

Ephesians 2 - 6
The Gospel of Your Salvation
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These study notes are from a series we taught at our church several years ago. We prepared study notes for students and a leader's guide for group leaders for Chapter 1 as an example for leaders to follow in their own study and presentation. We invite you to follow the general process from Chapter 1 notes as you lead your group in a study of Ephesians Chapters 2 - 6.

For Students

Ephesians 1 is a demonstration of God's great purpose and power in **supplying redemption** through Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2 is a demonstration of man's **great need for that redemption** and how God meets it.

Paul's theme of the dire spiritual condition of the human race runs as a lengthy thread through Paul's sermons and letters. By the time Paul wrote Ephesians, he had already written Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Corinthians and Romans. He made it abundantly clear in those letters that the salvation of God was the only hope people have.

The heart of the Gospel is both the **desperate need of the sinner** and the **abundant supply of the Savior**. As a person understands how needy they are and how unable they or anyone else are to help them, their hunger for salvation grows. The key to being saved begins with the knowledge that they are lost.

If you don't know you're lost, why would you respond to someone who offered to show you how to be found? If you don't know you're dead, why would you respond to someone who offered you life? If you don't know you're a sinner, why would you respond to someone who offered you forgiveness?

Ephesians 2:1-3

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 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, 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.”

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For Students

A large part of Paul's missionary ministry was traveling, preaching and planting new churches, but he often used particular locations as his base of operations for long periods of times. Ephesus was one of those locations.

Paul traveled to Ephesus after spending almost two years ministering in Corinth. He met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth. They became friends and traveled together to Ephesus. Paul preached in Ephesus for a short time, but felt compelled to return to Syria and his home church in Antioch. He left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus to continue building the new ministry.

Paul returned to Ephesus and stayed there for three years, "so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10). It was during Paul's ministry in Ephesus that God worked "unusual miracles" at the hands of the apostle, "so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:11-12). Many people who practiced magic in Ephesus brought their books together and burned them in sight of everyone. The value of them totaled 50,000 pieces of silver. "So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed" (Acts 19:20)

In Ephesians 2:4-7, Paul moves from people being dead in their sins to being alive in Christ!

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

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One of the most poignant moments in the Book of Acts was when Paul said goodbye to the leaders of the Ephesian church. It was during the time when Paul was sailing from Greece on his way to Jerusalem. He stopped in Miletus and sent word to the Ephesian elders to visit him. Paul told them that the Holy Spirit had testified to him that chains and tribulations awaited him in Jerusalem.

“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.” Acts 20:24-25

Paul warned the Ephesian elders to “take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:28-30)

All of the elders from Ephesus “wept freely, and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more” (Acts 20:37-38)

Ephesians 2:8-10 is one of the best known of Paul's writings and for very good reason. It is the Gospel of the Christ explained in three powerful verses.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

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One of the primary differences between Jews and Gentiles in the 1st Century AD was circumcision. Jews were circumcised and Gentiles were not. For Jews, it began almost 2,000 years before Christ.

“This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you.” Genesis 17:10-11

Circumcision was known and practiced in some areas of the ancient world, though many nations did not participate in it or it was just for the higher classes. However, by the time Paul wrote Ephesians circumcision had become one of the primary differentiations between Jews and Gentiles.

The word “circumcise” in Hebrew is *namal* and means “cut off.” The word “circumcise” in Greek is *peritemnō* and means “a cutting round.” While Jews of Paul’s time considered circumcision a sign of God’s covenant with them, Greeks and Romans viewed circumcision as mutilation.

The issue of circumcision was at the heart of one of the most contentious disagreements among mid-1st century believers. Some of the believers in Judea who were of the sect of the Pharisees argued that it was necessary for Gentile converts to undergo circumcision and keep the Mosaic Law (Acts 15). Paul and Barnabas strongly argued that it was not necessary. James, Peter, John and other leaders in Jerusalem determined that God

did not require Gentile converts to be circumcised or keep the Mosaic Law (Galatians 2).

In Ephesians 2:11-13 Paul begins to demonstrate the mystery of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the Cross for Jew and Gentile.

“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—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. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

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“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.” We hear that phrase often today, but who said it first? King David of Israel.

“Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together, Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the Lord, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the Lord. For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces.' Psalm 122:3-7

Peace between Jews and Gentiles is a powerful theme in Paul's preaching and writings. Jesus Christ is the One who brings that peace. Jews had a big advantage in having peace with God. They were partakers in the covenants of God's promise. Gentiles had a big disadvantage in having peace with God. They were strangers from the covenants of promise, “having no hope and without God in the world.” (Ephesians 2:12) So, what made the difference? “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13)

Watch carefully in today's study because Paul is going to open our understanding to God's great plan of peace for Jerusalem, Israel and the world.

“For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 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, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

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During the past couple of lessons we have seen how the Blood of Jesus Christ brings Gentiles spiritual hope. Jesus brought peace between Gentiles and Jews by creating in Himself “one new man from the two” and reconciled both to God “through the cross.” (Ephesians 2:15-16)

Paul wrote that Christians have access to God the Father through Him Christ and “by one Spirit.” This continues the theme Paul introduced earlier in Ephesians.

