**Ephesians**

**Introduction**

Of all of Paul's epistles, there is none so packed full of divine revelation as is the book of Ephesians. Truths are introduced in its pages that are still unknown by many in the body of Christ today, because they have been taught to spiritualize them away.

 When asked what the theme of the book of Ephesians is, many well-meaning individuals will reply, wives submit to your husbands, or children obey your parents.

 Some will say it is about the church, and while all three of these are subjects contained in the book of Ephesians none of these are actually the theme of this great epistle.

 The theme actually permeates throughout the whole book of Ephesians, and it is one of the best kept secrets in the world.

 Satan doesn't want the body of Christ to be enlightened as to its content, which would make him look more foolish, and we would be much more dangerous as adversaries to him.

 The theme of Ephesians is something that was a very foreign concept to the Jewish people under the Mosaic covenant as they looked forward to a day when the saints would be resurrected to rule and reign on the earth.

 Ephesians, however, tells of believers, Jews, and Gentiles alike, in one body, in a dispensation, not of law, but of grace, whose recipients have an heavenly destiny, instead of an earthly one.

 Ephesians informs us in the body of Christ of all of our spiritual blessings that are stored up for us in heavenly places. Many of the truths that are found in this epistle, cannot be found in any other portion of scripture.

**Authorship**

 The apostle Paul is the author of Ephesians, and Tychicus was Paul's penman as Paul's eyesight was weakened at this later time of his ministry, but God's grace was sufficient in Paul's infirmities.

**Date of writing**

 Ephesians is one of Paul's four Prison epistles, written after the book of Acts was completed, when Paul spent two years in Rome under house arrest. It was written mostly to a Gentile audience, but it was intended for all who have trusted in Christ’s finished work.

 Paul would later be released from his house arrest for a short time after writing this epistle, and then he would be imprisoned again back in Rome where he would eventually be put to death. The book was written around 62 A.D.

 We find Paul visiting Ephesus briefly at the end of his second apostolic journey as he is returning to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast day. Acts 18:18-21. Paul later returned to Ephesus for three years (Acts 19:1-41).

 At the end of Paul’s third apostolic journey, he stopped at Miletus and from there he sent for the elders of the Ephesian church to meet with him. Acts 20:13-38.

**Chapter One**

**In Heavenly Places**

**1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:**

**Paul:** Paul was formerly known as Saul of Tarsus. His Roman name appears as the first word in all thirteen of his epistles, Romans through Philemon, which all appear one after the other in the bible. They are followed by the Hebrew epistles of Hebrews through Revelation.

 Since Paul was the last person to have seen the risen Christ, it makes sense that we should consider why that was, by looking at what God had to say to Paul that he didn’t say to the twelve while he was with them. 1st Corinthians 15:8.

 The twelve did this very thing at the Jerusalem Council in Acts chapter 15 when they recognized God’s calling on Paul to be the apostle of the Gentiles. Galatians 2:1-9.

***1 Corinthians 15:8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.***

**An apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God:** Paul was chosen by the will of God to be the apostle of the Gentiles.

***Romans 11:13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:***

 He was not God’s choice to replace Judas as the twelfth apostle. The twelve were all apostles to the nation of Israel, and there were two qualifications that they had to meet that Paul could not.

 They had to have been with Jesus all the time since the baptism of John the Baptist, and they had to have been an eyewitness of his resurrection. Acts 1:21-22.

**To the saints:**Saints are people who have believed the gospel that Christ had died for their sins, was buried, and he rose again the third day. Nowhere in scripture are people made saints by a council vote, or decree.

**2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Grace be to you, and peace:** In this dispensation of grace, we are at peace with God because of what Jesus did for us by the cross. Grace and peace come to us, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, not from Paul.

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:**The word “blessed” in the Greek is the same word we get the word Eulogy from. We, as believers, are to speak well of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All spiritual blessings:** Saints today receive spiritual blessings in heavenly places. Whereas Israel was blessed with physical blessings if they were obedient to their covenant. Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

 Why? Because this earth is their home in eternity. It’s not ours. Our home is in heavenly places. Matthew 5:5.

**In heavenly *places*:** When believers die today, we go immediately to be with the Lord in heavenly places. Ephesians 1:20, 2:6 & 3:10.

 When a believing Israelite died in times past, they went into the heart of the earth (Abraham’s Bosom, A.K.A. Paradise) to await the resurrection.

