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Message No. 1

“WE ARE BLESSED”

Ephesians 1:1-6

1. Blessed by God's plan
2. Blessed by the Son's performance
3. Blessed by the spirit's presence

The first 6 verses show us that we are blessed because of:

- 1A. *THE POSITION WE HAVE IN CHRIST - 1-3*
- 2A. *THE PLAN OF GOD THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE - 4-6*
- 3A. *THE PURPOSES OF GOD BEHIND THESE BLESSINGS - 4*

1A. THE POSITION WE HAVE IN CHRIST - 1-3

1B. The SOURCE of this blessing - God the father
1 Cor. 4:6

2B. The SCOPE of this blessing - all or every
1 Peter 1:3-4
2 Peter 1:2-3

2A. THE PLAN OF GOD THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE - 4-6

Verses 4-16 are one sentence, with one main verb: “Has blessed us”

1B. Based on God's own DECISION - 4
He chose us - Middle Aorist
John 15:16 Rom. 9:10

1C. God's choice operates according to his foreknowledge
1 Peter 1:2; Romans 8:29

2C. God's choice eliminates boasting
1 Corinthians 1:27; Romans 3:27-28

2B. Based on God's unique DESIGN for us - 5

1C. To adopt us as children
Romans 8:15
Adoption was a Roman ceremony.

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2C. To conform us to Christ's image. Holy and blameless
1 John 3:1-3; Romans 8:29

3B. Based on God's personal **DESIRE** - 5
Luke 12:32; Ephesians 1:9; Philippians 2:132; Thess. 1:11; Rev. 4:11

4B. Based on the **DEATH** of Jesus

Grace has made us accepted – graced us
The beloved is not a group of redeemed, it is the beloved one - Jesus

3A. THE **PURPOSES** OF GOD BEHIND THESE BLESSINGS – 4, 6

1B. **GUARANTEE** our perfection - 4
1 Peter 1:18-19

Holy and blameless

2B. **GIVE** understanding of God's love
“In love” having predestined

3B. **GLORIFY** his grace - 6
Romans 9:23-24; 2 Corinthians 4:15

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Message No. 2

“TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY”

Ephesians 1:7-14

The key word is redemption. That is why we praise his glory.

- 1A. **THE PERSON WHO MAKES OUR REDEMPTION POSSIBLE**
- 2A. **THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION**
- 3A. **THE PARDON OUR REDEMPTION PROVIDES**
- 4A. **THE PROVISION OF GOD THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE - 7-8**
- 5A. **THE PLAN OF GOD BEHIND IT - 8-11**
- 6A. **THE PURPOSE OF HIS REDEMPTION - 12**
- 7A. **THE PROMISE OF REDEMPTION – 13-14**

1A. **THE PERSON WHO MAKES OUR REDEMPTION POSSIBLE**

“In Him we have redemption”

- Jesus is the object of God’s love. The beloved one.
- In love, having predestined us.

2A. **THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION**

“through His blood” not just a metonym. There are bloodless deaths.

Acts 20:28

“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood”

Romans 5:9

“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him”

1 Cor. 6:20

“For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”.

1 Corinthians 7:23 “Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men”.

Hebrews 9:12

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption”

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1 Peter 1:18-19

“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”

Revelation 5:9

“And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation”

Agora – Market place

On the slave block you could:

Buy a slave to own and use.

Buy a slave to set free

Buy a slave to set free and adopt.

1A. *THE PERSON WHO MAKES OUR REDEMPTION POSSIBLE*

2A. *THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION*

3A. *THE PARDON OUR REDEMPTION PROVIDES*

“the forgiveness of sins”

Trespass - fallen to the side.

Colossians 1:14

in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Revelation 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

The Greek word for Forgiveness means to send away.

Day of Atonement. Two goats were used.
One was killed.

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One was let go in the wilderness.
Our sin is sent away.

Hebrews 13:12, 13

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach".

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2A. *THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION*

3A. *THE PARDON OUR REDEMPTION PROVIDES*

4A. **THE PROVISION OF GOD THAT MAKES IT POSSIBLE - 7-8**

"according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence"

God's resources become our abundant supply.

His wisdom is at work.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 3:24

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus"

Romans 11:5-6

Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

5A. **THE PLAN OF GOD BEHIND IT - 8-11**

1B. Based on God's **WILL**

"having made known to us the mystery of His will"

2B. Based on his **PLEASURE**

"according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself"

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5A. *THE PLAN OF GOD BEHIND IT - 8-11*

1B. *Based on God's WILL*

2B. *Based on his PLEASURE*

3B. Based on God's **TIMING**

"that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times"

Greek word for "House" and "law" "the law of the house"

4B. Based on God's **OBJECTIVE**

"that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth - in Him"

Revelation 11:15

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever"

5B. Based on God's **PURPOSE**

"In Him also we have obtained an inheritance"

Luke 12 "it is your fathers good pleasure to give you the kingdom".

6B. Based on God's **SOVEREIGNTY**

"being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will"

Romans 11:36

"For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen"

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6A. **THE PURPOSE OF HIS REDEMPTION - 12**

"that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory"

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek"

Trusted – Greek "hope" with "before" - to hope beforehand

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7A. THE **PROMISE** OF REDEMPTION – 13-14

1B. Based on the **WORD** we believe

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation”

2B. Based on the **WORK** of the Holy Spirit

“in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory”

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee”

Modern Greek uses this word for an engagement Ring

Romans 8:18 ff

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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Message No. 3

“WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW”

Ephesians 1:15-23

Vv. **15-23** are one sentence as is **1-14**. 169 words.

1A. **PRAYER** IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING - 15-18

2A. **THE PROMISES** OF GOD ARE REAL - 18

3A. **THE POWER** OF GOD IS GREAT - 19-23

1A. **PRAYER** IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING - 15-18

1B. The **CAUSE** behind Paul’s prayer

1C. All that has gone before
“***Wherefore***”

2C. That which comes to us
“***I heard***”

We can’t feed the whole world but maybe we can feed those that God brings across our path.

