

## Study Series in Ephesians

1. The Attributes of God
2. The Revealed Nature of God - In Him Passages.

### **Ephesians 1**

1. WRITER: Paul an Apostle by the will of God
  - a. God can redeem anyone
2. WRITTEN TO: The Saints and Faithful In Christ Jesus.
  - a. May we be faithful
3. Every Spiritual Blessing (v.3)
  - a. Christians are Soldiers with weapons
    - i. Prayer
    - ii. Study of the Word
    - iii. Fellowship
    - iv. The Holy Spirit indwelling us
  - b. We should recognize that in order to succumb to sin, we must ignore a lot of tools
    - i. Beware of the flesh and the schemes of the enemy.
4. God's plan for us (Verses 4-6)
  - a. His decision to choose - Big debate topic - but we can focus on what we know. He wants all to come to repentance. He gives us opportunities to know the Truth. Romans 1 discusses this
  - b. Holy
  - c. Without Blame
5. His Grace is Glorious and RICH
  - a. Eph 1:7 **In Him -**
    - i. we have redemption through His blood,
    - ii. the forgiveness of sins,
    - iii. according to the riches of His grace
  - b. PRUDENCE - Strongs G5428 -  
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g5428/kjv/tr/0-1/>
6. God REVEALS things to us. Revelation is important  
Eph 1:9 having **made known to us the mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed **in Himself**.
7. Unity outside of Christ is COUNTERFEIT. The Original and REAL Plan is to have all things united in Christ. Eph 1:10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together **in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—**in Him**.
8. INHERITANCE in HIM -
  - a. Eph 1:11 **In Him** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined **according to the purpose of Him** who works all things according to the counsel

**of His will,** that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

9. SALVATION is in HIM. We cannot be quiet about it because we see what He has done in our lives. We are to testify of the goodness of the Lord.

- a. Eph 1:13-14 **In Him** you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, who is the **guarantee** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

10. Paul heard of their faith as should be expected if the Faith is Genuine and Real -

- a. Eph 1:15-19 Therefore I also, **after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus** and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the **knowledge of Him,** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according **to the working of His mighty power** which He worked in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

11. Paul gave thanks for their faith. Intercession should be a part of the Life of a Christian. Intercession does certain things. What are some things Paul was praying for them?

- a. that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom
- b. and revelation in the **knowledge of Him,**
- c. the eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that you may know what is the hope of His calling,
- d. what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
- e. and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according **to the working of His mighty power -** which He worked in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.
- f. EPHESIANS 3:14-21 talks more about intercession too

12. There is Power in the Name of Jesus

- a. **There is Power from the Father**
- b. **Why do we live sometimes as though there is no Power?**
- c. **In Him, there is power and authority.**
- d. **This should affect how we carry ourselves.**

e. This should affect us so we don't cave into peer pressure.

13. The Church matters to God. How are we doing as the church? What is your Ecclesiology? What role is the Church playing in your life? What role are you playing in the Church? We need to think about this? Does the Church matter to us? Are we living up to the Expectation? Imagine being recruited by a prestigious organization where we represent something highly revered. When we fall short, don't we get concerned because we don't want to bring down the reputation of the organization? How about the Church? How are we representing our maker everyday.

- a. Eph 1:22-23 **And He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, **the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

EVERYTHING GOES BACK TO GOD. This is one reason pride is a problem. It tries to point things to us. We need to remember to Keep God first in our lives and fight against the world forcing us to do otherwise.

In Him, we move and have our being.

## EPHESIANS 2

1. Ephesians 2:1-3: And you **He made alive**, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in **the sons of disobedience**, **3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves** in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature **children of wrath**, just as the others
  - a. God has made us ALIVE.
  - b. We were once dead in our transgressions. This is a key doctrine of the Christian faith.
  - c. Notice the PAST Tense - Once walked - Meaning we don't walk that way anymore. The Christian message is one of repentance and not dwelling where we once were.
  - d. We were children of disobedience and children of wrath. John 1:12 tells us we can become Children of God.
2. *(2:4-10) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of***

**works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

- a. But God - Very important Transition. We see more of the Attributes of God here.
  - b. Because of His Great Love with which He loved us
  - c. Made us Alive together with Christ - Christ is ALIVE. We serve a Living God.
  - d. TOGETHER raised and TOGETHER sitting in Heavenly Places.
  - e. His Kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
  - f. Paul shows us the mechanism here and how we get redeemed.
3. **8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves;**
- a. **it is the gift of God,**
  - b. **not of works, lest anyone should boast.**
  - c. **For we are His workmanship,**
  - d. **created in Christ Jesus for good works,**
  - e. **which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**
4. **11** Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— **12** **that at that time you 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 you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