 The word *“places”* is in italics, and is supplied by the translators to help us complete the thought, and to differentiate between the other times the word heavenly is used.

 For example: Heavenly things, heavenly country, heavenly Jerusalem, heavenly Father, heavenly host, heavenly gift, heavenly calling, heavenly kingdom, and a heavenly vision.

**In Christ Jesus:**In the body of Christ.

**4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:**

**Chosen us in him before the foundation of the world:** We were not chosen for salvation, and others chosen for damnation. We were chosen to be holy and without blame before him before the foundation of the world.

**In him:** We are in him (Christ) by faith, and we are holy and without blame because when he who knew no sin, became sin for us, we were made the righteousness of God in him. 2nd Corinthians 5:21.

 We are placed into the body of Christ (in him) by the holy Spirit the moment we believe the gospel. Romans 6:3, 1st Corinthians 12:13 & 15:1-4.

**5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.**

**Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children:** Predestinated means the same thing as to ordain beforehand (foreordain). It does not say we are predestined unto salvation, but unto the adoption of children.

**The adoption of children:** God has predestined that all who believe by faith in his Son’s death, burial, and resurrection alone for our salvation would receive the adoption of children.

 Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is God’s elect servant (Isaiah 42:1). We who have believed by faith become members of the body of Christ. We are in Christ.

**Accepted in the beloved:** Those who are “in the beloved” are in Christ, and therefore we are accepted by God because of what Christ did for us. Jesus Christ is the beloved.

 God further foreordains us unto sonship. Sonship refers to maturity and equal rights in the family. The central passage on sonship is Galatians 4:1-7. Our adoption is through Jesus Christ unto the Father, according to the good pleasure of his will.

**7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

**In whom:** In Christ. We who are in Christ, are in him by placing our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.

**We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins:** We obtained redemption through Christ’s blood. Redemption is defined as the forgiveness of sins.

 Our blood is tainted due to sin, but Christ’s blood is not, because he was not born a sinner, nor did he ever sin. Isaiah 7:14 & Hebrews 4:15.

***Hebrews 9:22 and without shedding of blood is no remission.***

 God purchased us (members of the church, which is his body) with his own blood.

***Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.***

**The mystery of his will**

**8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

**He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known us:** The “us” in these verses are the members of the church, which is his body. Colossians 1:24.

**The mystery of his will:** This is about God willing that we (the church, which is his body) would one day dwell with him in heavenly places.

 This mystery had been hid to all previous generations under the law, and before, so that we might fulfill his will for us in the heavenly places throughout all eternity. 1st Corinthians 2:7-8.

**Dispensation**

**10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:**

**The dispensation of the fullness of times:** This refers to the time in the future when the body of Christ (those in heaven) and Israel (those on earth) gather together in one to accomplish God's will for each throughout all eternity.

 This is the first of four times the word dispensation is mentioned in the bible and all four are by the apostle Paul.

 This word is missing in most bibles today. It is taken out by those opposed to dispensationalism. The other three occurrences are 1st Corinthians 9:17, Ephesians 3:2 & Colossians 1:25.

**11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.**

**We have obtained an inheritance**: Eternal life is not our inheritance, that is a gift of God's grace, but we (those who have believed in Christ) are predestined to be to the praise of his glory.

 The body of Christ is predestined to bring, and to give God praise in the heavens, while Israel is predestinated to bring, and to give praise to God throughout all eternity on the earth.

 Remember that when you inherit something that it once belonged to someone else. Who could we inherit something from in heavenly places who would then, in turn, be disinherited?

 Positions in heavenly places that will one day be vacated very violently when Michael and his angels make war with the dragon, and his angels. They will be cast down from those heavenly places at the mid-point of the tribulation period. Revelation 12:7-10.

**13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.**

**The word of truth:** It is the gospel of your salvation, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. 1st Corinthians 15:4.

 The word of truth is also mentioned in Psalm 119:43, 2nd Corinthians 6:7, 2nd Timothy 2:15, James 1:18, and it is not the gospel of our salvation in any of those verses. It relates to all of the word of God in these four verses.

**Ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise:** The sealing with the holy Spirit is the earnest (down payment) of our inheritance of what we shall have when our vile bodies put on immortality.

 Then our new bodies will be able to move about in the heavenly places for all eternity. All three members of the godhead are involved in these opening fourteen verses.

