

The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians

The Argument

While Paul was prisoner at Rome, there entered in among the Ephesians false teachers, who corrupted the true doctrine which he had taught them, by reason whereof he wrote this Epistle to confirm them in that thing, which they had learned of him. And first after his salutation, he assureth them of salvation, because they were thereunto predestinate by the free election of God, before they were born, and sealed up to this eternal life by the holie Ghost, given unto them by the Gospel, the knowledge of the which mystery he prayeth God to confirm toward them. And to the intent they should not glory in themselves, he sheweth them their extreme misery, wherein they were plunged before they knew Christ, as people without God, Gentiles to whom the promises were not made, and yet by the free mercy of God in Christ Jesus, they were saved, and he appointed to be their Apostle, as of all other Gentiles: therefore he desireth God to lighten the Ephesian's hearts with the perfect understanding of his Son, and exhorteth them likewise to be mindful of so great benefits, neither to be moved with the false apostles, which seek to overthrow their faith, and tread underfoot the Gospel, which was not preached to them, as by chance or fortune, but according to the eternal counsel of God: who by this means preserveth only his Church. Therefore the Apostle commendeth his ministry, forasmuch as God thereby reigneth among men, and causeth it to bring forth most plentiful fruits, as innocency, holiness, with all such offices appertaining to godliness. Last of all, he declareth not only in general what ought to be the life of the Christians, but also sheweth particularly, what things concern everyman's vocation.

Chapter 1

After his salutation, 4 He sheweth that the chief cause of their salvation standeth in the free election of God through Christ. 16 He declareth his goodwill toward them, giving thanks and praying God for their faith. 21 The majesty of Christ.

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 with you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 *Blessed be God even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which hath blessed us with all ^aspiritual blessing in heavenly [^]things in Christ,

4 *As he hath ^bchosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we ^{*}should be ^cholie, and without blame before him in love:

5 Who hath predestinate us, to be ^dadopted through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the ^epraise of the glory of his grace, wherewith he hath made us accepted in *his* beloved,

7 By whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins, according to his rich grace:

8 Whereby he hath been abundant toward us in all wisdom and understanding,

9 And hath opened unto us the mystery of his will accord-

ing to his good pleasure, which he had purposed ^fin him, 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of the times he might gather together in one ^gall things, both which are in heaven and which are in earth, *even* in Christ:

11 In whom also we are chosen when we were predestinate according to the purpose of him, which worketh all things after the counsel of his own will,

12 That ^hwe, which first trusted in Christ, should be unto the praise of his glory:

13 In whom also ye *have trusted* after that ye heard the word of truth, *even* the Gospel of your salvation, wherein also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holie Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance, ⁱuntil the redemption of the possession purchased unto the praise of his glory.

15 Therefore also after that I heard of the faith, which ye have in the Lord Jesus, and love toward all the Saints,

16 I 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, might give unto you the Spirit of wisdom, and revelation through the knowledge of ^khim,

18 That the eyes of your understanding may be lightened that ye may know what the hope is of his calling, and what the riches of his glorious inheritance *is* in the Saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us, which believe, ^{*}according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from

1 *1 Cor. 1.2

3 *2 Cor. 1.3, 1 Pet. 1.3

3 a As with the knowledge of God in Christ, with faith, hope, charity, and other gifts.

3 [^]Or, places.

4 *2 Tim. 1.9

4 b This election to life everlasting can never be changed: but in temporal offices, which God hath appointed for a certain space, when the term is expired, he changeth his election, as we see in Saul and Judas.

4 *Col. 1.22

4 c When Christ's justice is imputed ours.

5 d Where as we were not the natural children he received us by grace, and made us his children.

6 e The principal end of our election is to praise and glorify the grace of God.

9 f That is, in Christ.

10 g By this he means the whole body of the Church, which he divides into them, which are in heaven, and them which are in earth: also the faithful which remain in earth, stand of the Jews and the Gentiles.

12h To wit, the Jews.

14 i Though we be redeemed from the bondage of sin by the death of Christ, Rom. 6.23, yet we hope for this second redemption which shalbe when we shall possess our inheritance in the heavens, whereof we have the holie Ghost for a gage, as Chap. 4.30.

17 k Or, Christ.

19 *Col. 2.12, chap.3.7

the dead, and ^lset him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principalitie, and power, and might, and domination, and every Name, that is named, not in this world only, but also in that that is to come,

22 *And hath made all things subject under his feet, & hath appointed him over all things *to be* the head to the Church,

23 Which is his body, *even* the ^mfullness of him that filleth all in all things.

Chapter 2

5 To magnify the grace of Christ, which is the only cause of salvation, 11 He sheweth them what manner of people thy were before their conversion, 18 And what they are now in Christ.

