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- A book of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, written about **60-61 C.E.** by the apostle Paul during his imprisonment in Rome.
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and faithful ones in union with Christ Jesus. (**Ephesians 1:1**)
- On account of this I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you, the people of the nations. (**Ephesians 3:1**)
- I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, entreat you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:1**)
- For which I am acting as an ambassador in chains, that I may speak in connection with it with boldness as I ought to speak. (**Ephesians 6:20**)
- It was carried to the congregation at **Ephesus** by Tychicus.
- Now in order, that you may also know about my affairs, as to how I am doing, **Tychicus**, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. (**Ephesians 6:21**)
- I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know of the things having to do with us and that he may comfort your hearts. (**Ephesians 6:22**)
- Whom Paul also used to deliver a letter to the Colossians.
- All my affairs **Tychicus**, my beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow slave in the Lord, will make known to you. (**Colossians 4:7**)

- For the very purpose of your knowing the things having to do with us and that he may comfort your hearts, I am sending him to you (**Colossians 4:8**)
- Along with Onesimus, my faithful and beloved brother, who is from among you. All the things here they will make known to you. (**Colossians 4:9**)
- Since the letter to the Colossians was written about the same time that Paul wrote to the **Ephesian** Christians, there are a number of similarities between **Ephesians** and Colossians. According to Charles Smith Lewis, out of 155 verses in **Ephesians**, 78 are found in Colossians in varying degrees of identity. [The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, edited by J. Orr, 1960, Vol. II, p. 959]
- No doubt the conditions in Colossae were somewhat similar to those in **Ephesus**, and Paul found it good to give the same kind of counsel.

· Why Appropriate To Ephesian Christians

- A Chester Beatty papyrus (P⁴⁶) as well as the original readings of Vatican Manuscript No. 1209 and the Sinaitic Manuscript omits the words in **Ephesus**.
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, to the holy ones who are in **Ephesus** and faithful ones in union with Christ Jesus. (**Ephesians 1:1**)
- However, the words are found in other manuscripts and in all ancient versions. Moreover, early church writers accepted it as the letter to the **Ephesians**. Though some have thought this letter to be the one mentioned as sent to Laodicea.
- And when this letter has been read among you, arrange that it also be read in the congregation of the Laodiceans and that you also read the one from Laodicea. (**Colossians 4:16**)
- It must be noted that no old manuscripts contain the words to Laodicea, and **Ephesus** is the only city ever mentioned here in any of the manuscripts of this letter.

· Counsel On Materialism

- Furthermore, an examination of the contents of the letter to the **Ephesians** indicates that Paul had the Christians in **Ephesus** in mind, and his counsel was especially fitting, in view of the circumstances prevailing in **Ephesus**, the most important city in the Roman province of Asia.
- For instance, **Ephesus** was known to be a fabulously wealthy city, and the tendency would be to view worldly riches as the most important thing. But in his letter Paul stresses the true riches, the riches of his undeserved kindness, the glorious riches that God holds as an inheritance for the holy ones, the surpassing riches of his undeserved kindness, the unfathomable riches of the Christ, and the riches of his God's glory.
- By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness. (**Ephesians 1:7**)
- The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he called you, what the glorious riches are which he holds as an inheritance for the holy ones. (**Ephesians 1:18**)
- That in the coming systems of things there might be demonstrated the surpassing riches of his undeserved kindness in his graciousness toward us in union with Christ Jesus. (**Ephesians 2:7**)
- To me, a man less than the least of all holy ones, this undeserved kindness was given, that I should declare to the nations the Good News about the unfathomable riches of the Christ (**Ephesians 3:8**)
- To the end that he may grant you according to the riches of his glory to be made mighty in the man you are inside with power through his spirit. (**Ephesians 3:16**)
- Such would help the **Ephesian** Christians to get a proper view of riches.