**The redemption of the purchased possession:**That is our bodies which will be redeemed on the day of our death, or at the rapture of the body of Christ if we live that long.

**15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:**

**The spirit of wisdom and revelation:** We are to pray for believers that they will receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

 The more they study to shew themselves approved unto God a workman, the more wisdom and revelation they will have in the knowledge of him. 1st Corinthians 1:17-2:13.

**In the knowledge of him:** The spirit of wisdom and revelation comes from humbling ourselves to God’s word (wisdom) concerning his plan, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 1st Corinthians 2:13.

**18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

**The eyes of your understanding being enlightened:** Verse 18 is a continuation of verse 17, so without the spirit of wisdom a person can never have their eyes of understanding enlightened.

 We must first see something, or hear something, before we can understand it. God is speaking about our understanding his word on a deeper level.

**What is the hope of his calling:** God wants us to know the hope of his calling for us in his plan.

 Those who do not understand the hope of his calling will wonder around thinking they are spiritual Israel, and they will be confused doctrinally, and be divided.

 His calling for us is to be a part of Christ’s body which will live and function with him one day in heavenly places according to the good pleasure of his will. Ephesians 1:8-9.

**The riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints:** God will give to the saints the reward of the inheritance at the judgment seat of Christ.

 There is an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11 & 14), and there is the reward of the inheritance. They are different. 1st Corinthians 3:9-15.

 The reward of the inheritance is regarding what you knew of the mystery, and what you did with that truth. Are you building on its foundation gold, silver, precious stones, or wood, hay, and stubble? Share right division with your friends and family with tracts and books, and your words.

***Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.***

**The exceeding greatness of his power:** We who believe the gospel of grace, and understand the mystery of God’s will, can understand all the spiritual blessings afforded to us because of the resurrection of Christ.

**The working of his mighty power:** This also speaks about the power of the resurrection of Christ.

***Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.***

**20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,**

**And set him at his own right hand:** The highest position of honour, with angels, authorities, and powers being made subject unto him. 1st Peter 3:22.

**In the heavenly places:** Ephesians is the only place in the scriptures where the phrase “heavenly places” is found. 1:3 & 2:6.

**21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

**Principality, power, might, and dominion:** These are governmental positions in heaven, and on earth. Colossians 1:16.

**And every name that is named:** Those who are under the positions mentioned above in v:21.

**In that which is to come:** The new world to come. Hebrews 2:5 & 6:5.

**22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

**The head:** Jesus Christ is the head of the body of Christ, which is his church.

**The Church, which is his body:** This is not the church in the wilderness, nor the church in Jerusalem, they were both prophesied churches:

***Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:***

 The church, which is Christ body was a mystery, kept hid from Satan, and his princes from before the foundation of the world, so that they would go through with the crucifixion.

 The crucifixion helped create the one new man, which is also known as the body of Christ, which is neither Jew nor Greek. The phrase the one new man is introduced in the next chapter. Ephesians 2:15.

**The fulness of him that filleth all in all:** The church is his body, and we fill up the body of Christ in heavenly places.

**Chapter Two**

**The One New Man**

**1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**And you:**The first word “and” is a conjunction linking chapter one with chapter two. The “you” mentioned is found back in the final verses of chapter one.

 Paul is speaking to the church, the body of Christ. You and ye in the King James Bible are plural, while thee and thine are singular.

**Hath he quickened:** (Made alive)The words are in italics because they are supplied bythe translators to give a fuller understanding of what is being addressed.

 The translators didn’t take liberties with the word of God because those words in italics are found in verse five below, and they help you understand what is being said by Paul.

**Dead in trespasses and sins:** The people in the body of Christ were previously dead spiritually speaking, and they were quickened (made alive) when they believed the gospel. Colossians 2:13.

**2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

 The pronoun “ye” denotes a group of at least two, and the word "we" further clarifies that the “you” spoken about in verse one, is not one individual, but a group of people who make up the church in Ephesus.

**In time past:** This is the period of time before the dispensation known as the “but now” time period. The period that is to follow is known as “the ages to come”. Verses 7 & 13.

**The course of this world:** This is the direction which Satan has set for this world to walk in rebellion to God's course.

**The prince of the power of the air:** The devil. The devil is the spirit working in the lives of the lost people to follow the course he has set for the world through any and all means possible.