3C. Their **Faith**
“***faith in the Lord Jesus***”

4C. Their **Love**
“***and love unto all saints***”

2B. The **CHARACTERISTICS** of his prayer

1C. **Faithful**
“do not cease” *Thess. 5:17* “Pray without ceasing”

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy

2C. **Personal**
“***of you***” not just “God bless the missionaries”

3C. **Thankful**
“***to give thanks for you making mention of you in my prayers***”
It means our hearts are in tune with God’s plan.

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Philippians 1:7-8 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

3B. The **CONCERN** of his prayer - 17-18

1C. Spiritual **knowledge**

"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him"

2C. Spiritual **Light**

"the eyes of your understanding being enlightened"

1A. PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING - 15-18

2A. THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE REAL - 18

1B. A true **CALLING** - hope

"that you may know what is the hope of His calling"

Colossians 1:27 "To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"

Romans 8:18-25; Hebrews 6:13-19

2B. A true **INHERITANCE**

"what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints".

Rom. 8:31-32; 1 Pet. 1:4

Not just material riches - the riches of God himself.

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1B. It's **EFFECT** on the believer

"and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He wrought in Christ"

strength - displayed

might – inherent

2B. The **EVIDENCE** of the greatness of His power

1C. Christ's **Resurrection**

"when He raised Him from the dead"

2C. Christ's **Exhalation**

"and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places"

Ephesians 2:6 "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

3C. Christ's **Authority**

"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come"

4C. Christ's **Position**

"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church"

Colossians 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation"

5C. Christ's **Preeminence**

"which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"

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Message No. 4

“BY GRACE WE ARE SAVED”

Ephesians 2:1-10

3 questions we need to ask.

- 1A. *WHY IS SALVATION BY GRACE NEEDED? - 1-3*
- 2A. *HOW DOES SALVATION BY GRACE HAPPEN? - 4-9*
- 3A. *WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH? - 10*

1A. WHY IS SALVATION BY GRACE NEEDED? - 1-3

- 1B. Our spiritual **CONDITION** demanded it
“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins”

Trespass 23 times sins 270

Being dead means not being able to respond.

ILL. The funeral where everyone came to check if the guy was dead. Stuck pins in him.

Ephesians 5:14 “Therefore He says: Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light”

4 things about being spiritually dead.

1C. Inability to **See** spiritual truth

2C. Inability to **Seek** help from God

Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

3C. Inability to **Produce** true good

James 2:17, 26; Romans 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4C. Inability to **Respond** to God personally

1 Timothy 5:5

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2B. Our personal **CONDUCT** demanded it - 2-3a

1C. Worldly **Atmosphere**

"in which you once walked according to the course of this world"

Course means to breath in. Literally atmosphere, Smog.

1D. **Music**

2D. **Movies**

2C. Satanic **Authority**

"according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience"

Prince of the authority of the air - a spirit of the world.

The sons of **the** disobedience - Adams disobedience

I'll do what I want not want God says. Children do this to parents.

3C. Fleshly **Attitudes** and **Activities**

"among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind"

Lust is in us all. Our flesh demands that we fulfill its lust.

3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** we face - 3b

"and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others"

Romans 5:8

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

1 Thessalonians 1:10 "and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come"

1 Thessalonians 5:9 "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"

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- 1A. *WHY IS SALVATION BY GRACE NEEDED?* - 1-3
2A. *HOW DOES SALVATION BY GRACE HAPPEN?* - 4-9

1B. Based on the **ATTRIBUTES** of God - 4

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us”

Mercy and Love. Love Past tense - the cross

1 John 4:9-10

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins”

1 John 4:19

“We love Him because He first loved us”

2B. Based on the **ACTS** of God - 5-6

Before we had a chance to merit salvation

“even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

1C. Made us alive - 5

2C. Raised us up - 6

3C. Made us sit - 6

Hebrews 1:3-4 “who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they”

3B. Based on the **AIM** of God for the future - 7

“that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus”

4B. Based on the **ACCEPTANCE** of God’s Gift - 8-9

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Message No. 4 - Ephesians 2:1-10

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast".

1C. **Prerequisite** - have faith

2C. **Purpose** - guard against boasting

1A. *WHY IS SALVATION BY GRACE NEEDED?* - 1-3

2A. *HOW DOES SALVATION BY GRACE HAPPEN?* - 4-9

3A. *WHAT DOES IT ACCOMPLISH?* - 10

1B. **CREATES** a new life

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works"
2 Cor. 5:17

Workmanship – Greek "*Poema*" - Poem

2B. **COMPLETES** the original plan of God

"which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them"

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Message No. 5
“ACCESS TO GOD”
Ephesians 2:11-18

Therefore - because of salvation by grace - We have access! GRACE:

- 1A. **BRINGS** GENTILES TO GOD - 11-13
- 2A. **BREAKS** DOWN THE BARRIER - 14-15A
- 3A. **BEGINS** A NEW RELATIONSHIP - 15B-18

1A. **BRINGS** GENTILES TO GOD - 11-13

1B. The **CONDITION** we were in - 11-12

Alienation - far off. Cf. *Mark 12:34; Luke 15:20; Acts 2:38*

1C. **Uncircumcised**

The Jews would shake the dust off their feet if soiled by gentile ground.