• Eliminating Immorality

- **Ephesus** was also a city noted for its licentiousness and loose conduct, its gross immorality. Consequently, Paul the apostle dwelt on this emphatically as one of the traits of the old personality and said that Christians need to strip off that old personality and put on the new personality.
- The loose moral condition in **Ephesus** would provoke much conversation among the citizens about sexual vice, not in order to condemn it, but to revel in it, and Christians, Paul counsels, are not to be like such people, taking delight in discussing fornication and telling obscene jokes.
- But you did not learn the Christ to be so. (**Ephesians 4:20**)
- Provided, indeed, that you heard him and were taught by means of him, just as truth is in Jesus. (**Ephesians 4:21**)
- That you should put away the old personality which conforms to your former course of conduct and which is being corrupted according to his deceptive desires. (**Ephesians 4:22**)
- But that you should be made new in the force actuating your mind. (**Ephesians 4:23**)
- And should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty. (**Ephesians 4:24**)
- Let fornication and uncleanness of every sort or greediness not even be mentioned among you, just as it befits holy people. (**Ephesians 5:3**)
- Neither shameful conduct nor foolish talking nor obscene jesting, things which are not becoming, but rather the giving of thanks. (**Ephesians 5:4**)
- For you know this, recognizing it for yourselves, that no fornicator or unclean person or greedy person, which means being an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Christ and of God. (**Ephesians 5:5**)

.. Contrasting Temples

- Paul's illustration of a spiritual temple was also most fitting for the Christian congregation living in the shadow of the awe-inspiring pagan temple of Artemis, which was regarded as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.
- Whereas the whole district of Asia and the inhabited earth paid worship to Artemis and highly esteemed the famed temple at **Ephesus**, anointed Christians constitute a holy temple, in which Yehowah dwells by his spirit.
- Moreover, the danger exists not only that this occupation of ours will come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be esteemed as nothing and even her magnificence which the whole district of Asia and the inhabited earth worships is about to be brought down to nothing. (**Acts of Apostles 19:27**)
- In union with him the whole building, being harmoniously joined together, is growing into a holy temple for Yehowah. (**Ephesians 2:21**)
- By reason of the fact that the temple of Artemis was a sanctuary, crimes were encouraged and the criminal population of **Ephesus** increased. No one within a certain area around its walls might be arrested for any crime whatever.
- The result was that a village of thieves, murderers, and the like grew up around the temple. Paul's words about stealing, along with malicious bitterness, screaming, and injuriousness, were therefore not out of place.
- Wherefore, now that you have put away falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, because we are members belonging to one another. (**Ephesians 4:25**)
- Be wrathful, and yet do not sin, let the sun not set with you in a provoked state. (**Ephesians 4:26**)
- Neither allow place for the Devil. (**Ephesians 4:27**)
- Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do hard work, doing with his hands what is good work, that he may have something to distribute to someone in need. (**Ephesians 4:28**)

- Let a rotten saying not proceed out of your mouth, but whatever saying is good for building up as the need may be, that it may impart what is favorable to the hearers. (**Ephesians 4:29**)
- Also, do not be grieving God's Holy Spirit, with which you have been sealed for a day of releasing by ransom. (**Ephesians 4:30**)
- Let all malicious bitterness and anger and wrath and screaming and abusive speech be taken away from you along with all badness. (**Ephesians 4:31**)
- But become kind to one another, tenderly compassionate, freely forgiving one another just as God also by Christ freely forgave you. (**Ephesians 4:32**)

.. Practice Of Demonism

- **Ephesus** was the center of all kinds of demonism. In fact, the city was known around the world for its many forms of magic. The demons, then, were especially active at **Ephesus**, and no doubt to offset the influence of magic and sorcery and to help right-hearted **Ephesians** break free from these demonic practices, Paul performed miracles by God's spirit, these even included the expelling of wicked spirits.
- And God kept performing extraordinary works of power through the hands of Paul. (**Acts of Apostles 19:11**)
- So that even cloths and aprons were borne from his body to the ailing people, and the diseases left them, and the wicked spirits came out. (**Acts of Apostles 19:12**)
- Indicating how saturated **Ephesus** was with magic and how fitting Paul's counsel was about fighting wicked spirits are the following points:
- The **Ephesian** letters were famous the world over. They seem to have consisted of certain combinations of letters or words, which, by being pronounced with certain intonations of voice, were believed to be effectual in expelling diseases, or evil spirits, or which, by being written on parchment and worn, were supposed to operate as **amulets**, or charms, to guard from evil spirits, or from danger.