And *you *hath he quickened*, that were dead in trespasses and sins,

2 Wherein, in time past ye walked, according to the course of this world, and after the *^aprince that ruleth in the air, *even* the spirit, that now worketh in the children of disobedience,

3 Among whom we also had our conversation in time past, in the lusts of our flesh, in fulfilling the will of the flesh, and of the mind, and were ^bby nature the children of wrath, as well as others.

4 But God which is rich in mercy, through his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead by sins, hath quickened us ^ctogether [^]in Christ, *by whose* grace ye are saved,

6 And hath ^draised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 That he might show in the ages to come the exceeding riches of his grace, through his kindness toward us in 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 himself.

10 For we are ^ehis workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained, that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore ^fremember that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, and called *uncircumcised of them, which

are called circumcision in the flesh, made with hands, 12 That ye were, *I say*, at the time without Christ, and were alienates from the commonwealth of Israel, and were *strangers from the ^gcovenants of promise, and had no ^hhope, and *were* [^]without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus, ye which once were far off, are made near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, which hath made of both one, and hath broken the ⁱstop of the partition wall,

15 In abrogating through his ^kflesh the hatred, *that is*, the Law of commandments *which standeth* in ordinances, for to make of twain one new man in himself, so making peace,

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one ^lbody by *his* [^]cross, and slay hatred thereby,

17 And came, and preached peace to you which were a far off, and to them that were near.

18 *For through him we both have an entrance unto the Father by one Spirit.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers & foreigners: but citizens 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 cornerstone,

21 In whom all the building coupled together, groweth unto an holie Temple in the Lord,

22 In whom ye also are built together to be the habitation of God by the Spirit.

Chapter 3

1 He sheweth the cause of his imprisonment: 13 Desireth them not to faint because of his trouble, 14 And prayeth God to make them steadfast in his Spirit.

For this cause, I Paul *am* the ^aprisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the ^bdispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you ward,

3 *That is*, that *God* by revelation hath showed this mystery unto me (as I wrote ^cabove in few words,

4 Whereby when ye read, ye may know mine understanding in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was ^dnot opened unto the sons of

20 I Made in him Governor of all things both in heaven and in earth so that Christ's body is now only there, or else it should not be a true body and his ascension should be but a fantastical thing and only imagined.

22 * Psa. 8.6, Ebr. 2.8

23 m This is the great love of Christ toward his Church that he counts not himself perfect without us which are his members: and therefore the Church is also called Christ, as 1 Cor. 12.12.

Chapter 2

1 *Col. 2.13

2 *Chap. 6.12

2 a Meaning Satan.

3 b Not by creation, but by Adam's transgression, and so by birth.

5 c Both Jew and Gentile.

5 ^Or, with Christ

6 d We that are the members, are raised up from death and reign with our head Christ in heaven by faith.

10 e Here he means, as concerning grace, and not by nature.

11 f He shows here that the further the Gentiles were off from the grace of God, the greater debtors they are now to the same.

11 *1 Sam. 17.26, Eze. 44.7

12 *Rom. 9.4

12 g It was but one covenant, but because it was divers times confirmed and established, therefore here he calls them Covenants.

12 h Where no promise is, there is not hope.

12 ^Or, Atheists.

14 i That is, the cause of the division that was between the Jews and the Gentiles.

15 k For in Christ all things were accomplished, which were prefigure in the Law.

16 l For of the Jews and the Gentiles he made one flock.

16 ^Or, death.

18 *Rom. 5.2

Chapter 3

1 a He rejoices in that he suffered imprisonment for the maintenance of Christ's glory.

2 b Which was his vocation to preach unto the Gentiles.

3 c That is, in the first chapter of this Epistle, verse 9.

5 d Although the fathers, and the Prophets had revelations certain, yet it was not in comparison of that abundance which was showed when the Gentiles were called: neither yet was the time, not the manner known.

men, as it is now revealed unto his holie Apostles and Prophets by the Spirit,

6 That the Gentiles should be inheritors also, & of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel,
7 Whereof I am made a minister by the gift of the grace of God given unto me *through the working of his power.

8 *Even unto me 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 clear unto all men what the fellowship of the *mystery is, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who hath created all things by Jesus Christ,

10 To the intent, that now unto ^eprincipalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known ^fby the Church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose, which he wrought in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 By whom we have boldness and entrance with confidence, by faith in him.