**The children of disobedience:** The lost.

 A personal application can also be made to the individual and his life before coming to Christ, but it is only a small part of what is being taught here.

**3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

**In times past:** Verses 2 & 13.

**Children of wrath:** Those going to hell for their unbelief.

**Even when we were dead in sins:** God didn’t wait until we cleaned up our lives, but instead he made us alive (quickened) by the gospel, for by grace ye are saved through faith.

**6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

**The ages to come:** After the rapture, the dispensation of grace will be over, and the world will be in the next age that is to come. The tribulation period will last seven years, followed by the kingdom age that will last a thousand years.

**8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

**By grace are ye saved through faith:** By grace (God's) through faith (God's also). It is the faith of Jesus Christ that saves us not our own faith.

 We simply put our weak faith (belief or trust) in the perfect faith of Christ, and he saves us through his faith (the faith of Jesus Christ).

**And “that” not of yourselves:** That what? That faith. Your faith is not what is being talked about here, it is the faith of Christ. Galatians 2:16.

**It is the gift of God:** The faith of Jesus Christ is a gift to all who simply believe in his death, burial, and resurrection.

**Not of works:** lest any man should boast: Salvation is apart from any work or works. It is the work of Christ on the cross that has redeemed us. We have nothing to boast about.

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

**We are his workmanship:** God created the one new man to be his workmanship. The body of Christ is what God is building today.

 Paul is our pattern today, and he is our wise masterbuilder (1st Corinthians 3:10) dispensing to us the pattern that we are to use to build the body of Christ his way. 1st Timothy 1:15 & 16.

**Created in Christ Jesus unto good works:**God has chosen all who believethe gospel to be placed in Christ by the holy Spirit and all that are in Him are to do good works.

**Before ordained:** God’s word says that all believers were ordained before to walk in good works. What are good works? They are doing what God is doing in this present dispensation.

**11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;**

**Gentiles in the flesh:** Those who were not circumcised.

**Uncircumcision:** Gentiles.

**The Circumcision in the flesh made by hands:** Jews.

**12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

**Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel:** Foreigners to the nation of Israel. Non-citizens.

**The covenants of promise:** The covenants that God made with Israel.

**But now:** The dispensation of grace. Ephesians 3:2. Those who are in Christ have a new status than what they had before their salvation when they were far off without Christ.

 We are made nigh (near), by the blood of Christ, when we are saved by grace through faith in the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:28 & 1st Corinthians 15:1-4.

**14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;**

**He is our peace:** Jesus Christ.

**Who had made both one:** Gentiles had no hope on their own outside of the nation of Israel prior to the cross, they had to submit to the fact that salvation was of the Jew, and then be circumcised as a proselyte, plus keep the law of Moses. John 4:22.

 But not anymore! Gentiles and Jews both come to God the same way today by faith alone, apart from the works of the law. Ephesians 2:8-9.

**The middle wall of partition:** This is not a literal physical wall made with hands, but a wall set up in God’s word, separating circumcised from the uncircumcised. It began with Abraham. Genesis 17:10-27.

**15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;**

**The enmity:** There was division (partition) between those in a covenant relationship with God (Israel), and those who were not (the Gentiles).

**The law of commandments:** The law of Moses.

**Twain:** An old English way of saying two.

**One new man:** The one new man was made in Christ by bringing both Jew and Gentile together into one new man (the body of Christ).

**So making peace:** Christ allowed there to be peace between the circumcision and the uncircumcision, and between God and the uncircumcision, because they were no longer separated by the law of commandments, but united in Christ.

**16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**

**Reconcile both unto God:** To bring both into a right relationship with God.

**One body:**The body of Christ is made up of all who are saved, whether they be Jews or Gentiles. They all have a heavenly destiny, whereas Israel, when they were under the law, had an earthly destiny.

**17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.**

**Preached peace to you:** Peace with God through the gospel. 1st Corinthians 15:1-4.

**Them which were afar off:** Gentiles.

**Them that were nigh:** Israel. Deuteronomy 6:7.

**18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**

**Fellow citizens:** Through Christ today both Jews and Gentiles have access unto the Father by the holy Spirit which we receive the moment we believe the gospel. 1st Corinthians 12:13 & 15:1-4.

**The household of God:** Saints from every age are in the household of God. The body of Christ and Israel are both in the kingdom of God, but we have different destinies. We will bring glory to God in the heavenly places, while Israel does the same on the earth in the kingdom.

