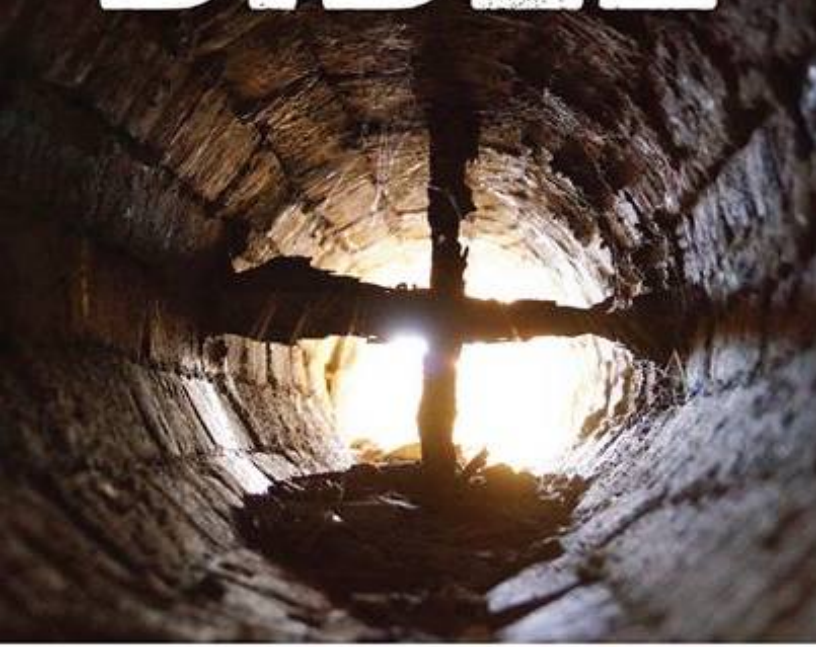




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Dedication

This work is dedicated to all those that are passionate about knowing and understanding the depths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Introduction

This is a paraphrase of the Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians.

Paraphrase simply means to express the meaning of something written or spoken using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity.

This work is written from the perspective of what I believe Paul understood when he wrote the letter to the Ephesians. It is about getting right into the mind of Paul, feeling and understanding with him.

We all speak from an understanding. If I say APARTHEID, we all know what I mean for we all are familiar with the concept. If I would speak to a person that does not know anything about apartheid I would briefly explain it as I communicate with him.

This is what this paraphrase is all about.

Ephesians One

1 I am Paul, sent by God according to His will, which I am about to explain to you. My letter is addressed to the church. To those that are faith heroes as well as the others, I make no distinction. What I am about to say will be good for all of you.

^{1:2}I just spoke to the Father. His message to you is the original message that will never change. Father and Son both radiate with willingness to influence your life by continual goodness towards you. His goodness is expressed in His eternal union with man in the resurrected Jesus. Perfect harmony, perfect peace.

^{1:3}Let us speak well of God, the Father of the One that has served us with His life. He has spoken well of us with the highest and most eloquent speech that could be found in the heavens, which is Jesus. Jesus is the word about every man. Jesus, all He is and all He possesses, is God's final declaration and eternal message about us.

^{1:4}This extravagant language is not something new we find in God. It has always been His plan that we would be in Him and fully like Him. His

extravagant love shapes us into co-owners of His love and life. His plan has always been that we would be co-loving, co-sharing and co-experiencing Him eternally as glorified human beings.

^{1:5}He set the boundaries wherein we can have relationship with Him. It is an everything or nothing situation. We will have all He is forever in immortal bodies like Jesus for free on account of Him. This is not a new plan but the original plan that He would never turn from. He will never partner with any other way of doing.

^{1:6}It was unacceptable in the eyes of God to see us under the bondage of death. What was acceptable was brought into the light in the resurrection of Jesus, giving us freedom from the bondage of sin, living in the hope of the glorification that awaits us in the resurrection. The way we are now is acceptable to Him. Slavery is unacceptable.