BEFORE CHRIST	AFTER CHRIST
being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise,	But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
having no hope and without God in the world	Children of God
<b><u>once Gentiles in the flesh</u></b>	Righteousness, Peace, Joy in the Holy Spirit
<u>who were dead in trespasses and sins</u>	<b><u>made us alive together with Christ</u></b>
in which <u>you once walked</u> according to the course of this world	<b><u>Our Peace</u></b>
<b><u>the sons of disobedience</u></b> , <b>3</b> <b><u>among whom also we all once conducted ourselves</u></b> in the lusts of our flesh, <b><u>fulfilling the desires of the</u></b>	but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

<b>flesh and of the mind</b> , and were by nature <b>children of wrath</b> , just as the others	
strangers and foreigners,	Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners,

5. **14 For He Himself is our peace**, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, **15** having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, **thus making peace**, **16** and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. **17** And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. **18** For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
- The Anatomy of Peace. There is no Peace outside of Jesus Christ. He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah)
  - Jesus broke the walls and made a way

#### 6. **Christ Our Cornerstone**

**19** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, **21** in whom the whole building, **being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord**, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

- Our identity is addressed here. We are citizens
- Building on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. **We should study these offices.**
- Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.
  - The cornerstone is the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. All other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure.*
  - What does it mean for someone to be a cornerstone?*
    - a person or thing of prime importance; basis.**
- Colossians Chapter 1 talks more about Jesus being **EMINENT**
- We are to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. This should affect our conduct.**

**The Analogy of the Building here is crucial and maybe we need to sit and talk with a Builder to learn more about the importance of the Cornerstone.**

## ANALOGIES IN THE BIBLE -

1. Trees
2. Buildings

What can we learn about these analogies?

### EPHESIANS 3

#### 1. The Mystery Revealed

- a. *3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power*

- i. **THE GOSPEL makes a way for all to be saved- that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel**

#### 2. Purpose of the Mystery

- a. *8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.*

#### 3. Appreciation of the Mystery

- a. *14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you,*
  - i. *according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,*
  - ii. *17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*

- iii. *18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*
- iv. *20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

## EPHESIANS 4

### 1. Walk in Unity

- a. *4 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, **beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,** 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
  - 1. *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, **beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,***
  - 2. *with all lowliness and gentleness,*
  - 3. *with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,*
  - 4. *3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- ii. ***I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, What does this look like?***
  - 1. Being set apart**
  - 2. Not going with the Crowd**
  - 3. Submitting to the ways of the Lord**

### 2. UNITY

- a. *4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were 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.*
  - i. *THERE IS ONLY TRUE UNITY IN JESUS CHRIST*

### 3. Spiritual Gifts - FOCUS on this when talking about our role in the Body

- a. ***7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.** 8 Therefore He says:*

“When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”<sup>9</sup>  
 (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? **10** He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) **11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the**



stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

i. **7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift**

1. What are we doing with the gifts He has given us. Sometimes we say, oh I am using this one gift over here so I don't need to see if there is anything else the Lord is calling me to do.

a. Let us set aside time to pray on this issue and seek out ways to serve for His Glory.

ii. **THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS FROM MATTHEW 25:14-30**

iii. Hebrews 5 talks about the maturity that should happen in Christ.

1. **Spiritual Immaturity**

**8** though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. **9** And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, **10** called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," **11** of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

**12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

iv. Colossians 1:24-29

**Sacrificial Service for Christ**

**24** I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, **25** of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **26** the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28** Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man



perfect in Christ Jesus. **29** To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

#### 4. The New Man

- a. **17** This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, *that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind.* **18** having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; **19** who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** *that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,* **23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

- b. In Christianity there is a putting off and putting on. Let us examine this passage more. There is a theme in the Bible - Our Past, Our Present New Life and our FUTURE. We need the Frame of REFERENCE FROM THE WORD.

#### 5. Do Not Grieve the Spirit- PRACTICAL IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL

**25** Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.

**26** “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, **27** nor give place to the devil.

**28** Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

**29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

**30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**31** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

**32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted,

*forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

## **EPHESIANS 5**

### **1. Walk in Love**

*Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

*3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;*

*4 neither filthiness,*

*nor foolish talking,*

*nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting,*

*but rather giving of thanks.*

*5 For this you know,*

*that no fornicator,*

*unclean person,*

*nor covetous man,*

*who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and 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 be partakers with them.***

- a. Paul lists the things that should not be named amongst them.
- b. There is a way to live and a way to avoid living.