2C. **Alienated**

1D. **Christless**

2D. **Stateless**

3D. **Friendless**

4D. **Hopeless**

5D. **Godless**

2B. The **CURE** we received - 13

1C. **Reconciliation** - brought near

2C. **Atonement** - the blood of Christ

2A. **BREAKS** DOWN THE BARRIER - 14-15A

1B. A **LEGAL** wall

God's peculiar people - rules made them different

2B. A **LITERAL** wall in the temple

"ACCESS TO GOD"
Message No. 5 - Ephesians 2:11-18

1A. BRINGS GENTILES TO GOD - 11-13

2A. BREAKS DOWN THE BARRIER - 14-15a

3A. **BEGINS** A NEW RELATIONSHIP - 15B-18

1B. Through the **WORK** God had done - 15-16

1C. **Creates** a new man - 15
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

2C. **Reconciles** both Jew and Gentiles - 16
Restoring back to a previous condition - Adam before the fall.

2B. Through the **WORD** he preached - 17
Phil. 3:1-2

3B. Through the **WAY** we come to the father - 18
*Romans 5:1-2; John 10:9; John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16;
10:19-22; 11:6*

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Message No. 6

“THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD”

Ephesians 2:19-22

- 1A. *THE **PEOPLE** WHO ARE INVOLVED –19*
- 2A. *THE **PREREQUISITES** NEEDED – 20*
- 3A. *THE **PROCESS** IN BUILDING THE CHURCH – 21*
- 4A. *THE **PURPOSE** THAT IS ACHIEVED – 22*

Therefore - Because you are now one by the work of Christ on the cross:

1A. THE **PEOPLE** WHO ARE INVOLVED - 19

- 1B. An old **PROBLEM** removed by the cross
Acts 15, Acts 10, Cf. v.12, 19 - zenos strangers

Foreigners – “to settle along side of” *1 Pet. 1:1; 2:11*

- 2B. A new **PRIVILEGE** made possible by the cross
Heb. 11:9-16; 12:22-24, 10:24

Acts 2:41 – receive the word and be baptized.

2A. THE **PREREQUISITES** NEEDED - 20

- 1B. The **FOUNDATION**

- 1C. **Apostles**

- 2C. **Prophets** not Old testament cf. 3:5

Granville Sharp’s rule of Greek Grammar. When two nouns are joined by the conjunction “and” and the first noun has the article but the second one does not, the two nouns are equals or synonymous.

“*holy*” special group set apart for giving these revelations.
Rev. 1:1; Heb. 1:1-2; Rev 22:18-19

Revelation completes the scriptures and gives us the story of the future, past the millenium and into the new heaven and earth. It’s complete.

- 2B. The **CORNERSTONE**
Psa. 118:22; Isa. 28:16; Mt. 21:42; Acts 4:10-12

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- 1A. *THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED* -19
- 2A. *THE PREREQUISITES NEEDED* - 20
- 3A. **THE PROCESS IN BUILDING THE CHURCH** - 21
 - 1B. The **RELATIONSHIP** of the part to the whole
1 Cor. 12:8-11; Rom. 12:4-16
 - 2B. The **RESULT** produced
"Holy of Holies"
- 4A. **THE PURPOSE THAT IS ACHIEVED** - 22
 - 1B. **UNITY**
John 17:21
 - 2B. **ETERNITY**
Rev. 21:3

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Message No. 7

“THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST”

Ephesians 3:1-14

- 1A. ***THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO PAUL - 1-2***
- 2A. ***THE REVELATION HE HAD FROM GOD - 3-7***
- 3A. ***THE REASON WAS ROOTED IN THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD - 8-14***

1A. ***THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO PAUL - 1-2***

1B. The ***ATTITUDE*** toward his imprisonment - 1
Acts 21:17-20; 28:28; Philippians 1:12-14

1C. Gentiles were being saved - ***Phil. 4:22***

2C. Christians were getting bold

3C. Paul had time to write 4 letters

2B. The ***ACCOUNTABILITY*** he felt toward God - 2
1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Stewardship, dispensation. A responsibility to tell what he was told by God.

Lepers and the Assyrian spoils. ***2 Kings 7:8-9***. Don't keep it to yourselves.

2A. ***THE REVELATION HE HAD FROM GOD - 3-7*** ***Gal. 1:11-16***

1B. Called a mystery - 3-6
Eph. 1:9; Col. 1:26-27

1C. Something not known before but now revealed

2C. Mystery religions. Recruit through secrets
New age thinking is related to the mystery religions of the past.

2B. It's effect on Paul - 7
Based on two things:

1C. God's Grace

2C. God's Power

“THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST”
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- 1A. *THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN TO PAUL - 1-2*
- 2A. *THE REVELATION HE HAD FROM GOD - 3-7*
- 3A. THE **REASON** WAS ROOTED IN THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD - 8-14

1B. **PRODUCES** an attitude of humility

“To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given”

2B. **PRESENTS** an opportunity 8b-9

1C. To preach - 8b

2C. Make to see - 9

3B. **PROCLAIMS** God’s wisdom - 10-11

4B. **PROVIDES** boldness - 12

“in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him”

Boldness and access – Granville Sharp

“*Confidence*” – having been persuaded - access.

5B. **PROMOTES** concern - 13

“Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory”

2 Corinthians 4:1

2 Corinthians 4:16

6B. **PROMPTS** Worship -14

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Message No. 8

“A PRAYER FOR POWER”

Ephesians 3:14-21

This is the second prayer in Ephesians, the first being the need of spiritual knowledge and wisdom, *Chapter 1:15-23*

This is a prayer for the power of God asking for the ability to live victoriously over sinful habits and desires. To trust God in difficult circumstances, to do God’s work for His Glory, to reflect Jesus Christ in my life and attitudes, and the ability to speak boldly to people about Christ without embarrassment.