^{1:7}By His doing we have been redeemed from the power of sin, called the law of self-preservation. This freedom is not just a theory. We received redemption from the power of sin and death in the death He died when His blood flowed. Included in the freedom package is the manifestation of our new freedom by the power of His Spirit. All this is by His extravagant rich influence on our hearts on account of Him being good to us in Jesus when He raised him from the dead. This influence He has on us in His incarnation, death and resurrection is called GRACE.

^{1:8}This grace is the liberty unto a new holy life which greatly exceeds the boundaries of our imagination. This perfect liberation and access to His quality of life was carefully planned and powerfully brought forth by Him and Him alone.

^{1:9}He joyously let us in on all He planned in giving us eternal life, in the hope of immortality (the resurrection from the dead).

^{1:10}This is the plan: “Let it be on earth as it is in heaven.” His plan is to have earth explode with the glory of Jesus Himself. We are not excluded from it; it all started with Him and will also show in us. All death literally gone, eternal life fully expressed in all things.

^{1:11}The glory of the Son of God is actually our inheritance. What belongs to Him is equally ours. He is God’s view and opinion of us. What happened to Jesus when He was raised from the grave is our inheritance.

^{1:12}We inherited God! Those who believed that His doing is the only way unto life, freely gained His way of living and His endless life. The end goal is to have a quality of life that cannot but bring forth praises unto God eternally.

^{1:13}We believed in Him after hearing the good news of how we have been saved from the tyranny and bondage of our old husband, death. When we heard the good news of His resurrection that gives us the hope of eternal life in also being resurrected, everything changed. The moment we believed that the old has passed away and His immortal life in a human being at the right hand of

God is the only word about us, our lives exploded into a Spirit filled life of glory and good fruit. This is what He promised from the beginning.

^{1:14}This Spirit born life of freedom and Godly fruit is the proof that we have inherited His life, a life that will end up in holy immortality.

^{1:15-16}My communication with God continually erupts in praise after I heard of your “love explosion” for His people on account of believing and seeing what God sees. Every time I talk to Him I cannot but praise God for His life manifesting in you. I am overwhelmed by the good report of you sharing in His life.

^{1:17}As I pray, I find myself thanking and asking God, (the one who manifests His quality of life in us by His doing) to cause you to know and understand things from the perspective of all that He has done for you. I want you to understand what He planned for us. By knowing what He has done and planned for you, you will discover Him for who He really is.

^{1:18}As you start to see everything from the foundation of who God is and what He originally planned and achieved in Jesus, you will conclude that God inherited you as much as you inherited Him. As much as eternal life is His, it is yours. He was raised and so will you be. We cannot but expect the fullness of what Jesus is today to manifest in our lives.

^{1:19}Every believer of the truth in Christ will discover the greatness of the power of God as God

manifests the life He made available for them, in them, as they believe.

^{1:20-21}The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the power we talk about. There is no Name, neither thing that He does not have the rule over, be it in this life or the one to come. What this means is that nothing can keep you away from having what He intended for you. He had always been, and will remain the final word on your life.

^{1:22-23}Let me put it this way. He is above all things and no one has the say over Him. Since you are His body you shall not be shaped by the world but the world shall be shaped by Him in you. As you are glorified, made immortal by Him, all things will be co-glorified, made immortal. This is His will. It is all by His doing.

Ephesians Two

1 He has the rule over all, be it Jew or Gentile. This is proven by Him ruling over the death in you Gentiles by bringing forth His intended life in you, the wonderful life of His Spirit you now experience.

^{2:2}Just as the Jews, you Gentiles in Ephesus were completely given over, and in bondage to the core principle that manifested death in humans.

This death system is still at work and bringing forth bad fruit in all those that are ignorant and in unbelief of His original plan. Their unbelief in the truth is the opportunity death gladly uses to destroy them.

^{2:3}We as Jews were not excluded from sin's death-blow. We were as much given over and in bondage to death as you were. The fact that we were given the law-code did not save us from this death. As a matter of fact, we were worse off. Our minds and the desires of the flesh were running wild, manifesting sin and all forms of lust. Jews and Gentiles were both in the same sinking boat and in need of a life preserver.