- **Thus Plutarch [Sympos. 7] says, the magicians compel those who are possessed with a demon to recite and pronounce the Ephesian letters, in a certain order, by themselves. [Notes, Explanatory and Practical, on the Acts of the Apostles, by A. Barnes, 1858, p. 264]**
- **Inscriptions uncovered at the ruins of Ephesus indicate the gross darkness in which the Ephesians lived mentally and why the apostle Paul wrote Christians in that city to no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds, while they are in darkness mentally.**
- **This, therefore, I say and bear witness to in the Lord, that you no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds. (Ephesians 4:17)**
- **While they are in darkness mentally, and alienated from the life that belongs to God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the insensibility of their hearts. (Ephesians 4:18)**
- **The inscriptions on walls and buildings indicate that the populace would govern their lives by superstitions, divination, and the searching for omens.**
- **Because of Paul's preaching, the miraculous works he performed, and the defeat of the exorcising Jews, quite a number of Ephesians became Christians. No doubt many of these persons had indulged in some form of magical practices, for the Bible account says:**
- **Quite a number of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them up before everybody. And they calculated together the prices of them and found them worth fifty thousand pieces of silver, if denarii, \$37,200.**
- **Indeed, quite a number of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them up before everybody. And they calculated together the prices of them and found them worth fifty thousand pieces of silver. (Acts of Apostles 19:19)**
- **In view of such prevalence of magic at Ephesus and the practice of many forms of demonism, it was most appropriate that Paul gave the Ephesian Christians fine counsel about fighting against wicked spirit forces by putting on the complete suit of armor from God.**

- No doubt some of those who broke free from the practice of magic would be harassed by demons, and Paul's counsel would help them to resist the wicked spirits. It is to be noted that the destruction of these books relating to demonism was one of the first things that those early Christians did, setting a pattern for those today who wish to break free from demon influence or harassment.
- Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. (**Ephesians 6:11**)
- Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)

• Christ's Role

- Because of the glorious hope set before them as joint heirs with Christ, it is most fitting that Paul also wrote the **Ephesian** Christians that Christ has been raised, far above every government and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not only in this system of things, but also in that to come.
- Far above every government and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not only in this system of things, but also in that to come. (**Ephesians 1:21**)
- In this letter Paul reaches heights of grandeur in describing the exalted position of Jesus Christ and the gift of the undeserved kindness of God with love, wisdom, and mercy toward those brought into unity with them.
- The description of the manner in which all things in heaven and on earth will be unified under Christ and the bringing of both Jews and Gentiles into the congregation as one man is the fullest explanation found in the Bible of the sacred secret of God, revealed in the Good News about the Christ.

• Highlights Of Ephesians

- A letter focusing attention on an administration that results in peace and unity with God through Jesus Christ.

- While he was a prisoner in Rome, Paul wrote this letter to the congregation in Ephesus, a port city on the West coast of Asia Minor.
- God's purpose to bring about peace and unity through Jesus Christ.
- Expressing great undeserved kindness, God foreordained that some human's would be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ.
- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through God's will, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and faithful ones in union with Christ Jesus. ([Ephesians 1:1](#))
- May you have undeserved kindness and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ([Ephesians 1:2](#))
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in union with Christ. ([Ephesians 1:3](#))
- Just as he chose us in union with him before the founding of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him in love. ([Ephesians 1:4](#))
- For he foreordained us to the adoption through Jesus Christ as sons to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. ([Ephesians 1:5](#))
- In praise of his glorious undeserved kindness which he kindly conferred upon us by means of his loved one. ([Ephesians 1:6](#))
- By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness. ([Ephesians 1:7](#))
- God purposed an administration, a way of managing his household affairs, by which he would unite with himself through Christ those chosen to be in the heavens and those who would live on earth
- This he caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and good sense. ([Ephesians 1:8](#))
- In that he made known to us the sacred secret of his will. It is