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ... 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.” Ephesians 1:7, 13-14

The Jews and Gentiles had disagreed with each other’s religious beliefs for centuries. Both believed they were right and the other was wrong. God solved the age-old controversy by sending His Son Jesus Christ from Heaven to earth. “For He Himself is our peace.” (Ephesians 2:14)

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in

whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

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For Students

In the last lesson we saw that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Our citizenship is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone. The building is fitted together in Christ and grows into a holy temple of the Lord, “in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:22)

This is an extraordinary truth for Christians to grasp. This is no usual lifestyle, no ordinary worldview, no casual belief system. Christianity is without a doubt a one-of-a-kind spiritual experience in the universe of God.

This continues the theme Paul began explaining earlier in this letter. God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavenly places in Christ. God chose us in Christ before the creation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. God predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself. God has made us accepted in Christ. We are redeemed through the Blood of Jesus. We have forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God’s Grace which He made to abound toward us. God made known to us the mystery of His will. We obtained an inheritance in Christ and were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the guarantee of our inheritance until our redemption, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:3-14)

We are not your usual religious people. We are sons and daughters of Almighty God!

“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles — if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 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: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 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.”

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When Paul arrived in Rome as a prisoner of the Roman government, he was permitted to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him. Three days after he arrived in Rome Paul called the leaders of the Jews together to tell them why he was in Rome in chains. The Jews said that no one in Judea had sent them letters about Paul and no one had spoken any evil of him. What they did want was to hear from Paul about “this sect,” meaning Christianity. They said it was “spoken against everywhere.” (Acts 28:17-22)

A day was appointed when the Jews in Rome would come to where Paul was living and hear what he had to say about Christianity. Paul explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the prophets. Paul talked with them from morning until evening. Some were persuaded by the things Paul said, some were not. Then Paul quoted from Isaiah 6:9-10 and said – “Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!” The leaders of the Jews left Paul after he said that and disputed among themselves. (Acts 28:23-29)

Paul lived in his own rented house for two years and had the freedom to receive all who came to him – “preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.” (Acts 28:30-31) It was during those two years that Paul wrote Ephesians and other letters to help Gentiles understand the mystery of God’s plan for them.

“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, and to make all see what is the fellowship^[a] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 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, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”

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Outlining can be a powerful way to improve understanding and memory of Books of the Bible. It also helps when sharing the Gospel with family and friends to know where to find just the right thing to say from God's Word and be sure what you're sharing is in context and interpreted correctly.

Here's an example of a short outline of the first three chapters of Ephesians.

- I. Greeting From Paul (1:1-2)
- II. Blessed In Christ (1:3-6)
- III. Redeemed In Christ (1:7-10)
- IV. Inheritance In Christ (1:11-14)
- V. Wisdom In Christ (1:15-18)
- VI. Power In Christ (1:19-23)
- VII. Dead In Sins (2:1-3)
- VIII. Alive In Christ (2:4-7)
- IX. Saved By Grace (2:8-10)
- X. Christ Our Sacrifice (2:11-13)
- XI. Christ Our Peace (2:14-18)
- XII. Citizens In Christ (2:19-22)

XIII. Mystery of Christ Revealed (3:1-7)

XIV. Mystery of Christ Explained (3:8-13)

XV. Mystery of Christ Understood (3:14-21)

Based on your own study of Ephesians so far, how would you outline the first three chapters?

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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Continuing with the idea of outlining Ephesians to help us understand and remember the primary message, we come to an important division in Paul's writing. Here are different ways of looking at this division of purpose:

Doctrine – Chapters 1 – 3

Exhortation – Chapters 4 – 6

Doctrinal – Chapters 1 – 3

Practical – Chapters 4 – 6

The Divine Purpose – Chapter 1

Steps Toward Fulfilling the Divine Purpose – Chapters 2 – 3

Practical Ways to Fulfill the Divine Purpose – Chapters 4 – 6

The Believer's Position in Christ – Chapters 1 – 3

The Believer's Conduct in the World – Chapters 4 – 6

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

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Ephesians 4:1-6

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Paul moves clearly and powerfully from God's purpose to our practice in Chapter 4. Here's an example:

Purpose – Jesus is our peace and made peace by breaking down the middle wall of separation, abolishing in His flesh the enmity, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two (Jew and Gentile).

Practice – Jesus wants us to walk worthy of the calling with which we've been called. That means being humble, gentle and longsuffering, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This practice of unity is based on the "oneness" of Christian doctrine: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

When we talk about living the Christian life, it must always be based on believing Christian doctrine. If we get the doctrine wrong, we will get the living wrong, too.

“... 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.” NKJV

“But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.’ (Now this, “He ascended”— what does it mean but that He also first[c] descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

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“And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 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; 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, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—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.”

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“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, 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; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

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Ephesians 4:17-24

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“Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another. ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. 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. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

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“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 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. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 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. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.”

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Ephesians 5:1-7

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Interpret - What do you believe is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit[b] is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.’”

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Ephesians 5:8-14

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

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Ephesians 5:15-21

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 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.”

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Ephesians 5:22-27

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 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.”

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Ephesians 5:28-33

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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Ephesians 6:1-4

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

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

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Ephesians 6:5-9

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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.”

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Ephesians 6:10-13

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

Apply - How can you apply these spiritual truths to your life?

For Students

“Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

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Ephesians 6:14-17

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Interpret - What is the Holy Spirit's intent in these verses?

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For Students

“... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 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, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 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; whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts. Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.”

Observe – Write what you see

Ephesians 6:18-24

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