^{2:4}God that loses His breath over us, the one that desires us, never lost vision of who we are and why we were made. Humbly he came and bowed His head in adoration of us in His kindness, by setting us free from the sin that destroys us. He has set us free and blessed us with one and the same kind of life Jesus was risen into. This you experienced first-hand, seeing the love-fruit you bear; it is His life in you.

^{2:5}Even we as Jews were dead in our sins. The good news is that our disobedience to the law did not render Him powerless. Our lives also co-exploded in a spirit led life of holiness and good fruit because of His goodness. The kind of life we experience is exactly the same life as what you experience, no nation is excluded from His grace. The new life we have today is not because we kept to the law-code. Our hearts were influenced unto the manifestation of it by His goodness

towards us. This heart influence unto salvation on account of His goodness is called grace.

^{2:6}The new life we (Jews as well as Gentiles) are experiencing now is completely different than that which we previously possessed. The quality of life we were raised up into is the proof that Jesus represents Jews as well as Gentiles. It proves that He is the Messiah of mankind and not just a certain nation. Jew and gentile are seated together in the heavens, no nation is on a higher level than the other, they are seated together. We have Christ as our life, we are co-seated in Him, in God. He forever destroyed the insider/outsider mindset that existed between Jew and Gentile by what He did.

^{2:7}This life is not only spiritual as you know very well. We see God bringing forth His fruit in our lives today. This is through His endless love in what He has done in Jesus. That is not all; since we are in Him we are the display window of heaven. God has perfectly set us up for endless goodness unto the manifestation of endless life. Through the believer all will see how powerfully rich His influence through goodness unto a new holy and sin free life really is.

^{2:8}I want to say this again and you can testify of it. The moment you had faith in His goodness HIS LIFE came forth in you. This new life, as you know, is because of His love effort and not your ethnicity. The life you now experience is a sheer gift, the very salvation from God.

^{2:9}This life is all His, its manifestation is all His doing, and not your laboring in good works.

He never asked for a helping hand in setting us free from sin and death, gifting us with the hope of resurrection. No man can boast in his flesh. You don't have this life because you are a gentile neither do we have it because we are Jews and have the law. We cannot take any glory for the God filled life that will have its full manifestation in immortality.

^{2:10}We cannot boast in who we are, neither on what we have been saved unto. Salvation is His plan and doing. Long before time, the trinity looked at the most exhilarating life they were living and said, "Someone needs to share in this life, it is so good". That someone is you, the life

He lived before time is prepared for you. He gave Himself to redeem you from any other life than His life. He raised you up into the fruitful life you live today. That is why there is no room for boasting in Jew/Gentile ethnicity, neither in the good we do. His life is a gift to us all.

^{2:11}Not too long ago you were still finding your identity in if you are circumcised or not. The law and the nation that received it (in this case the Jews), was the measure you measured yourself with. According to this system you were outsiders by the Jewish insiders.

^{2:12}At that time, you were living in the loneliness of ignorance, not having any hope of a savior or inheritance. You had no clue of what the covenants were about (as clueless as we were ourselves), you were completely left out of the conversation, sitting outside in the cold without hope of being warmed.

^{2:13}In Christ Jesus something wonderful happened, a universal re-creation took place. Jesus ended the insider outsider system forever. There would not be insiders neither outsiders. All there will be is people that have access to the life originally intended by faith. What brought the separation between Jew and Gentile is the law system. You are not outsiders; the blood of Jesus ended it all and you are now at the place God wanted us all.

^{2:14}Jesus spells harmony between Jew and Gentile. He ended the law-code which was the root of the separation system we were bound under.

^{2:15}Jesus fulfilled and eternally ended that which was the greatest separation between people known to man. It is called “the law”. The purpose of ending all of this is so that He could have a universal recreation of mankind from Jew/Gentile to a new man before Him. This new man would be the man that enjoys the new platform from where man communicates with God and has eternal life. This platform is that of the Man, Christ, in whom we believe.