1A. A **DEPENDENCE** ON THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 14-16

1B. Based on a special **RELATIONSHIP** with the Father - 15
“*on account of this thing*” cf. *2:18*

2B. Based on abundant **RESOURCES** - 16
“*according to*” 3 Infinitives used to explain what he wants God to Grant you:

1C. To be Strengthened

2C. To dwell in us

3C. To know the love of Christ

2A. A **DETERMINATION** TO EXALT JESUS IN OUR LIVES – 16-17
“*Dwell*” - To settle down and make at home *John 5:23; 2 Peter 3:18; Jude 3*

Sin keeps us from practicing the presence of Christ

3A. A **DEMONSTRATION** OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST – 17B-19

1B. Brings stability – rooted and grounded - 17

2B. Encourages ministry – passes knowledge - 18

3B. Without limits of human understanding

4B. Reveals God’s presence in all fullness - 19

4A. A **DESIRE** TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL WE DO – 20 -21

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Message No. 9

“UNITY OF THE SPIRIT”

Ephesians 4:1-6

Chapters 1-3 – Doctrine

Chapters 4-6 – Application

Some who claim they are part of the church, don't go to church! The local church is the only church we can involve ourselves in. The universal church is invisible. ***1 Cor. 12:27.***

We are members of the body; we are not the body individually. How can the body function properly if the **PARTS** don't **PARTicipate**? Dead Christians can't participate.

Chapter 4 begins with: ***“I therefore”*** and refers to all that has gone before.

“I therefore...beg you to...” and the rest of the book is built around the word WALK.

Walk is used 96 time in the NT, 44 of which are used by Paul. Cf. ***4:17***

Vs. 4:1 says ***“walk worthy”***

Vs. 4:2 says ***“walk differently”***

Vs. 5:2 says ***“walk in love”***

Vs. 5:8 says ***“walk as children of light”***

Vs. 5:15 says ***“walk circumspectly”*** – mathematics terms for accurately.

The passage deals with ***“How to”*** get along.

1A. ***THE EXHORTATION TO UNITY – 1-3***

2A. ***THE ESSENTIALS TO UNITY – 4-6***

1A. ***THE EXHORTATION TO UNITY – 1-3***

1B. The **PRINCIPLE** – Walk worthy

1C. Of His **Calling**

2C. Of His **Son**

The connection is with Him, not each other. A worthy walk with Him, makes a worthy walk with each other possible. Cf. ***1:18; 1 Cor. 1:9***
Phil. 3:14 – “high calling” 1 Cor. 1:26 “humble calling” Romans 8:28.

He calls us to a worthy walk. Worthy means literally means praiseworthy
“Axios” – a balance. = Walk what you talk. A point of balance.

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IA. THE EXHORTATION TO UNITY – 1-3

1B. The PRINCIPLE of unity – Walk worthy - 1

2B. The PRACTICE of unity – 2

1C. Walk in lowliness

"**Humility**" cf. *Rom. 12:16; Phil. 2:3*. This emphasizes not "*self esteem*" but "*others esteem*". Humility is an awareness and acceptance of our fallenness and depravity.

2C. Meekness

"**Gentleness**" opposite of revenge. Not retaliating, not complaining or bitter. *Rom. 12:17-21*. Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit. *Gal. 5:22-23; Matt. 11:29-30*.

Numbers 12:3 "Now the man Moses *was* very **meek**, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth"

3C. Longsuffering - patience.

The adjective that modifies "*longsuffering*" is – "bearing with one another in love".

It deals with people, not things. A different Greek word is used for things. Bearing up - "*in love*" – "*putting up with*" - This stops divisions.

3B. The PURPOSE of unity – 3

"**Peace**" Endeavoring – struggle

Unity is destroyed when we stop being meek and humble. When we stop endeavoring. Cf. *Col. 3:14-15*.

2A. THE ESSENTIALS OF UNITY – 4-6

"ONE" is used seven times in this passage. This refers to our "*calling*" again. The calling contains the essentials. When non essentials take the place of essentials, unity is lost. A trilogy is involved. Spirit, Son and Father.

1B. The work of the SPIRIT - *1:13-14; 1 Cor. 12:13*

One Body, one Spirit, One hope

1C. We are Born of the Spirit – *John 3:8*

2C. We are Sealed by the Spirit – *Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30*

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- 2A. THE ESSENTIALS OF UNITY – 4-6
 - 1B. The work of the SPIRIT
 - 1C. We are Born of the Spirit
 - 2C. We are Sealed by the Spirit
 - 3C. We are Indwelt by the Spirit – **Romans 8:9**

 - 4C. We are Baptized by the Spirit – **1 Corinthians 12:13**
 - 2B. All of the SON
 - 1C. One Lord – masculine - **Rom. 10:9-10**
 - 2C. One Faith – feminine – **Jude 3**
 - 3C. One Baptism – neuter
 - 3B. The sovereignty of the FATHER
One Father
 - 1C. His Position – “Above all”
 - 2C. His Power – “Through”
 - 3C. His Presence – “In”

EPHESIANS

Message No. 10

“GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH”

Ephesians 4:7-12

- 1A. *THE **PROVISION** OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS – 7*
- 2A. *THE **POSITION** OF JESUS IN GIVING THE GIFTS – 8-10*
- 3A. *THE **PERSONS** WHO ARE THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH – 11*
- 4A. *THE **PURPOSE** OF THE GIFTED MEN – 12*

- 1A. *THE **PROVISION** OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS – 7*
*“Graced us” – Charisma cf. **Rom. 12:3-8***

Several words for gift. “the gift of Christ” is “dorea”

- 2A. *THE **POSITION** OF JESUS IN GIVING THE GIFTS – 8-10*
Psa. 68:18; Eph. 1:20-21; Ex. 29:46

“Gift” - doma

- 3A. *THE **PERSONS** WHO ARE THE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH – 11*

- 1B. **APOSTLES**

Apostle – “misso” in Latin – Missionary cf. *1 Cor. 12:28 ;Eph. 2:20, 3:5; Heb. 2:3, 4; 2 Cor. 12:12*

Timothy, Titus, Silvanus, Silas, all called apostles
Acts. 5:12; 13:1

- 2B. **PROPHETS**

Meaning “to stand before a crowd” cf. *1 Cor. 14:3*

- 3B. **EVANGELISTS**

A gift for sharing Christ with anyone and everyone.