13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for your sakes, which is your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 (Of whom is named the whole ^gfamily in ^hheaven and in earth)

16 That he might grant you according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened by his Spirit in the inner man,

17 That Christ may dwell in your ⁱhearts by faith, that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all Saints, what is the ^kbreath, and the length, and depth, and height:

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all ^lfulness of God.

20 *Unto him therefore that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in ^mus,

21 *Be praise in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all generations for ever, Amen.*

Chapter 4

He exhortheth them unto meekness, long suffering, unto love and peace. 3 Everyone to serve and edify another with the gift that

7 *Chap. 1.19

8 *1 Cor. 15.9

8 *Gal. 1.16

9 *Rom. 16.25, Col. 1.26, 2 Tim. 1.10, Tit. 1.2, 2 Pet. 1.20

10 e The Angels

10 f The Church being gathered of so many kinds of people, is an example, or a glass for the Angels to behold the wisdom of God in, who hath turned their particular discords into an universal concord, and of the Synagogue of bondage, hath made the Church of freedom.

15 g He that is not of the body of Christ, is in death.

15 h The faithful which died before Christ came, were adopted by him, and make one family with the Saints which yet remain alive.

17 i For we confess that, which we believe.

18 k All perfection on every side is in him.

19 l That all the graces of God may abound in you.

20 *Rom. 16.25

20 m In that we feel Christ in us.

God hath given him, 14 To beware of strange doctrine. 22 To lay aside the old conversation of greedy lusts, & to walk in a new life.

| *therefore, being prisoner in the ^aLord, pray you that ye

walk worthy of the vocation whereunto ye are called,

2 With all humbleness of mind, and meekness, with long suffering, supporting one another through love,

3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is ^bone body, and one ^cSpirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your vocation.

5 *There is* one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

6 *One God and Father of all, which is ^dabove all, and ^ethrough all, and in you all.

7 *But unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the ^fgift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, *When he ascended up on high, he ^glead captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now, in that he ascended, what is it but that he had also descended first into the lowest parts of the earth?

10 He that descended, is even the same that ascended, far above all heavens, that he might fill ^hall things)

11 *He therefore gave some *to be* Apostles, & some Prophets, & some Evangelists, & some Pastors, & Teachers,

12 For the ⁱgathering together of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, ^kand for the edification of the body of Christ,

13 Till we all meet together (in the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God) unto a ^lperfect man, and unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ,

14 That we henceforth be no more children, wavering & carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the deceit of men, & with craftiness, whereby they lay in wait to deceive.

15 But let us follow the truth in love, and in all things grow up into him, which is the ^mhead, *that is* Christ,

16 By whom all the body being coupled & knit together by every joint, for the furniture *thereof* (according to the effectual power, *which is* in the measure of every part) receiveth increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love.

1 *Phil. 1.27, Col. 1.10, 1 Thess. 2.12

1 a For the Lord's cause.

4 b Which by dissensions you separate asunder.

4 c So that ye can not dissent one from another, seeing the Spirit, which joins you in one body, can not dissent from himself.

6 *Mal. 2.10

6 d In power.

6 e By his providence.

7 *Rom. 12.3, 1 Cor. 12.11, 2 Cor. 10.13

7 f Which he gives us.

8 *Ps. 68.18

8 g The Messias came down from heaven into the earth, to triumph over Satan, death and sin, and led them as prisoners and slaves, which before were conquerors, and kept all in subjection: which victory he got and also gave it as a most precious gift to his Church.

10 h With his gifts and benefits.

11 *1 Cor. 12.28

12 i To restore that which was out of order.

12 k That the body of Christ might be perfect.

13 l That we may be of a ripe Christian age and come to the full measure of the knowledge which we shall have of Christ.

15 m Christ being head of his Church, nourishes his members and joins them together by joints: so that every part hath his just proportion of food, that at length the body may grow up to perfection.

17 This I say therefore and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in vanity of their ⁿmind,

18 Having their cogitation darkened, and being strangers from the life of ^oGod through the ignorance that is in them, because of the ^phardness of their heart:

19 Which being [^]past ^{*}feeling, have given themselves unto wantonness, to work all uncleanness, *even* with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ.

21 If so be ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the ^qtruth is in Jesus,

22 *That is*, ^{*}that ye cast off, concerning the conversation in time past, the ^rold man, which is corrupt through the deceivable lusts,

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 ^{*}And put on the new man, which ^safter God is created in righteousness, and true holiness.

25 ^{*}Wherefore cast off lying, and speak every man truth unto his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26 ^{*}Be ^tangry, but 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 let him rather labor and work with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give unto him that needeth.