- according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself
([Ephesians 1:9](#))
- For an administration at the full limit of the appointed times, namely, to gather all things together again in the Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth. Yes, in him.
([Ephesians 1:10](#))
 - In union with whom we were also assigned as heirs, in that we were foreordained according to the purpose of him who operates all things according to the way his will counsels. ([Ephesians 1:11](#))
 - That we should serve for the praise of his glory, we who have been first to hope in the Christ. ([Ephesians 1:12](#))
 - But you also hoped in him after you heard the word of truth, the Good News about your salvation. By means of him also, after you believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.
([Ephesians 1:13](#))
 - Which is a token in advance of our inheritance, for the purpose of releasing by a ransom God's own possession, to his glorious praise. ([Ephesians 1:14](#))
 - Paul prays that the **Ephesians** may truly understand and appreciate the wonderful provision that God made for them through Christ.
 - That is why I also, since I have heard of the faith you have in the Lord Jesus and toward all the holy ones. ([Ephesians 1:15](#))
 - Do not cease giving thanks for you. I continue mentioning you in my prayers. ([Ephesians 1:16](#))
 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the accurate knowledge of him. ([Ephesians 1:17](#))
 - The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he called you, what the glorious riches are which he holds as an inheritance for the holy ones.
([Ephesians 1:18](#))

- **And what the surpassing greatness of his power is toward us believers. It is according to the operation of the mightiness of his strength. (Ephesians 1:19)**
- **With which he has operated in the case of the Christ when he raised him up from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:20)**
- **Far above every government and authority and power and lordship and every name named, not only in this system of things, but also in that to come. (Ephesians 1:21)**
- **He also subjected all things under his feet, and made him head over all things to the congregation. (Ephesians 1:22)**
- **Which is his body, the fullness of him who fills up all things in all. (Ephesians 1:23)**
- **On account of this I bend my knees to the Father. (Ephesians 3:14)**
- **To whom every family in heaven and on earth owes its name. (Ephesians 3:15)**
- **To the end that he may grant you according to the riches of his glory to be made mighty in the man you are inside with power through his spirit. (Ephesians 3:16)**
- **To have the Christ dwell through your faith in your hearts with love, that you may be rooted and established on the foundation. (Ephesians 3:17)**
- **In order, that you may be thoroughly able to grasp mentally with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth. (Ephesians 3:18)**
- **And to know the love of the Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness that God gives. (Ephesians 3:19)**
- **Now to the one who can, according to his power which is operating in us, do more than superabundantly beyond all the things we ask or conceive. (Ephesians 3:20)**

- To him be the glory by means of the congregation and by means of Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. **(Ephesians 3:21)**
- Those granted lofty assignments in connection with Christ were formerly dead in sin, their salvation is God's gift, not a payment for works.
- Furthermore, it is you God made alive though you were dead in your trespasses and sins. **(Ephesians 2:1)**
- In which you at one time walked according to the system of things of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit that now operates in the sons of disobedience. **(Ephesians 2:2)**
- Yes, among them we all at one time conducted ourselves in harmony with the desires of our flesh, doing the things willed by the flesh and the thoughts, and we were naturally children of wrath even as the rest. **(Ephesians 2:3)**
- But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us. **(Ephesians 2:4)**
- Made us alive together with the Christ, even when we were dead in trespasses, by undeserved kindness you have been saved. **(Ephesians 2:5)**
- And he raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly places in union with Christ Jesus. **(Ephesians 2:6)**
- That in the coming systems of things there might be demonstrated the surpassing riches of his undeserved kindness in his graciousness toward us in union with Christ Jesus. **(Ephesians 2:7)**
- By this undeserved kindness, indeed, you have been saved through faith, and this not owing to you, it is God's gift. **(Ephesians 2:8)**
- No, it is not owing to works, in order, that no man should have ground for boasting. **(Ephesians 2:9)**
- For we are a product of his work and were created in union with

Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

- **By means of Christ, the Law was abolished and the basis was laid for Jews and Gentiles to become one body, members of the household of God, a temple for God to inhabit by spirit.**
- **By this undeserved kindness, indeed, you have been saved through faith, and this not owing to you, it is God's gift. (Ephesians 2:8)**
- **God's dealings with the congregation reveal, even to those in heavenly places, the diversity of his wisdom.**
- **To me, a man less than the least of all holy ones, this undeserved kindness was given, that I should declare to the nations the Good News about the unfathomable riches of the Christ (Ephesians 3:8)**
- **And should make men see how the sacred secret is administered which has from the indefinite past been hidden in God, who created all things. (Ephesians 3:9)**
- **This was to the end that now to the governments and the authorities in the heavenly places there might be made known through the congregation the greatly diversified wisdom of God. (Ephesians 3:10)**
- **According to the eternal purpose that he formed in connection with the Christ, Jesus our Lord. (Ephesians 3:11)**
- **By means of whom we have this freeness of speech and an approach with confidence through our faith in him. (Ephesians 3:12)**
- **Wherefore I ask you not to give up on account of these tribulations of mine in your behalf, for these mean glory for you. (Ephesians 3:13)**
- **Unifying factors provided by God. One spiritual body making up the congregation, one Holy Spirit, one hope, one Lord Jesus Christ, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father**
- **I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, entreat you to walk**