**20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**The foundation:** That which the house is built upon.

**The apostles and prophets:** Paul and Barnabas were Apostles for the body of Christ, and the church had other prophets in its infancy before the word of God was complete. Acts 14: 4 & 14, 1st Corinthians 12:28-29, 14:29-32, Ephesians 3:5 & 4:11.

**The chief corner stone:** The chief corner stone is the stone on which all the foundation is based. 1st Corinthians 3:11.

**21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

**An habitation of God:** The body of Christ is made up of Jews and Gentiles which are the one new man in verse 10. They make up the building that was fitly framed together through the work of the Spirit.

**Chapter Three**

**The Manifold Wisdom of God**

**1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:**

**The prisoner of Jesus Christ:** Paul was Jesus Christ’s prisoner in Rome for us Gentiles. It was here that he wrote the four prison epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

 Paul preached to all who would come in unto him, and many in Caesar’s own household became believers. Acts 28:30-31 & Philippians 4:22.

**The dispensation of the grace of God:** The current dispensation was given unto us in the body of Christ by Christ, through Paul to reveal to the world. It did not come from the twelve apostles to Israel.

 The word “dispensation” has been removed from many newer versions of the bible, because they are opposed to the dispensational method of bible study.

**3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).**

**The mystery:** Paul received a revelation from God concerning the mystery, called the mystery of Christ in verse four.

 The mystery is a program or series of mysteries given by revelation to the apostle of the Gentiles to give to the body of Christ today.

**5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

 This mystery was kept secret since the world began, but it was made manifest to Paul for us, and later what Paul was teaching was revealed to the apostles and prophets by the holy Spirit.

**His holy apostles and prophets:** Paul spake plainly to the twelve apostles in Acts 15 at the Jerusalem Council (Galatians 2), so this was not a reference to them.

   The holy Spirit revealed to the apostles and prophets of the body of Christ in its infancy that what Paul was revealing was true. Once the word of God was complete these offices ceased. Ephesians 4:11-12.

**6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

 We have not replaced Israel today. Paul is talking about a new body, that both believing Jews and Gentiles are one in, which is called the one new man.

**The Gentiles should be fellowheirs:** We are both Heirs of the promise of the Spirit, not heirs of Israel’s promises.

**Of the same body:** Believing Gentiles are of the same body as believing Jews. The body of Christ.

**Partakers of his promise in Christ:** Promise singular, not promises plural that belong to Israel. All can be saved today apart from the law of Moses, by believing the gospel.

**7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;**

**The gift of the grace of God:** Paul could not be forgiven under the law of his blasphemy against God, but he was given the gift of grace when God began a new dispensation with him, the dispensation of the grace of God. Verse 2 above.

***1st Timothy 1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.***

**Less than the least of all saints:** Paul called himself this because he persecuted the Church of God (The Jewish kingdom church). Acts 8:1 & 1st Timothy 1:11-16.

**The unsearchable riches of Christ:** The mysteries that have been kept hidden from the foundation of the world.

**9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

**To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery:** Paul’s ministry was twofold, to share the gospel of grace which was committed to his trust.

 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery concerning Jews and Gentiles in the one new man (the body of Christ).

**Which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God:** The mystery was hid from Satan and the other princes of this world so they would go through with the crucifixion:

***1st Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.***

**10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,**

 Part of our purpose as the church today is to make known the mystery that was hid in God from before the foundation of the world.

 That mystery was that God was forming the one new man after Israel’s fall, whereby believing Jews and Gentiles could be a part of one body, by faith. The body of Christ.

**The manifold wisdom of God:** 1st Corinthians 2:6-8 speak about the manifold wisdom of God that was hid in God from the beginning of the world.

**11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:**

**The eternal purpose:**God’s plan to reclaim the heavens from Satan and his minions for all eternity.

**12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.**

**By the faith of him:** The faith of Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16.

**13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

**The whole family in heaven and earth:** This is synonymous with the household of God mentioned earlier in Ephesians 2:19.

**16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

**The inner man:**The one new man after trusting in Christ.

**17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

 Many today are not grounded in the mysteries revealed to Paul, because Satan has been successful in keeping this mystery a secret.

 This is the same secret that was kept from him for four thousand years, is sadly still a secret to many members of the body of Christ today.