- 4B. **PASTOR/TEACHERS**

One category.

1C. The definite article used with all except “teachers”

2C. The men/de construction –one the one hand/on the other hand

3C. Granville Sharp’s rule of Greek grammar

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- 4A. **THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFTED MEN – 12**
 - 1B. The **EQUIPPING** of the saints
2 Tim. 3:16 - equipping is done with the word.
 - 2B. The **EXERCISE** of spiritual gifts
“works of service” 2 Pet. 4:10-11
 - 1C. **Speaking** gifts
 - 2C. **Serving** gifts
 - 3B. The **EDIFYING** of the body
Sit, Soak, and Sour?

Many churches get this all backward. They want the Pastor to do the work of the ministry, while they run the church.

EPHESIANS

Message No. 11

“HOW THE CHURCH GROWS”

Ephesians 4:12-16

- 1A. *IT GROWS BY THE **MINISTRY** OF ITS PEOPLE – 12*
 - 2A. *IT GROWS BY THE **MOTIVES** OF THE MINISTRY – 13*
 - 3A. *IT GROWS BY THE **MATURITY** OF ITS MINISTRY – 14-15A*
 - 4A. *IT GROWS BY THE **MEANS** OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST AND THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THE MEMBERS – 15B -16*
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- 1A. IT GROWS BY THE **MINISTRY** OF ITS MEMBERS – 12
 - 1B. Through **EQUIPPING** the saints
 - 2B. Through the **EXERCISING** of spiritual gifts - *1 Cor. 12:4-7*
 - 1C. By **Distribution** of the gift by the Spirit as He wills - 4
 - 2C. By **Differences** of ministries – 5
 - 3C. By **Diversities** of activities – 6
 - 2A. IT GROWS BY THE **MOTIVES** OF THE MEMBERS – 13
 - 1B. Based on Christian **UNITY**
 - 2B. Based on Christian **MATURITY**
 - 3A. IT GROWS BY THE **MATURITY** OF ITS MEMBERS – 14-15A
 - 1C. The **Problems** to be faced
 - 1D. **Immaturity** in our understanding – Heb. 5:11
 - 2D. **Instability** in dealing with false teaching
 - 3D. **Inability** to discern motives and deceitful practices
“trickery” dice playing – playing recklessly with peoples lives.
 - 2C. The **Prerequisite** that must be practiced
“speak the truth in love” There is no spiritual gift of criticism

"HOW THE CHURCH GROWS"
Message No. 11 - Ephesians 4:12-16

- 1A. *IT GROWS BY THE MINISTRY OF ITS PEOPLE – 12*
- 2A. *IT GROWS BY THE MOTIVES OF THE MINISTRY – 13*
- 3A. *IT GROWS BY THE MATURITY OF ITS MINISTRY – 14-15b*
- 4A. **IT GROWS BY THE MEANS OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST AND THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THE MEMBERS –15B-16**
 - 1B. We need to **RELY** completely on Jesus Christ
 - 2B. We need to **RECOGNIZE** the importance and need of each member
 - 3B. We need to **REALIZE** that God works in every member to effect the other members
 - 4B. We need to **REMEMBER** that true spiritual growth occurs in the sphere of God's love

EPHESIANS

Message No. 12

“IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT?”

Ephesians 4:17-24

Ephesians 4:1 - “walk worthy” - ***Ephesians 5:2*** - “walk in love

Ephesians 5:8 - “walk as children of light” - ***Ephesians 5:15*** - “walk circumspectly

Ephesians 4:17 - “walk not”

1A. **REFUSE TO LIVE LIKE UNBELIEVERS** – 17-19

2A. **RESPOND TO OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST** – 20-24

1A. **REFUSE TO LIVE LIKE UNBELIEVERS** – 17-19

1B. As to their **MENTAL PERSPECTIVE** - 17-18

1C. No spiritual meaning or purpose - 17

Phil. 3:7-15 Since 1900, 50% of the top 100 wealthiest people have committed suicide.

2C. No spiritual or moral understanding

“darkened” ***1 Cor. 2:14; 2 Cor. 4:3-4***

3C. Alienated from the life of God - 18

“Ignorance that is in them”

1D. No relationship to God because of spiritual ignorance

2D. No relationship with God because of hardness of heart

Cf. ***Psa. 1:1; Heb 3:12-14***

2B. As to their **MORAL PRACTICE** – 19

1C. **Sensitivity** to sin does not exist

“Past feeling” callous – perfect tense

2C. The **Standards** of God’s word have been rejected

“over to licentiousness” “selge” a moral city in Pisidian Antioch.
Add the alpha prefix and it reverses the meaning - immoral

3C. **Selfishness** is evident in terms of moral practices

“all uncleanness with greediness”

"IS YOUR LIFE DIFFERENT?"
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1A. REFUSE TO LIVE LIKE UNBELIEVERS – 17-19

2A. RESPOND TO OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST – 20-24

1B. The POINT of conversion – 20-21

“if” (since) and it is true. *1 John 5:6, 9-13; John 19:32 Rom. 8:16*

2B. The PLACE of the old nature – 22

Rom. 6:6

3B. The PROCESS of renewal – 23

Romans 12:2

4B. The PRESENCE of a new nature – 24

EPHESIANS

Message No. 13

“WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW GOD”

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

- 1A. **REALIZING** THE NECESSITY OF HONESTY IN ALL WE SAY AND DO - 25
“Therefore” - This is based on our new life in Christ, *v. 24*.

“put away” – lay aside – middle voice – in and of ourselves.

Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 3:9; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 51:3; Psalm 51:6

- 2A. **RECOGNIZING** THE DANGER OF ANGER – 26-27

We are given 3 warnings here:

- 1B. Do not **PRACTICE** sin in our anger

Anger is to be directed at things and circumstances, not people.