^{2:16}The reason He ended the law system was simple; He wanted all people to be reconciled unto Him and His way of doing. In His death is the place where all people were united. Through the law all were sinners, both Jew and Gentile. Since Jesus became sin, all could be united in Him, since all were sinners. When He died we all died. The only life we have left is the one He was resurrected into. We are back at the beginning, we

are at the place where our life can only be in believing in, and trusting Him. This is true for both Jew and Gentile, since by the law we could see we were all in the same death boat, Jesus could then through His death and resurrection place us all in the same resurrection by faith boat.

^{2:17}Jesus in person declares peace unto all. God has brought all of us to the place where there is no more enmity. The enmity was taken out of the way in Christ. The separation between nations as well as the separation between you and the life God wanted for you is over.

^{2:18}Because of Him, Jew and Gentile both have access to the Father by the Spirit. What this means is that both have access to His life and the original plan by the power that raised Jesus from the dead, which we know is the Spirit of God. Idol worship, sacrifices or literal obedience to the law of Moses can never bring about that which He has planned for you.

^{2:19}Gentiles are part of a new kingdom. You are not outsiders but insiders. You are partakers of the kingdom of His love, where He is winning your heart over to trust Him to manifest His life in you, bringing forth your salvation from sin and death.

^{2:20}The foundation on which God is building His work in the earth, is the immortal man, Jesus Christ. This foundation was made clear by the first preachers of the Gospel.

^{2:21-22}As God lives in you, your lives are shaped into a holy place of thanksgiving and splendor, His dwelling place.

Ephesians Three

1 I am not in jail because I harmed any person. I am in jail because I declare the NEW MAN, where we know no man according to his ethnicity or obedience to laws. It is a life where we know no man according to sins manifesting in him. There is more to humans than flesh and works.

^{3:2}I think you know what I believe by now. I believe that no person was excluded from what Jesus has done. I boldly declare His influence on mankind.

^{3:3}I did not suck this message out of my thumb. Jesus appeared to me and told me what I know and shortly declared to you. What I declared to you might sound strange and like a fairy-tale to many, simply because it was not common knowledge. God knew it all the time and then told me what was going on.

^{3:4}By reading what I am writing to you, you will understand my insight into the mystery and I trust that you will see what I see for yourselves. I

am not trying to lead the blind, I want you to see what I see for yourselves.

^{3:5}The truth was only a mystery to the people of old. They knew very little to nothing about what is being revealed to mankind today. God gave messengers, apostles and prophets (people that can actually see Christ in the scriptures, take the prophets of old and explain them fulfilled in Jesus) and point Him out as tangible and not far from any person, declaring Him and the conclusion of what He accomplished.

^{3:6}Let me say it as it is. The Messiah was the messiah of all people, not just the Jews. All people got the same deal. Here is the deal. All were sinners and dying. All (Jew and Gentile) were made partakers of the same body. The body of Jesus was made sin and since all are sinners we were all included in His death. All have the promise of eternal life now; no person is excluded. All people died in Him and all were made new. Who is this All and what is the new? THE OLD ALL (works, Jew/Gentile man). All the people that were standing in the old man where self-preservation and assurance by works, was the platform from where attempts unto eternal life were made constantly. [THE NEW ALL] (Man that lives by trusting in God). The new man we became stands in open relationship with God, the platform from where we can exercise faith in what He has done. It is the man that can now have the hope of freedom from sin ending in immortality based on the doing of God alone. The man that can see and believe that God can manifest the

fulness of Jesus in him physically. We are a new faith man, not an old flesh/works man. Let all of us therefore believe.

^{3:7}The grace-given passion that drives me is to make all people see the truth. I want every person, Jew and Gentile, to see themselves included in what Jesus did for them. No more gentile exclusion! My life's dream by His grace is to see everyone respond to this truth by having faith in what Jesus did. By having faith in what He promised in His return on account of His resurrection.

^{3:8}Even unto me, the man who persecuted the Church, was given to see and declare all people included in the Messiah's work. The riches that came by Christ were for all people, and belong to all people. I am empowered by the power of this new life to declare this life to the Gentiles.