- worthily of the calling with which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:1**)
- With complete lowliness of mind and mildness, with long-suffering, putting up with one another in love. (**Ephesians 4:2**)
 - Earnestly endeavoring to observe the oneness of the spirit in the uniting bond of peace. (**Ephesians 4:3**)
 - One body there is, and one spirit, even as you were called in the one hope to which you were called. (**Ephesians 4:4**)
 - One Lord, one faith, one baptism. (**Ephesians 4:5**)
 - One God and Father of all persons, who is over all and through all and in all. (**Ephesians 4:6**)
 - Gifts in men provided by Christ help all to oneness in the faith, the entire body, under his headship, functions harmoniously because of speaking truth and manifesting love
 - Now to each one of us undeserved kindness was given according to how the Christ measured out the free gift. (**Ephesians 4:7**)
 - Wherefore he says; When he ascended on high he carried away captives, he gave gifts in men. (**Ephesians 4:8**)
 - Now the expression; He ascended, what does it mean but that he also descended into the lower regions, that is, the earth? (**Ephesians 4:9**)
 - The very one that descended is also the one that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might give fullness to all things. (**Ephesians 4:10**)
 - And he gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelizers, some as shepherds and teachers. (**Ephesians 4:11**)
 - With a view to the readjustment of the holy ones, for ministerial work, for the building up of the body of the Christ. (**Ephesians 4:12**)
 - Until we all attain to the oneness in the faith and in the accurate knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the

**measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ.
(Ephesians 4:13)**

- **In order, that we should no longer be babes, tossed about as by waves and carried hither and thither by every wind of teaching by means of the trickery of men, by means of cunning in contriving error. (Ephesians 4:14)**
- **But speaking the truth, let us by love grow up in all things into him who is the head, Christ. (Ephesians 4:15)**
- **From him all the body, by being harmoniously joined together and being made to cooperate through every joint that gives what is needed, according to the functioning of each respective member in due measure, makes for the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:16)**
- **Put on the new personality, in harmony with Christ's teaching and example.**
- **Not the nations but Christ is the example to follow, doing so requires a new personality.**
- **This, therefore, I say and bear witness to in the Lord, that you no longer go on walking just as the nations also walk in the unprofitableness of their minds. (Ephesians 4:17)**
- **While they are in darkness mentally, and alienated from the life that belongs to God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the insensibility of their hearts. (Ephesians 4:18)**
- **Having come to be past all moral sense, they gave themselves over to loose conduct to work uncleanness of every sort with greediness. (Ephesians 4:19)**
- **But you did not learn the Christ to be so. (Ephesians 4:20)**
- **Provided, indeed, that you heard him and were taught by means of him, just as truth is in Jesus. (Ephesians 4:21)**
- **That you should put away the old personality which conforms to your former course of conduct and which is being corrupted according to his deceptive desires. (Ephesians 4:22)**

- But that you should be made new in the force actuating your mind. ([Ephesians 4:23](#))
- And should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty. ([Ephesians 4:24](#))
- Wherefore, now that you have put away falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, because we are members belonging to one another. ([Ephesians 4:25](#))
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- Let all malicious bitterness and anger and wrath and screaming and abusive speech be taken away from you along with all badness. ([Ephesians 4:31](#))
- But become kind to one another, tenderly compassionate, freely forgiving one another just as God also by Christ freely forgave you. ([Ephesians 4:32](#))
- Imitate God. Manifest the kind of love that Christ did.
- Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children. ([Ephesians 5:1](#))
- And go on walking in love, just as the Christ also loved you and delivered himself up for you as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling odor. ([Ephesians 5:2](#))