- 2B. Do not **PROLONG** anger

Wrath has to do with people. Not explosive flashes of anger but the deep seated kind that have to do with our bitterness and resentment. *Psalm 4:4-5*

- 3B. Do not **PROVIDE** Satan a base of operation with your anger

Hebrews 12:15-16

- 3A. **REMEMBERING** THE VALUE AND PURPOSE OF MONEY AND WORK - 28

- 1B. How should we work?

- 1C. Work honestly Steal - clepto

- 2C. Work hard - to exhaustion

Colossians 3:23; Ecc. 5:12

- 3C. Do your own work

1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:10

- 4C. Do what is right - “the” good

- 2B. Why should we work?

To give to others in real need. Watch out for professional dead beats.

"WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW GOD"

Message No. 13 - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

- 4A. **REFUSING** TO GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT BY THE WAY WE TALK TO OTHERS – 29-31
Corrupt means falling apart in your hand. Useless, worthless.
It says edification is necessary. We can build people up or we can tear them down.
- 1B. The **PURPOSE** for this warning – 29-30
- 1C. So we will **SPEAK** so that others are edified
- 2C. So we will **STOP** grieving the Holy Spirit
The wording here means we are in a habit of doing this.
- 2B. The **PROBLEMS** that have to be eliminated - 31
- 5A. **RELATING** TO OTHERS WITH KINDNESS AND FORGIVENESS - 32
Sandwiched between two verses about proper communication is the command not to grieve the Holy Spirit.
- Be kind - mellow wine.
Tasty food - easy to swallow.
- The power of the word picture. Nathan's story to David about the lamb.
Forgiving – "gracing". Giving people what they don't deserve.
- 6A. **RESPONDING** TO OTHERS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST - 5:1-2
- 1B. Follow God
as a child walks in step with his father.
- 2B. Walk in Love
Imitate the act of Christ on the cross.
- How do we smell to others. Are we a sweet smell or are we "*odious*"

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Message No. 14

“WALKING IN THE LIGHT”

Ephesians 5:3-14

In *John 8:12* Jesus stood in the court of the treasury (or court of women) where the beautiful candelabra shed its light commemorating the festival of Lights (Chanukah). The Jewish Maccabeans fought with Antiochus Epiphanes around in 164-167 B.C. Antiochus had sacrificed a pig in the temple and desecrated it (an abomination of desolation). As the Jews fought against this man and his army, God was said to have supernaturally preserved the oil in the lamps to provide light for the night battle. Jesus stood up in the midst of this crowd who were commemorating this festival and shouted **“I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE”**.

Cf. John 1:4; 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 John 1:5-7

1A. **RESIST** THE TEMPTATION TO DO WHAT UNBELIEVERS DO – 3-7

1B. The **CONDUCT** of the saints should be radically different – 3

2B. The **COMMENTS** of the saints should reflect our commitment to the Lord – 4

3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** should keep us from being deceived – 5-7

2A. **RESPOND** TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US – 8-10

1B. Our **POSITION** has radically changed – 8

2B. Our **PRACTICE** should reflect that change
1 John 1:7; 2:9

3B. The **PRESENCE** of the Holy Spirit makes the difference – 9

1C. Goodness

2C. Righteousness

3C. Truth

4B. You **PRIORITIES** are going to be different – 10
2 Cor. 5:9; Rom. 12:1-2

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Message No. 14 - Ephesians 5:3-14

- 1A. RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO DO WHAT UNBELIEVERS DO – 3-7
- 2A. RESPOND TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US – 8-10
- 3A. **REFUSE** TO TOLERATE SINFUL PRACTICES – 11- 14
 - 1B. The **PROBLEM** of **COMPROMISE** – 11
2 Cor. 6:14
 - 2B. The **PRINCIPLE** of **CONFRONTATION**
 - 3B. The **PERIL** of **COMMUNICATION** - 12
 - 4B. The **POWER** of **CHRIST** – 13-14
Matt. 5:13-16; John 3:19-20

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Message No. 15

“ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT”

Ephesians 5:15-21

In Old Testament times when sin reigned and people did what was right in their own eyes, the Spirit of the Lord came upon some to lead Israel.

Luke 1:15; 4:1; Acts 2:1-4; 4:8, 31; 6:3, 5; 11:24

Eph. 4:1 – walk humbly – unity

Eph. 4:17 – walk differently

Eph. 5:2 – walk lovingly

Eph. 5:8 – obediently

Eph. 5:15 – walk circumspectly – accurately

Being filled with the Spirit effects us in 3 areas with 6 categories:

The wives, the husbands, the...etc.

Marriage, Family, and business.

Wives, husbands, children, parents, employee, employer.

How do we walk circumspectly? In three ways:

1A. **REDEEMING** THE TIME – 16

“Agora”

1B. The **METHOD** for redeeming

1C. Purchase to serve

2C. Purchase to set free

3C. Purchase to become child and heir.

Redeeming the time is to buy and set free. Not chronological time as in a sequence of events, but seasons of time as of opportunities that come our way through time.

Col. 4:5, 6

The indication of being Spirit filled is through buying up opportunities.

Let your speech be seasoned.