^{3:9}My passion is to declare every person's perfect union with the work of the Messiah. I am not to exclude the Gentiles from the lavish gift of righteousness revealed in Jesus, neither will I exclude the Jews. The original plan which was from the beginning of creation was brought into manifestation by Jesus. He brought it all into the tangible for us all to experience.

^{3:10}As you believe and are seeing the manifestation of the new life consuming your old life, angels and all the heavenly hosts are beholding the depths of God revealed in you. They are learning as you are living, really living, for the first time.

^{3:11}This extravagant life you are starting to experience, and the way by which it comes forth in you, is His plan in action through Jesus. This plan is not something new, it has always been His idea to Give you His life. He is bringing you to the manifestation of sons, which is immortality in His return.

^{3:12}Because of Him, the life we live is a loud and bold declaration of our access to the divine nature of God, the life unto eternal life by His resurrection.

^{3:13}Don't let the persecution I experience distract you. I know I am in jail because of the message I preached, bringing you the life you experience today. Don't confuse my experience with the hope of the resurrection. Don't be discouraged; stand strong and enjoy His life in you. What would break my heart is if you decide to walk away from the faith on account of my trouble. There is the hope of the resurrection that I want to see manifest in you. Stick to trusting what Jesus has accomplished, it will end in your glorification.

^{3:14-15}My prayer is to God, who is not ashamed to call all people His own by making His name available for every person.

^{3:16}The request of my heart is that the deepest part of your being finds its strength in the greatness of His goodness. This is experienced through the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit towards you. I want His goodness to persuade your heart to the point that everything you believe, and every conclusion you come to, finds its alpha

and omega in Christ. I pray that your encounter with Christ would not be a one-time encounter where you experience Him and then hide and run from the truth because of my persecution in jail.

^{3:17}I want Him and what he has done not only to be a visitor to your heart. I want you to give Him permanent residency because of the great love He has shown and constantly exercises towards you. Don't be threatened by those that persecute me.

^{3:18}I want you to have an excited mind, bearing the knowledge that what He has done is great, but there is more. Grab ahold of what he has done, grab ahold of the full dimensions of His love with the purpose to make use of it, not just to bear knowledge of it. Have a confident expectation that this truth has power unto manifestation of life.

^{3:19}Making His love the only reality in your life, the fullness of Him in you, will spill over on the outside, showing forth in your everyday life. This is how you will be filled with the experience of His fullness, manifesting unto immortality. His way of doing is to love you into the victorious life He planned for you from before time.

^{3:20}Unto Him that will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in you today, as well as manifest you as His sons, immortal human beings in the resurrection, be all the glory.

^{3:21}The glory revealed in the church through Jesus Christ belongs to God forever and ever. The eternal life that will manifest in the Church, the

literal making new of all things, will all be on account of Him.

Ephesians Four

1 Although I am in jail, it does not move what I believe about Him, in what He has done for me or you. Being locked up in jail does not become the reality of who I am and what He has accomplished in me in Christ. From this stable unmovable platform in Him, I give my advice. You have been called unto perfect union with Him, a place where who you are finds its origin in Him and not your ethnicity or works. Let this reality be the foundation of your walk in this life. Walk according to this truth and nothing else, expecting the blessed hope of the resurrection.

^{4:2}This walk I talk about is earmarked by humbly accepting His view about you and others as the only truth, standing in full agreement with God. It is a walk where you made peace with the fact that He made peace with you as well as others. This will result in a life of leniency and unity between you and all people. It is a life where the hope of eternal life, found in the union you have with God in Christ, ending up in immortality, is so stable that not even time or persecution can move you from your hope in Him.

^{4:3}Let your life be a life where every thought and action is born from the revelation of no difference between Jew and Gentile, where every fibre of your being finds life from the Spirit wherein God lives and reasons from. Let the reconciliation made available unto all people enjoy centre stage attention in your lives. Passionately guard your hearts against any other belief.