- **Shun immoral speech and conduct. Walk as children of light.**
- **Let fornication and uncleanness of every sort or greediness not even be mentioned among you, just as it befits holy people. (Ephesians 5:3)**
- **Neither shameful conduct nor foolish talking nor obscene jesting, things which are not becoming, but rather the giving of thanks. (Ephesians 5:4)**
- **For you know this, recognizing it for yourselves, that no fornicator or unclean person or greedy person, which means being an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of the Christ and of God. (Ephesians 5:5)**
- **Let no man deceive you with empty words, for because of the aforesaid things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. (Ephesians 5:6)**
- **Therefore do not become partakers with them. (Ephesians 5:7)**
- **For you were once darkness, but you are now light in connection with the Lord. Go on walking as children of light. (Ephesians 5:8)**
- **For the fruitage of the light consists of every sort of goodness and righteousness and truth. (Ephesians 5:9)**
- **Keep on making sure of what is acceptable to the Lord. (Ephesians 5:10)**
- **And quit sharing with them in the unfruitful works that belong to the darkness, but, rather, even be reproving them. (Ephesians 5:11)**
- **For the things that take place in secret by them it is shameful even to relate. (Ephesians 5:12)**
- **Now all the things that are being reprovved are made manifest by the light, for everything that is being made manifest is light. (Ephesians 5:13)**
- **Wherefore he says; Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and the Christ will shine upon you. (Ephesians 5:14)**

- **Buy out the time. Use it to praise Yehowah.**
- **So keep strict watch that how you walk is not as unwise but as wise persons. ([Ephesians 5:15](#))**
- **Buying out the opportune time for yourselves, because the days are wicked. ([Ephesians 5:16](#))**
- **On this account cease becoming unreasonable, but go on perceiving what the will of Yehowah is. ([Ephesians 5:17](#))**
- **Also, do not be getting drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but keep getting filled with spirit. ([Ephesians 5:18](#))**
- **Speaking to yourselves with psalms and praises to God and spiritual songs, singing and accompanying yourselves with music in your hearts to Yehowah. ([Ephesians 5:19](#))**
- **In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ giving thanks always for all things to our God and Father. ([Ephesians 5:20](#))**
- **With deep respect for Christ, manifest proper subjection to husbands, parents, masters, show loving consideration to those in your charge.**
- **Be in subjection to one another in fear of Christ. ([Ephesians 5:21](#)) Through ([Ephesians 6:9](#)).**
- **Gird on the complete suit of spiritual armor in order to stand firm against the crafty acts of the Devil.**
- **We have a wrestling against wicked spirit forces. Divine help can enable us to resist these disrupters of peace and unity.**
- **Finally, go on acquiring power in the Lord and in the mightiness of his strength. ([Ephesians 6:10](#))**
- **Put on the complete suit of armor from God that you may be able to stand firm against the machinations of the Devil. ([Ephesians 6:11](#))**
- **Because we have a wrestling, not against blood and flesh, but against the governments, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the wicked spirit forces in**

the heavenly places. (**Ephesians 6:12**)

- On this account take up the complete suit of armor from God, that you may be able to resist in the wicked day and, after you have done all things thoroughly, to stand firm. (**Ephesians 6:13**)
- **Spiritual armor from God provides full protection. Use it well and pray earnestly, including all the holy ones in your supplications.**
- Stand firm, therefore, with your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. (**Ephesians 6:14**)
- And with your feet shod with the equipment of the Good News of peace. (**Ephesians 6:15**)
- Above all things, take up the large shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the wicked ones burning missiles. (**Ephesians 6:16**)
- Also, accept the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, that is, God's word. (**Ephesians 6:17**)
- While with every form of prayer and supplication you carry on prayer on every occasion in spirit. And to that end keep awake with all constancy and with supplication in behalf of all the holy ones. (**Ephesians 6:18**)
- Also for me, that ability to speak may be given me with the opening of my mouth, with freeness of speech to make known the sacred secret of the Good News. (**Ephesians 6:19**)
- For which I am acting as an ambassador in chains, that I may speak in connection with it with boldness as I ought to speak. (**Ephesians 6:20**)
- Now in order, that you may also know about my affairs, as to how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. (**Ephesians 6:21**)
- I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know of the things having to do with us and that he may comfort your hearts. (**Ephesians 6:22**)
- May the brothers have peace and love with faith from God the

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ([Ephesians 6:23](#))

- **May the undeserved kindness be with all those loving our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptness. ([Ephesians 6:24](#))**