhort you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,
 2 with all humility and considerateness, with patience, by bearing with one another in love,
 3 by making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit by the uniting bond of peace.
 4 [There is] one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called to [the] 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 you all.
 7 Now to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
 8 Therefore it says, "When [he] went up on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to men."
 9 (Now the [phrase], "he went up," what does it mean except that he also came down first into the lower parts of the earth?
 10 (He who came down, he is also the one who went up high above all the heavens, so that he should fill all [things])
 11 And he appointed some [as] apostles, others [as] prophets, others [as] evangelists, others [as] pastors and teachers,
 12 for the equipping of the saints for [the] work of service¹, for [the] building up of the body of Christ,
 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to [the] measure of [the] stature² of the fullness of Christ,
 14 in order that we may no longer be infants who are tossed here and there by waves and are carried here and there by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men, by craftiness for the scheming of deception,
 15 but [that], by speaking the truth in love, we may³ grow up in all [things] into him who is the head, Christ,
 16 from whom the whole body, because [it] is joined together and is united through every joint of support, according to [the] working in [the] measure of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for [the] building up of itself in love.
 17 Therefore this I say and implore in [the] Lord, namely, that you should no longer walk as the rest of [the] nations⁴ also walk, with [the] futility of their mind,
 18 because [they] are darkened in understanding, because [they] are alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart,
 19 who, because [they] are dead to feeling, handed themselves over to licentiousness for [the] practice of every kind of uncleanness with greediness.
 20 But you yourselves did not learn Christ in this manner,
 21 if indeed you heard of him and were taught in him, just as truth is in Jesus,
 22 that, with respect to [your] former way of life, you should take off the old man, which is corrupted according to the lusts of deceitfulness,
 23 and that [you] should allow yourselves to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
 24 and that [you] should put on yourselves the new man, which was created in the likeness of God in righteousness and holiness of truth.

CHAPTER 4

 1) or, "ministry"
 2) or, "age"
 3) or, "let us"
 4) or, "gentiles"

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1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
 4 [There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;
 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
 6 One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.
 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
 13 Till we all come in 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:
 14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, [even] Christ:
 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.
 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,
 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:
 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;
 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

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25 Therefore each [one of you], put away falsehood [and] speak [the] truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.
26 Be angry, but do not sin; let not the sun go down upon the cause of your anger,
27 and do not give an opportunity to the devil.
28 Let him who steals steal no longer, but rather let him labor by accomplishing with [his] hands that which is good, in order that he may have [something] to share with him who has need.
29 Let no corrupt speech come out of your mouth, but if [it is] some[thing] good for [the] building up of that which is necessary, in order that it may give grace to those who hear.
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by means of 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, with all malice;
32 and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, by forgiving each other, just as God through⁵ Christ also forgave you.

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25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27 Neither give place to the devil.
28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with [his] hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

5) or, "in"

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1 Therefore be [the] imitators of God, as beloved children,
2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and handed himself over on our behalf [as] an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of fragrance.
3 But sexual immorality and every kind of uncleanness or greediness, let them not even be named among you, as is proper for saints,
4 and shamefulness and foolish talk or coarse jesting, those things which¹ are not proper, but rather thanksgiving.
5 For you know this, namely, that no sexually immoral man or unclean [man] or greedy man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and 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 become² fellow sharers with them,
8 for you were at one time darkness, but now light in [the] Lord; walk as [the] children of light
9 (for the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness and righteousness and truthfulness³)
10 by trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 And do not participate in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather also expose [them],
12 for it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret;
13 but all [things], when [they] are exposed by the light, become visible, for everything which becomes visible is light.
14 Therefore it says, "Wake up, sleeper, and rise up from among the dead, and Christ will shine upon you."
15 Therefore consider carefully how you walk, not as unwise [men], but as wise [men],
16 by making the most of the time⁴, because the days are evil.
17 Because of this do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord [is].
18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled by means of [the] Spirit,
19 with the result of speaking to each other with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody⁵ to the Lord with your heart,
20 giving thanks always to the God and Father for all [things] in [the] name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting yourselves to one another in [the] fear of God.
22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord;
23 for the husband is head of the wife, as Christ also [is] head of the church; and he himself is savior of the body.
24 Therefore as the church subjects itself to Christ, in this manner also wives [should subject themselves] to their own husbands in every[thing].
25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and handed himself over on its behalf,
26 so that he should sanctify it by cleansing [it] by the washing in water with [the] word,