^{4:4}There is no other truth to believe in, so don't be open for "other truth". There is only one body made available unto salvation for both the Jew and Gentile, which is the resurrected body of Jesus. There is only one force that brings life and that is the Spirit of God. Forget any other teaching. The only hope you have is the hope of the Spirit of God raising you into immortality. There is only one thing we can expect with confidence. We can confidently expect the power of His resurrection bearing fruit in us today. What we can confidently expect in the last day, is that we will be manifested as immortal human beings, just like Jesus.

^{4:5}Let me say it this way. There is only one that has the rule over sin and death. There is only one having the power to manifest Gods' original plan in you. There is only one that served you with His life, His name is Jesus; there is no other. Why bother with principles and laws that are of lower ranking unto holiness and eternal life than Him, and what He brought forth? Nothing and no one has power over death but Him. There is only one true faith and that is the faith He has. His faith

is based on His view of you on account of what He has done and what is true in God, why bother with any other persuasion (faith) than that which is secure in the heart of God? There I nothing worth your while to become a disciple of, but the message that all died in Him. The only true baptism is the one where you are baptized into His death.

^{4:6}There is only one God, He is the Father of Jesus and above all things. Why bother with false gods? You are now finished with all that rubbish! He is the Father of Jesus and here is what it implies: He is the only God that decided to make a man, in this case Jesus, in whom the world is represented, to sit at His level. This is the place from were immortality became our portion. From there we pray “our” Father, since He is the father of Jesus He is ours also and we are in Him. He is the one that infused his own Spirit into us, by which He actuates and governs our thought and life. He is not just our Father as the one that brought us forth, but the Father of the victorious eternal, immortal life we are starting to experience now. This is how He finds His place and settles down in you all.

^{4:7}The goodness of God resulting in a new belief in your heart, demonstrated towards all people, will never be outside the boundaries of, “it is an influential gift and it is for free by Him and only Him...”, leaving no room for human efforts unto life. The gift He gave was the Messiah, the gift He gave was His life. He rewarded mankind with Himself. What God gave can never be

defined and understood outside of the work of Christ, leaving no room for Judaism or Idol worship.

^{4:8}This extraordinary gift is what David was talking about when he said, “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, it is even available for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.” We clearly see that Jesus received gifts that He could give mankind and that we are His destination. The gifts he received on behalf of us all enable Him to make us His home.

^{4:9}The one that ascended is the Jesus we preach, the one that walked amongst us all. He became God in flesh for us all. He incarnated our death stricken lives and blessed us with life by all He did.

^{4:10}He did more than that. After being glorified, He blessed heaven with an immortal glorified “God man.” When He sat down at the right hand of God. He blessed heaven and earth; all is now flooded with blessedness as the foundation from where life can shine forth in the believer.

^{4:11}As if blessing us with a seat in the Godhead is not enough, to make sure we have a full understanding of this blessedness, He further blessed us by giving us people that are “God gifted” to help us understand what He has done and what it concludes. These gifted servants of the church are there to serve you as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

^{4:12}The language they speak would be resonating with the inner truth that God has been speaking to you from your birth. They are there to get you to understand how one you are with God. They will declare how you have been restored to the original place in Him, thus making you complete with the completion of understanding and full persuasion of the truth. In their hearts, they are bearing the work of how God ministers life to you by what He did in Jesus. They are there to serve you with the ministration of reconciliation, declaring, and reminding you that you have been reconciled to Him. This reconciliation is Him putting an end to the death that wanted to destroy you, offering you eternal life. This is the purpose of the gifts He gave, edification unto the hope of immortality, does not matter what happens.

^{4:13}Their gift and passion is to continue to teach and encourage people to the fullness of understanding of the union there is between God and man in Jesus. We all need to come to the revelation and full persuasion of oneness. God is not far from you, neither is any man. Their purpose is to get you to see all people as a new kind of man, the kind where life is not found in ethnicity, worshiping of idols, or anything you do except trusting in Jesus, the Messiah of all people. They are there to help you come to the full application and conclusion of who Christ is and what He has done.

^{4:14}The life born from understanding the Gospel for what it truly is, is the only stable life.