29 ^{*}Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouths: but that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister ^ugrace unto the hearers.

30 And ^xgrieve not the holie Spirit of God by whom ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, crying, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all maliciousness.

32 ^{*}Be ye courteous one to another, and tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake forgave you.

Chapter 5

2 He exhorteth them unto love. 3 Warneth them to beware of uncleanness, covetousness, foolish talking, and false doctrine, 17 To be circumspect. 18 To avoid drunkenness. 19 To rejoice

17 ⁿ Man not regenerate hath his mind, understanding & heart corrupt.

18 ^o By the which God liveth in his.

19 ^p The hardness of heart is the fountain of ignorance.

19 [^]Or, without remorse of conscience.

19 ^{*}1 Tim. 4.2

21 ^q As they are taught which truly know Christ.

22 ^{*}Col. 2.11

22 ^r That is, all the natural corruption that is in us.

24 ^{*}Rom. 6.4, Col. 3.8, Ebr. 12.1, 1 Pet. 2.1, and 4.2

24 ^s Which is created according to the image of God.

25 ^{*}Zach. 8.16

26 ^{*}Psal. 4.4

26 ^t If so be that ye be angry, so moderate your affection, that it burst not out into any evil work, but be soon appeased.

27 ^{*}Jam. 4.7

29 ^{*}Chap. 5.3, Col. 4.6

29 ^u And cause them to profit in godliness.

30 ^x So behave yourselves that the holie Ghost may willingly dwell in you, and give him no occasion to depart for sorrow by your abusing of God's graces.

32 ^{*}Col. 3.19

and to be thankful toward God, 21 To submit themselves one to another. 22 He entreateth of corporal marriage and of the spiritual betwixt Christ and his Church.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children, ² ^{*}And walk in love, even as Christ hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, *to be* an offering and a sacrifice of a sweet ^asmelling savour to God.

3 ^{*}But fornication, & all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as it becometh Saints,

4 Neither filthiness, neither foolish talking, neither ^bjesting, which are things not comely, but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, neither unclean person, nor covetous person, which is ^can idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, and of God.

6 ^{*}Let no ^dman deceive you with vain words: for for such things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not therefore companions with them.

8 For ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as ^echildren of light,

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth)

10 Approving that which is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but even ^freprove them rather.

12 For it is shame even to speak of the things, which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things when they are reprov'd of the ^glight, are manifest: for it is light that maketh all things manifest.

14 Wherefore he saith, ^hAwake thou that sleepest, and stand up from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 Take heed therefore that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as ^{*}wise,

16 ⁱRedeeming the time: for the ^kdays are evil.

17 ^{*}Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be fulfilled with the Spirit,

19 Speaking unto yourselves in psalms, and [^]hymns, and spiritual songs, singing, and making melody to the Lord in your ^lhearts,

2 ^{*}John 13.34, and 15.12, 1 John 3.23

2 ^a Alluding to the perfumes and incensing in the Law.

3 ^{*}Mar. 7.21, chap. 4.19, Col. 3.5, 2 Thess. 2.17

4 ^b Which is either vain, or else by example and evil speaking may hurt your neighbor: for otherwise there be divers examples in the Scriptures of pleasant talk, which is also godly, as 1 King. 18.27.

5 ^c Because he thinks that his life stands in his riches.

6 ^{*}Mat. 24.4, Mar. 13.5, Luk. 21.8, 2 Thess. 2.3

6 ^d Either is excusing sin, or in mocking at the menaces, and judgements of God.

8 ^e Seeing God hath adopted you for his, that ye should be holie.

11 ^f And make them known by your honest and godly life.

13 ^g The word of God discovers the vices which were hid before.

14 ^h God thus speaks by his servants to draw the infidels from their blindness.

15 ^{*}Col. 4.5

16 ⁱ Selling all worldly pleasures to buy time.

16 ^k In these perilous days and craft of the adversaries, take heed how to buy again the occasions of godliness, which the world hath taken from you.

17 ^{*}Rom. 12.2, 1 Thess. 4.3

19 [^]Or, songs of praise and thanksgiving.

19 ^l And not only with tongue.