1) or, "which"

2) or, "be"

3) or, "truth"

4) or, "opportunity"

5) or, "playing [an instrument]"

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.
3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now [are ye] light in the Lord: walk as children of light:
9 (For the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove [them].
12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].
18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.
22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing.
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

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27 so that he should present it to himself, the church [as] glorious, not having a stain or a wrinkle or any of such [things], but so that it should be holy and blameless.
 28 Husbands ought to love their wives as follows, as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself;
 29 for no one at any time hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as also the Lord the church,
 30 because we are [the] members of his body; of his flesh and of his bones.
 31 "Because of this a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."
 32 This mystery is great, and I am speaking with reference to Christ and with reference to the church.
 33 In any case you also, each one, let each [man] love his wife as follows, as himself, and let the wife respect [her] husband.

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27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
 31 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.
 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife [see] that she reverence [her] husband.

CHAPTER 6

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
 2 Honor your father and mother (which is a very prominent¹ commandment with a promise),
 3 in order that it may be well with you and [that] you may live long² upon the earth.
 4 And parents³, do not make your children angry, but bring them up in [the] discipline and admonition of [the] Lord.
 5 Slaves, obey [your] earthly masters⁴ with fear and trembling, with [the] sincerity of your heart, as [you obey] Christ,
 6 not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ by doing the will of God from [the] heart,
 7 by rendering service with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to men,
 8 because [you] know that whatever good each [man] does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether a slave or a free [man].
 9 And masters, do the same [things] to them by giving up threatening, because [you] know that also your own Master is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him.
 10 Finally, my brothers, be strong in [the] Lord and in the strength of his might.
 11 Put on yourselves the full armor of God, in order that you may be able to stand firm against the schemings of the devil,
 12 for our struggle⁵ is not against blood and flesh, but against rulers, against authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].
 13 Because of this take up the full armor of God, in order that you may be able to resist in the evil day and, when [you] conquer⁶ all [things], to stand firm.
 14 Therefore stand firm by girding your waist with truth and by putting on yourselves the breastplate of righteousness
 15 and by binding [your] feet with [the] preparation of the gospel of peace;
 16 in addition to all, by taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil [one];
 17 and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is [the] word of God,
 18 while praying at all times⁷ with all prayer and supplication in [the] Spirit, and while being alertly concerned, for this very [purpose], with all perseverance and supplication about all the saints
 19 and for me, that speech should be given to me in [the] opening of my mouth with boldness, in order to make known⁸ the mystery of the gospel,
 20 on behalf of which I am an ambassador in a chain, in order that I may speak boldly in it, as is necessary for me to speak.
 21 Now in order that you also may know my circumstances⁹, what I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in [the] Lord, will make all [things] known to you,
 22 whom I have sent to you for this very [purpose], in order that you might know the [things which are] about us and [that] he might comfort your hearts.
 23 Peace [be] to the brothers, 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 incorruptibility.

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- 1) or, "[the] first"
- 2) lit, "be long-lived"
- 3) or, "fathers"
- 4) lit, "masters according to [the] flesh"
- 5) lit, "wrestling"
- 6) or, "accomplish"
- 7) lit, "every time"
- 8) or, "in order to make known with boldness"
- 9) or, "the [things] with respect to me"

CHAPTER 6

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.
 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
 5 Servants, be obedient to them that are [your] masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;
 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:
 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether [he be] bond or free.
 9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.
 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].
 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
 21 But that ye also may know my affairs, [and] how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:
 22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and [that] he might comfort your 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 them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. <<[Written from Rome unto the Ephesians by Tychicus.]>>