The key ingredient of wrong doctrine is division and separation, which gives way to reliance and boasting in the flesh that ends in death. A life born from understanding the dimensions of His love for you will not be driven by the next, “get a breakthrough” or, “get blessed quickly” or by doing this or that scheme. These false teachings are normally driven by those willing to take the risk of gambling with your life to make them feel good in the flesh.

^{4:15}When you hear and believe the truth about who you are in your union with God, you will find that the power of His grace, flowing from Him and what He has done, floods every area of your life, causing you to experience the fullness that flows from Him, expressed in your emotions and actions.

^{4:16}With the truth found in the bond of unity in Christ, as the foundation of our new life, we can really be good to each other and love each other the way God loves us, as well as all people. As we see this love manifest, we see the church functioning in perfect unity, becoming stronger and stronger in the earth. At the end of the day the church is edified by the love that is in Christ manifesting in every person in the here and now. This is by knowing and believing the truth and nothing else.

^{4:17}I have said all of this to say the following, confirming and reminding you of what I have mentioned to you before. Be careful not to follow after the empty-headed wisdom that the Gentiles love to embrace unto their own destruction.

^{4:18-19}Walking in any other wisdom is called walking in darkness and you will never experience Him living in you that way. This I call alienation from His life where people only bear the fruit of lust in its wildest form instead of the good fruit He promises. Darkness blinded their hearts to the point that they don't feel the pain of sin leading them unto death. They even start to enjoy the torture. We don't ascribe the bad fruit to the person, for we know that the bad fruit is on account of the ignorance or unbelief he lives in, for it is not him sinning but the sin in him.

^{4:20}You have first-hand experience of this destructive life that has nothing to do with Christ. You know very well for yourself that Christ brought forth a completely different kind of fruit in you since the day you believed the truth. The wisdom you trust in, which is Jesus and what He accomplished, is the source of the good fruit in your life.

^{4:21}I would like to instruct you from the platform where you see all things from the perspective of being in Christ. Where Christ, what He has done, and what it concludes, is the logic you reason from. You have knowledge of this don't you? Yes you do, let me begin.

^{4:22}The first and foremost thing I want you to do is to completely forget the old way of believing concerning your life and God. That way of life leaves you wanting and can never satisfy you. This "wanting" is the platform from where destruction flows.

^{4:23}Let Jesus and what he has done, including all people in His great work be your new thought factory. Let the foundation from where you approach everything be Jesus and your union with Him. Get separation and the old way of thinking out of your mind. It is not relevant for it is not true at all.

^{4:24}Clothe yourself with the good fruit that only Christ can bring forth in your life. This is how. See yourself as a new man, a man that does not find life in self-preservation, by works, or by idol worship. See yourself fully united with God in the Man Jesus, for this is the only platform from where you can see His life manifest in you; this is the only way unto a holy life. The new man comes complete, holy and righteous, with no need to add to the package.

^{4:25}With this in mind, don't lie to each other about who and what you are. I have not lied to you in all my dealings I had with you when I declared you as new on account of Christ. Have Jesus as the only truth about every man. Jew and Gentile became all part of a new man. As I have explained before, the old has passed and we are now made new in Him. Forget separation through knowing people according to the flesh, which is the "OLD MAN"

^{4:26}Let us apply the new man practically. Should it be that you get angry at a brother, don't miss the mark by throwing out the baby with the bathwater in excluding the other from what Christ has done; stick with the truth. Be yourself and see him for who He really is. Don't go to bed angry;

you are a man of peace. Why torture yourself with thinking of another man's wrongdoing all night?

^{4:27}Don't give any place in your life to Satan, the one that puts focus on the flesh and human ability as the foundation from where you gather glory unto life. Don't give place to the accuser accusing you that you don't have enough and that you are not good enough.

^{4:28}If you steal for a living I have good news for you, the New Man is free from stealing and flooded with generosity, honoring others and what belongs to them. Let this truth about you, since you have been made a new kind of man, set you free to the point that you can enjoy giving to others, earning your money by working an honest job.

^{4:29}Let the truth about you in Jesus affect your mouth to a new kind of speech called the truth, a language that has its origin in Christ and what He concludes for you as well as all people. This language will have a divine influence on the heart and manifestation of godly virtues in the lives of those that really hear what you say. Don't speak grace opposing language, why live in the lie.