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- 2B. The **MOTIVE** for redeeming
The days are evil. Not just bad but filled with fiery darts.
- 2A. **RECOGNIZING** GOD'S WILL – 17
- 1B. The **Problem** we face
Be not unwise – stop doing it.
- 2B. The **Principle** to apply
Understand – "*bring together*". Application of what we already know.
Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Thess. 4:3; 5:18
Boldness.
- 3A. **RESPONDING** TO THE SPIRIT'S CONTROL – 18-21
The filling of the Spirit is not like a cup. You can't just have half a cup of the Spirit.
- 1B. It's **RELATIONSHIP** to drunkenness
- 1C. A **Warning** not to let other thing's control your life
If the Spirit is not controlling us, something else will be.
- 2C. An **Illustration** of control outside ourselves - ***Prov. 23:29:35***
- 3C. A **Command** to be obeyed.
- 2B. The **RESULT** of being filled
- Four participles are given following the command.
- 1C. Speak to other Christians
Not sing. – speak in psalms and songs. The speech is about God.
Col. 3:16
- 2C. Singing and making melody in your hearts to God
- 3C. Giving thanks to God – 20
- 4C. Submitting to one another
"under" – middle voice
One thing stops it - **SIN**

EPHESIANS

Message No. 16

“HOW TO HAVE A GREAT MARRIAGE”

Ephesians 5:22-33

5:22 “the” wives	MARRIAGE
5:25 “the” husbands	
6:1 “the” children	FAMILY
6:4 “the” fathers	
6:5 “the” servants	BUSINESS
6:9 “the” masters	

SUBMISSION – to line up for battle under orders

Why is it so difficult to submit?

1. We refuse to recognize the person’s authority.
 2. We feel superior to the one who is over us.
 3. We don’t trust the person.
 4. We don’t want to give up our rights and privileges.
 5. We are afraid of losing our own authority, independence, and possessions
Out of 50 remarried couples surveyed, not one of them had consolidated their finances into the category of Mr. And Mrs.
 6. We are afraid the other person will take advantage of us.
 7. The real reason we don’t submit: ***Romans. 8:4; Galatians 5:16***
- 1A. A WIFE **RESPECTING** THE HUSBAND’S POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MARRIAGE - 22-24
- 1B. The bible does not teach the submission of all woman to all men
In ***1 Cor. 11:3***, the man is not general but specifically the husband. The same is true in ***1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:10-14***
- 2B. A wife is to regard her husband as if he were the Lord - 23

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3B. The wife's submission should be in everything - 24

1C. This does not mean a wife can not express her thoughts, feelings, and emotions, but in the final analysis, the decision is the husband's.

2C. This does not mean the wife should allow physical, verbal, or emotional abuse.

3C. This does not mean a wife should sin to meet her husband's demands.
Acts. 5:29

1A. A WIFE **RESPECTING** THE HUSBAND'S POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MARRIAGE - 22-24

2A. A HUSBAND **RESPONDING** TO HIS WIFE'S NEEDS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST – 25-33

1B. This involves the **COMPASSION** of Jesus – 25-27

1C. Personal **Sacrifice** - 25

2C. Total **Forgiveness** - 26

3C. Complete **Acceptance** - 27

2B. This involves **CONCERN** for your wife in the same way we have concern for ourselves - 28-30

1C. The natural response is to love ourselves - 28-29

2C. Our wife is our own flesh – “the two shall become one”

3C. The example of the Lord toward the Church - 30

In the *Song of Solomon 6:13*, the word Shulamite in Hebrew is the feminine form of the word Solomon. Our wife is our feminine side and we are her masculine side.

3B. This involves our **COMMITMENT** to our wives - 31-33
Joined – glued “*cleave*”

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Message No. 17

“WHAT A FAMILY SHOULD BE”

Ephesians 6:1-4

Dr. Armon Nicholi Jr. of the Harvard Medical School gives five trends that are tearing our families apart.

1. Quick and easy divorce.
2. Married woman with young children working outside the home.
3. The tendency of the culture to view the role of parent as passe.
4. The tendency to move frequently because the job is most important.
5. The intrusion of the television set has had a negative effect on families.

Healthy families :

1. Have parents with a high commitment to the family.
2. Find time to spend together.
3. Provide a spiritual dimension.
 - a. Establishes priorities in relationship with God and family.
 - b. Faith gives a new standard for relationships based on love that is based on the will, self-sacrifice and self denial – not feelings.
 - c. Faith fosters forgiveness which is essential to healthy family life.

1A. CHILDREN SHOULD **RESPOND** TO THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR PARENTS
2 Tim. 3:2 “disobedient to parents”

1B. The **MEANING** of obey

It is not the same as “*submit*” It is to hear under. *Luke 2:51*

1C. The **Sphere** of this obedience – “in the Lord”

What does in the Lord mean?

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1D. Because they are Christians
1 Peter 3:1

2D. Only in what the Lord commands

3D. With the Lord's help

4D. As the Lord has taught in His Word

2C. The **Scope** of this obedience
Col. 3:20

2B. The **MOTIVE** for obedience
Col. 3:20

1C. It is right

2C. It pleases the Lord

2A. CHILDREN SHOULD **RESPECT** THE POSITION OF THEIR PARENTS

1B. The **PLACE** of each parent
"Honor the father of you and the mother of you"

2B. The **PROMISE** behind this command

1C. Personal Profit
80% of children of divorce, struggle financially

2C. Maximum Chronology - *"live long"*

3A. CHILDREN SHOULD **RECEIVE** DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION FROM THEIR FATHERS

1B. The primary **PROBLEM** - provoking

2B. The proper **PRACTICE**
Bring up – Nourish. Discipline with the rod and the word. Admonish – warn.

3B. The governing **PRINCIPLE** – of the Lord

EPHESIANS

Message No. 18

“ETHICS IN THE MARKETPLACE”

Ephesians 6:5-9

The command to be filled with the Holy Spirit in *Eph. 5:18* is demonstrated in four ways.

1. Positive communications
2. Inward joyfulness
3. Giving thanks
4. Mutual submission

5:22 “the wives”

5:25 “the husbands”

6:1 “the children”

6:4 “the fathers”

6:5 “the servants”

6:9 the masters”

Marriage, Family, and Business are all effected. The key issue is still submission. God is more interested in how we do what we do than what we do in business.

1A. HOW **EMPLOYEES** SHOULD **RESPOND** TO THOSE OVER THEM – 5-8

The gentile church was composed of mostly slaves. They had no rights of their own. They were to obey. “to hear under”.