**20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

**Chapter Four**

**A Perfect Man**

**1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**The prisoner of the Lord:** Paul pleads with the body of Christ to be Christ like while he is incarcerated.

**Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called:** We have a vocation as a member of the body of Christ. We are not to sit, but to serve the body. We are to be active in making all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery.

**4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

**One body:** The body of Christ. Colossians 1:24.

**One Spirit:** The holy Spirit.

**One hope of your calling:** The blessed hope. The rapture. 1st Corinthians 15:51-5 4 & 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18.

**One Lord:** The Lord Jesus Christ. This title is used 68 times by Paul in his thirteen epistles.

**One faith:**The faith of Jesus Christ. Galatians 2:16.

**One baptism:** Paul is speaking about being baptized by the Holy Ghost, not being baptized with water, or with the Holy Ghost like believing Israel was in the gospels and early Acts period.

***1st Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.***

**7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)** *Psalm 68:18.*

**He led captivity captive:** Many believe this happened when he ascended up on high at his resurrection, when there was a great earthquake. Matthew 27:51-53.

 The graves were opened (Luke 24:2) and the bodies of many saints arose after the resurrection and appeared to many in Jerusalem. Who was it that was held captive at that time and who did he give gifts to at that time?

 Because we know that the prophecy program is not the mystery program concerning the body of Christ, we know that David was not revealing any part of the mystery concerning the body of Christ in Psalm 68:18 to Israel.

 All of the mystery program was kept a secret, hid in God, until it was gradually revealed to the apostle Paul beginning one year after Jesus’s resurrection. Romans 16:25 & 1st Corinthians 2:8.

 David was referring to the captives in Paradise that were in the heart of the earth. Christ told the thief on the cross that he would be there with him later that day. Luke 23:43.

 Paul is telling us of Christ's glorious triumph over the devil and his angels as he led captivity (the saints who had died before the resurrection) captive in Paradise to their new abode in heaven. 2nd Corinthians 12:4 & Revelation 2:7.

**11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

 Just as Christ led captivity captive and gave gifts unto those old testament saints that were taken into the paradise of God in heaven.

 He also gave gifts for a while unto the body of Christ during its infancy to take it to full maturity. 1st Corinthians 12:1-4.

 When the word of God was completed then that which was in part (the sign gifts) were done away with. This is why Paul was not able to heal people at the end of his ministry.

 The mature believer had their childish gifts taken away because they were no longer needed, nor are they in operation anymore.

**Apostles:** Sent ones. Ephesians 2:20, 3:5.

**Prophets:** Barnabas and Saul were prophets Acts 13:1, 1st Corinthians 12:28-29 & 14:29-32.

**Evangelists:** 2nd Timothy 4:5.

**Pastors and teachers:** Notice the order of the gifts given. Paul tells us that God gave the body first apostles and prophets, which is because the word of God was not complete.

 Then the permanent offices are given which are evangelists, pastors and teachers and they are given to the body for a specific reason, to edify it. Acts 13:1 & 1st Corinthians 12:28.

**12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

**The perfecting of the saints:** The word perfecting means to make one mature or complete.

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

**The unity of the faith:** The Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and teachers were given to the body of Christ to bring members of the body into the unity of the faith while we didn’t have a completed bible.

 They only saw through a glass darkly. It wasn’t until Paul wrote 2nd Timothy that the body of Christ had the complete word of God at their disposal.

 Today there are no more new Apostles and Prophets for the body of Christ with new revelations coming out because the word of God is complete.

 So those supernatural sign gifts that were in part while the church didn’t have a completed cannon of scripture have been done away with because that which is perfect (complete) is come.

We now have the completed word of God!

***1st Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.***

**The knowledge of the Son of God:** *Ephesians 1:17-23.*

**Unto a perfect man:** A fully mature believer who understands all the doctrines that were dispensed to the apostle Paul for the body of Christ today. V:12 above.

**14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;** *1st Timothy 4:1-16.*

**15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

 When all parts of the body of Christ are functioning properly with Christ as the head then the body can receive what each part needs to continue the work God has for us.

**17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**

 It is clear from this portion of scripture that the book is written with the Gentiles in mind.

**20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

**The old man:** Is crucified with Christ. He was the servant of sin. Romans 6:6 & Colossians 3:9.

**And be renewed in the spirit of your mind:** 2nd Corinthians 4:16 & Colossians 3:10.

**The new man:** He is dead to sin. He is the servant of God, and he is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. Colossians 3:10.