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God even the Father, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the ^mfear of God.
 22 ¶ *Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord.
 23 *For the husband is the wife's head, even as Christ is the head of the Church, and the same is the saviour of *his* ⁿbody.
 24 Therefore as the Church is in subjection to Christ, even so *let* the wives *be* to their husbands in everything.
 25 ¶ *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it,
 26 That he might sanctify it, and cleanse it by the ^owashing of water through the word,
 27 That he might make it unto himself a glorious Church, not having ^pspot or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holie and without blame.
 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 *doeth* the Church.
 30 For we are members of his body, ^qof his flesh, and of his bones.
 31 *For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, & shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shalbe one flesh.
 32 This is a great secret, but I speak concerning Christ, and concerning the Church.
 33 Therefore every one of you, *do ye so*: let every one love his wife, even as himself, and *let* the wife see that she fear her husband.

Chapter 6

2 How children should behave themselves toward their fathers and mothers, 4 Likewise parents toward their children, 5 Servants toward their masters, 9 Masters toward their servants. 13 An exhortation to the spiritual battle and what weapons the Christians should fight with all.

Children, *obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
 2 *Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with ^apromise)

21 ^m Except our friendship be joined, and knit in God, it is not to be esteemed.

22 *Col. 3.18, Tit. 2.5, 1 Pet. 3.1

23 *1 Cor. 11.3

23 ⁿ The Church: so the husband ought to nourish, govern and defend his wife from perils.

25 *Col. 3.19

26 ^o Baptism is a token that God hath consecrated the Church to himself, and made it holie by his words that is, his promise of free justification, and sanctification in Christ.

27 ^p Because it is covered and clad with Christ's justice and holiness.

30 ^q This our conjunction with Christ must be considered as Christ is the husband, and we the wife, which are not only joined to him by nature, but also by the communion of substance, through the holie Ghost and by faith: the seal and testimony thereof is the Supper of the Lord.

31 *Gen. 2.24, Mat. 19.5, Mar. 10.7, 1 Cor. 6.16

Chapter 6

1 *Col. 3.20

2 *Exo. 20.12, Deut. 5.16, Eccle. 3.10, Mat. 15.4, Mar. 7.10

2 ^a This is the first commandment of the second table and hath the promise with condition.

3 That it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on earth.

4 And ye, fathers, provoke not your children to ^bwrath: but bring them up in ^cinstruction and information of the Lord.

5 *Servants, be obedient unto them that are *your* masters, ^daccording to the flesh, with fear and trembling in singleness of your hearts as unto Christ,

6 Not with service to the eye, as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 With good will serving the Lord, and not men.

8 And know ye 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, putting away threatening: and know that ^eeven your master also is in heaven, neither is there ^frespect of person with him.

10 ¶ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the ^gwhole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the assaults of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against ^fflesh and blood, but against ^hprincipalities, against powers, *and* against the worldly governors, *the princes* of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickednesses, *which are* in the high places.

13 For this cause take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having finished all things, stand fast.

14 Stand therefore, and your loins gird about with verity, and having on the breastplate of ⁱrighteousness,

15 And your feet shod with the ^hpreparation of the Gospel of peace.

16 Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye may quench all the fiery darts of the wicked,

17 *And take the helmet of ⁱsalvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray always with all manner prayer and supplication in the Spirit: and ^jwatch 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 publish the secret of the Gospel,

20 Whereof I am the ambassador in bonds, that therein I

4 ^b By austerity.

4 ^c That they be not brought up in wantonness, but in the fear of the Lord.

5 *Col. 3.22, Tit. 2.9, 1 Pet. 2.18

5 ^d Which have dominion over your bodies, but not over your souls.

9 ^e Or, both yours and their master.

9 *Deu. 10.17, 2 Chron. 19.7, Job 34.19, Wisdo. 6.7, Eccle. 35.12, Act 10.34, Rom. 2.11, Gal. 2.6, Col. 3.25, 1 Pet. 1.17

9 ^e Whether he be servant or master.

11 ^e Or, complete harness.

12 ^f The faithful have not only to strive against men and themselves, but against Satan the spiritual enemy, who is most dangerous: for he is over our heads so that we can not reach him, but he must be resisted by God's grace.

12 *Chap. 2.2

14 ^g Innocency and godly life.

15 ^h That ye may be ready to suffer all things for the Gospel.

17 *Isa. 59.17, 1 Thess. 5.8

17 ⁱ The salvation purchased by Jesus Christ.

18 *Col. 4.2

19 *Col. 4.3, 2 Thess. 3.1

may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 ¶ But that ye may also know mine affairs, and what I do, Tychicus *my* dear brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall show you of all things,

22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know mine affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

23 Peace *be* with the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace *be* with all them which love our Lord Jesus Christ, to *their*^kimmortality, Amen.

Written from Rome unto the Ephesians, *and sent* by Tychicus.

24 k Or to be without corruption, that is, to have life everlasting, which is the end of this grace.