1B. Respond with **SUBMISSION** to their authority - 5
“be obedient”

2B. Respond with **SEPARATION** of devotion
“according to the flesh” obey unless they ask us to violate spiritual principles.

2B. Respond with **SENSITIVITY** to your boss and duties
“with fear and trembling” *1 Tim. 6:1-2*

3B. Respond with **SINCERITY** of heart
“singleness” of motive in work ,not duplicity. *Tit. 2:9; Col. 3:22*

4B. Respond with **SERVICE** that is rooted in a relationship with Christ –6-7
“not with eye service but as servants of Christ”

5B. Respond with **SATISFACTION** that the Lord will reward your faithfulness - 8
2 Thess. 3:6-13; Col. 3:24-25; Heb. 6:10

"ETHICS IN THE MARKETPLACE"

Message No. 18 - Ephesians 6:5-9

1A. *HOW EMPLOYEES SHOULD RESPOND TO THOSE OVER THEM* – 5-8

2A. HOW **EMPLOYERS** SHOULD **REACT** TO THOSE THEY ARE OVER – 9

1B. Without **PASSIVITY**

“do the same to them”

2B. Without **PRESSURE**

“forbearing threatening”

Acts 4:29; 9:1

3B. Without **PRIDE**

“you have a master in heaven”

4B. Without **PARTIALITY**

Rom. 2:6, 11; 14:12; James 2:1-9; 1 Pet. 1:17

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Message No. 19

“SPIRITUAL WARFARE”

Ephesians 6:10-17

Three reactions to the idea of spiritual warfare.

1. Demons don't exist, or only in far away places.
2. Become fearful or crusade against them.
3. Understand the subject and use it for good.

1A. OUR GREATEST **NEED** – 10

“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”. Cf. *Eph. 1:19; 3:16, 20*.

We tend to trust in our own strengths. Why don't we trust God's power?

1B. We underestimate Satan's power
We are lulled into complacency.

2B. We overestimate our own abilities

3B. We fail to understand and apply God's resources
Isa. 40:28

Jesus said to “watch and to pray lest we enter temptation” “the flesh is weak”.

2A. THE **NECESSITY** FOR SPIRITUAL POWER – 11-12

“Stand” is used 4 times and is the opposite of “moved”. *Psa. 16:8*

1B. Because of the **TACTICS** of the enemy
“wiles” – methods, tactics

1C. He gets us to fight against each another
vs. 12 says literally “the struggle in us is not against blood and flesh”.

All struggles are spiritual, the flesh is just the trigger - *James 3:13; 4:2*

2C. He blinds us to the spiritual backdrop
Eph. 1:21; 3:10; Col. 1:16, 2:10, 15; 2 Cor. 4:3-6

2B. Because of the **TEMPTATIONS** we must face
Chapter *5:16* “evil day” - really wicked day - an onslaught
1 Cor. 10:11-13. Why temptation? *1 Pet. 5:8*

“SPIRITUAL WARFARE”
Message No. 19 - Ephesians 6:10-17

- 1A. *OUR GREATEST NEED – 10*
- 2A. *THE NECESSITY FOR SPIRITUAL POWER – 11-12*
- 3A. **THE NATURE OF SPIRITUAL POWER AND STRENGTH - 14-17**

We have done 3 of these, (having put on) we need to do three (take).

- 1B. Serving with **PRINCIPLE**
Integrity. “Loins gird about with truth” cf. *Luke 12:35-37*
Girding is for service. It is a job of humility.
- 2B. Believing God’s **PROVISION**
“the” righteousness – the lamb of God. *Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:21*
- 3B. Proclaiming God’s **PEACE** as a habit of life - 15
“feet shod with the preparation of the gospel”
- 4B. Trusting God’s **PROMISES** - 16
“the shield of faith”
 - 1C. We need protection
 - 2C. Satan keeps trying the darts
 - 3C. We can quench the darts - *1 John 5:4-5*
- 5B. Accepting God’s **PLAN** of salvation
“helmet of salvation” *Rev. 12:9* – overcame by the blood
- 6B. Using God’s **POWER** to conquer the tactics and temptations of the enemy - 17
“The sword of the Spirit” Satan quotes scripture – “yea, hath God said”

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Message No. 20

“WHY PRAY?”

Ephesians 6:18-24

- 1A. PRAY FOR **PROTECTION** FROM SATAN’S TACTICS – 18
“through all prayer and supplication” as if *verses 11-17* could be parenthetical.
Matt. 26:41; 2 Thess. 3:1-3
- 1B. A Continual **ACTIVITY** – 18
“with a perseverance” *Acts 1:14; 2:42; 6:4; Col. 4:2; 1 Pet. 5:8*
- 2B. A Spiritual **ATTITUDE**
“in spirit” the human spirit. Cf. *3:16; Act. 18:25; 19:21; 20:22; Rom. 1:9; 12:11.*
- 3B. A Personal **ALERTNESS**
“be watchful to this end”
- 2A. THE **PROCLAMATION** OF THE GOSPEL – 19-20
- 1B. He **REQUESTED** prayer support – 19
Acts 4:29
- 2B. He **REALIZED** his need for boldness
Col. 4:2-4
- 3B. He **RECOGNIZED** the purpose of God in his circumstances – 20
“an ambassador in chains” *Phil. 1:12-21*
- 3A. FOR **PROVISION** OF MISSIONARY NEEDS – 21-22
- 1B. We do need **COMMUNICATION** – 21
- 2B. We need **COMFORT** –22
- 4A. FOR **PEOPLE** TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSING – 23-24
- 1B. The blessing of **PEACE** – 23 - cf. *Phil. 4:6-7*
- 1B. The blessing of **LOVE** – cf. *Phil. 1:9-11*
- 1B. the blessing of **GRACE** on those who sincerely love the Lord - 24