**25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.**

 We can be angry over sin, and its consequences, because that is part of our sin nature, but because we have been redeemed, the new man is not to react out of anger.

**29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

**Sealed unto the day of redemption:** The one new man is sealed unto the day of redemption. As a member of the body of Christ we have eternal security. Romans 8:23 & Ephesians 1:14.

**31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christs sake hath forgiven you.**

**With all malice:** Wickedness or carnality (the deeds of the flesh), sinful activities.

**Chapter Five**

**A Great Mystery**

**1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

**A sweetsmelling savour:** A sacrifice that was acceptable unto God. Genesis 8:21 & Exodus 29:18.

**3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**

**Let no man deceive you with vain words:** Empty words.

**The wrath of God:**This is speaking about God’s ultimate wrath in hell.

**1st Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**The children of disobedience:**This is a reference to lost people.Ephesians 2:2 & Colossians 3:6.

**7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:** **9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.**

**The fruit of the Spirit:** Things that the Spirit of God produces.

***Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.***

**11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.***Psalms 44:22-26.*

**15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.**

**The will of the Lord:** God’s eternal purpose for the body of Christ today.

**18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**Be filled with the Spirit:** This is accomplished by practicing verses nineteen through the end of the epistle.

**21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.**

**Christ is the head of the church:** The church is a body; whose head is Christ. The head is where all direction comes from for the body.

**24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

**That he might sanctify and cleanse it:**Set it apart for his use.

**With the washing of water by the word:**The word of God can cleanse the worldly thinking out of our minds.

**27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

**Holy and without blemish:** The words blemish, and blame are the same Greek words. Ephesians 1:4.

**28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

**They two shall be one flesh:** The church is literally Christ’s body, it is made up of Jew and Gentile in one body, just like a husband and wife are one body with one head.

**This is a great mystery:** The church is a great mystery. The Gentile in times past had to be a proselyte to Judaism to have salvation. Now both Jew and Gentile are one in Christ by faith.

**33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.**

 God took something that was familiar (marriage) to explain a new mystery known as the body of Christ. It isn't introduced here, nor did it begin here as some teach, but it is further explained here.

**Chapter Six**

**Put on the whole Armour of God**

**1 Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

**Which is the first commandment with promise:** The promise is found in verse three. Exodus 20:12 & Colossians 3:20.

**4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.**

**Provoke not your children to wrath:** To anger. Colossians 3:21.

**5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.**

**Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh:** This reference would be synonymous with employer/employee relationships today; however, this scripture is referring to actual slavery here. Colossians 3:22.

 Israel was in slavery to Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon, plus they also were permitted to have servants, or to become servants only to pay off debts. Israel was never allowed by God to have slaves like what went on in the United States.

**Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord:** This is speaking about receiving a reward at the judgment seat of Christ. 1st Corinthians 3:17, 9:1 4 & 2nd Corinthians 5:10.

**9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.**

**Your Master also is in heaven:**The word master here is capitalized, meaning deity. We must learn to treat all as if they were Christ himself, and not Lord over people with threats of being fired.

**10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**The wiles of the devil:** The word wiles is speaking about the devil’s methods. The Greek word is the word Methodiah. Putting on the whole armour of God is synonymous with putting on the new man from Ephesians 4:24.

**Principalities:** Archangels. Romans 8:38.

 The Greek word for principalities is “Arche.” A prince is second only to the King. Satan is called the Prince of the power of the air. Ephesians 2:2, 1st Thessalonians 4:16 & Revelation 12:7.

**Powers:**The superhuman forces of Satan. Fallenangels.Romans 8:38 & Revelation 12:7.

**The rulers of the darkness of this world:**Satan is called the prince of the power of the air. Ephesians 2:2 & Revelation 12:7.

**Spiritual wickedness:**Fallen angelic beings that actively oppose God.

**High places:**Celestial, or heavenly places. Ephesians 1:3, 20, 2:6, 3:10 & Revelation 12:7.

**13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;**

**Having your loins girt about with truth:** By telling the truth you are putting on the new man and are standing and withstanding the devil's assault on your life.