### **2. Walk in Light**

**8** For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord.

Walk as children of light **9** (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), **10** finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. **11** And have no fellowship with the **unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather expose *them*. **12** For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. **13** But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. **14** Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead,

And Christ will give you light.”

- a. One of the problems with the works of darkness is that they are unfruitful. We need to ask ourselves regularly, how does this activity which I am a part of produce fruit. If it is not producing Fruit, is it because the Lord is teaching us about patience or are we at a point where we need to revisit what we are doing.
- b. Christians should expose darkness. This brand of Christianity today that says we should mind our business when it comes to the issue of exposing sin is a counterfeit brand.

### **3. Walk in Wisdom**

**15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.**

**17** Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. **18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **20** giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another in the fear of God.

- a. WALKING CIRCUMSPECTLY
- b. Being Wise
- c. REDEEMING THE TIME because the days are evil.
- d. Submitting to one another in the fear of the Lord - not fear of man
- e. Thanksgiving should be a part of our lives daily - no matter what. This will revolutionize how we live.

### **4. Marriage—Christ and the Church - VERY PRACTICAL DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**

**22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is head of the wife, **as also Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the

body. **24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, **so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.**

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

**26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

**27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

but that she should be holy and without blemish.

**28** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

**29** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. **30** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. **31** “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32** This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. **33** **Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.**

- a. Instead of complaining about the man being the head, society needs to look at the relationship Christ has to the Church. They will see the love and sacrifice and maybe they will come to see that the man being the head is not a bad thing at all.
- b. The man then needs to step up his game to lead right and learn from the Master. Loving our wives and sacrificing daily for them. Praying for them and leading them properly. .
- c. Women please be careful who you marry. Notice what you need to submit to them. If they are not submitted to Christ, then do not marry them.
  - i. 2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

## EPHESIANS 6

### 1. Children and Parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: **3** “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

**4** And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

- a. The Bible has a word for EVERYONE. There is a way for children to live.
- b. The man has some major responsibility
  - i. SUBMIT To Christ
  - ii. Lead your Wife
  - iii. Lead your Children in partnership with your wife
  - iv. Do not provoke your children to wrath.

## **2. Bondservants and Masters**

**5** Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; **6** not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7** with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, **8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

**9** And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

- a. The reference to slaves here is not the same as the slave definition in American history. One should look at the time period to understand what this means. Be careful as some people will like to convince you that the Bible can be used to support the slavery involving brutality in certain parts of America by certain people.
- b. No matter our station in life, we should seek to serve God. Look at Joseph's story, Daniel, Nehemiah. God is the Ultimate Judge and He will reward people for what they do. Look at the Old Testament laws on slavery. Pastor Steve Fendley from the Summit Church in Fargo has a teaching on this topic from his study in Titus. It provides more context for anyone who wants to understand this time period better.

## **3. The Whole Armor of God**

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11 Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and

blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**14** Stand therefore,

having girded your waist with truth,

having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

**15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

**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, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— **19** and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

ITEM	Purpose and Representation
Breastplate	Righteousness
Feet	Gospel of Peace
<u>shield of faith</u>	with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
<u>helmet</u>	<u>of salvation</u>
<u>Sword of the Spirit</u>	<u>Word of God</u>

- a. The Christian in Full Armor - READ THIS BOOK - Gurnall. -  
<https://www.ccel.org/ccel/gurnall/armour/files/armour.html>
- b. When we see what we are really fighting against, it should challenge us to be more prayerful and better prepared. The Lord has made it clear what we will need to win the battle.
- c. Paul asked for prayer to be bold. We know Paul was bold but we see how much he depended on his Lord.
- d. How are we doing in praying for the persecuted church? When we pray for those suffering, it helps keep our hearts in the right perspective.
- e. Christians must be people of prayer. We are in a war whether we like it not, whether we admit it or not. Let us not be found sleeping. Jesus said will I find faith in the earth -
  - i. Luke 18:8b

1. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

ii. FAITH IS CONNECTED TO PERSISTENCE

#### 4. A Gracious Greeting

**21** But that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a 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, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may comfort your hearts.

**23** Peace to the brethren, 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 in sincerity. Amen.