**Having on the breastplate of righteousness:**We have Christ’s righteousness given to us atsalvation.

**15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;** *Isaiah 52:7 & Romans 10:15.*

**16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.** **17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

**Taking the shield of faith:** These pieces of armour are for us to wield here in this life on a daily basis.

**Take the helmet of salvation:**Take your faith in the finished work of Christ with you.

**The sword of the Spirit:**God defines this for us. It is the word of God.

**18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

**That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly:**A supernatural boldness from God to help Paul speak God’s word.

**To make known the mystery of the gospel:** That God was creating the one new man that is neither Jew nor Greek, and both would be a part of the same body by faith alone. Romans 16:25 & Galatians 3:28.

 It is still a mystery to many today because those who know it are not putting on the armour of God and getting in the battle.

**21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: 22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.**

**Tychicus:**He was from Asia (modern Turkey). Acts 20:4. He also reported on Paul’s state to the church in Colosse. Colossians 4:7. He was sent to Ephesus by Paul again when he was re-arrested. 2nd Timothy 4:12 & Titus 3:12.

**23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.**

**The End**

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**Ephesians Tests**

**Chapter One**

1. What is the theme of the Book of Ephesians?

2. When was the book written and by whom?

3. Where was Paul when it was written?

4. What other books were written when Paul was there?

5. Was it Paul’s desire to be an Apostle?

6. Who else was the book for besides the Ephesians according to verse one?

7. What are the believers blessings today and where are they from?

8. What kind of blessings are promised to Israel?

9. What did God choose believers to be before the foundation of the world?

10. What is the difference between things that were before the world began and since the world began?

11. Were we predestined to be saved?

12. Who is the “beloved” that Paul spoke about in verse six?

13. In Christ we have redemption through what?

14. What is the mystery of his will?

15. What are we as believers predestinated to do?

16. What does Paul say happened to those who believed the gospel?

17. How did God show forth his mighty power?

18. What is Christ to the Church?

19. What is the Church to Christ?

**Chapter Two**

1. What does it mean to be quickened?

2. Which time period does Romans 1:18-28 refer to? A. In times past B. But Now C. In Ages to come

3. What does Romans chapter one say that God did three times concerning the gentiles?

4. Where are believers seated today with Christ?

5. What will God do for us in the Ages to come?

6. How are we saved today?

7. What did God before ordain for us believers in this age?

8. In the But Now age what has God done to the wall that separated Jews and Gentiles?

9. What did God make out of the two different classes of people?

10. What did God make possible to the Jew and Gentile alike after the cross?

**Chapter Three**

1. Paul said he was a prisoner of who and for who?

2. Paul says that the dispensation of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was given unto him to give to us gentiles?

3. What is the mystery of the revelation?

4. Why did Paul say he was less than the least of all saints?

5. What is meant by the unsearchable riches of Christ?

6. Besides preaching the gospel what else does Paul say he desires to do in verse nine?

7. Where was the mystery hid for the last four thousand years prior to it being revealed to Paul?

8. What task does God give the Church to make known unto the principalities and powers ? v:10

9. What is the manifold wisdom of God? A. Christ’s resurrection and the results of it. B. God is smart.

10. To know the love of God is to be filled with all the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**Chapter Four**

1. Where is Paul as he begs the Ephesians to endure the hardships?

2. Does the word baptism in verse five have to do with, water baptism or Spirit baptism?

3. Was there more than one baptism that came from the Holy Ghost? Explain your answer

4. What does it mean when Paul says Christ led captivity captive?

5. Why were Apostles and Prophets mentioned first as gifts for the church?

6. What is the role that the officers in the church are to play?

7. Believers are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. What are believers commanded to put off and putt on in its place?

9. Can we as believers ever grieve the Holy Spirit?

10. How long is a believer sealed with the Holy Spirit?

**Chapter Five**

1. Can the old man drag the new man into places it should not go?

2. What two things are we to do with the unfruitful works of darkness?

3. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

4. What one word is the key for believers, families, and the Church to get along with one another?

5. Does God command men to love their wives? How is that possible?

6. What is the Church called in verses twenty-nine through thirty-three?

7. Was the emphasis primarily in chapter five on marriage or the church?

**Chapter Six**

1. What is the first commandment with promise?

2. How can a father not provoke his children unto wrath?

3. What would the references to a servant and master be relevant to today?

4. How can we be strong in the Lord?

5. Who is our battle against? A. Flesh and Blood B. Principalities and Powers

6. What are our weapons for spiritual battle?

7. What does Paul ask for boldness for?