^{4:30}The Spirit of God is the heart of God, the life he made available for you, assuring your victory over death in Him. The good fruit He brings forth shows you what everything will amount to in the last day; holy resurrection unto immortality. Don't do Him wrong by accepting any other kind of life that does not belong to you. Why go back to Judaism or pagan idol worship

unto death, if He is your life, that would only frustrate Him since He wants to bless you.

^{4:31} Allow God to remove all bitterness, violence, evil passions, “OLD MAN” living and believing, from you. The new life belongs to you in reality and manifestation of His kind of living, not just in theory.

^{4:32} By belief in Jesus you can now be, instead of do. You can be helpful and be a person that feels the pain of others from the foundation that every man is separated from his sin in Jesus. This is a life where you don't confuse the person with what he has done. Since you are new in Jesus, believe it; that is how you walk in it. Don't suppress freedom. Give over to the new life, for it belongs to you.

Ephesians Five

1 I would like you to be an imitator of Christ but not from an outsider perspective, but birth. All the commands I am about to give should be expressed from the birth of beholding the glory of God in the face of the Man, Jesus. Fully associate yourself with the truth you behold in the Man Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of God.

^{5:2}Christ gave His life in His love for us and that is what I would like to see manifest in you, I want you to walk in love towards others where you freely and lovingly give of yourself. Since the love of God is contagious, the only way you will get to that point is by beholding His love towards you as well as all people. Have an open heart to see it manifest in you also.

^{5:3}Live in the reality of who you really are. Finding your fulfillment in cheap sex and the strong drive to have wealth is completely out of frequency with the real you. Don't let the worldly system influence your belief about what "blessed" means. This will only be unto the manifestation of something you are not, destroying what He intended for you.

^{5:4}Let me mention some things that are contrary to the real you. What I am about to mention manifests in a person forgetting what kind of man he is. Foolish talking, complaining all day long. Under the belt and degrading jokes. It leads to breaking down the value of a person, it is a life where what God made beautiful is treated as something cheap and worthless; it is filthy. What is natural and belongs to us is a life flooded with how much He loves us, exploding into thanksgiving.

^{5:5}It is common knowledge that no person that abuses his body, living in the filth of sexual immorality, where you find life is in how much sex you have, neither a person that loves to be rich, finding life in the abundance of his possessions, really grabbed ahold of what he

inherited in Christ. They are still living in the worship of “I am what I achieve”. If the god of ego, which forms the foundation of their belief cannot even free them from the love of money and sexual immorality, how will he be able to raise them up into immortality? Will it not eventually end in eternal death? Yes it will.

^{5:6}Do not be deceived by any person; there is no life in the flesh. God passionately said NO to partnering and giving life to the flesh system. His disassociation with identity by works can be clearly seen in the absence of life in those that are refusing to put their trust in Him. This unbelief will eventually result in being raised unto condemnation, which God wants to save you from. Keep away!

^{5:7}If God is not partnering with a system unto death, why will you want to be partakers of it by allowing its fruit in you? Keep your focus on Jesus and who you really are.

^{5:8}You were children of darkness. Every emotion and action in your life was born from the blindness of your wrong gentile beliefs. Now that you are believers in Jesus, don't frustrate the natural inclination that rises in you through the Spirit unto a holy life by confusing yourself in partaking in the life that you were saved from. You have been born from the revelation of His light that is now shining in your heart. Allow it to shine in your life by expecting and giving yourself to the good it prompts you to do from the inner man.

^{5:9}I would like you to know that the new life is more than a theory. It possesses the power to actually manifest in you. This is what you can and should expect. The fruit of your new life is manifested as a life flooded with goodness towards yourself and others. It is a life where you experience His life, flooded with love, never losing focus of Jesus as the truth of who you really are; this is what pleases God.

^{5:10}Since His life belongs to you. Your life is now the display window of His heavenly power unto a new life in human flesh.

^{5:11-12}Don't have the old system fornicate with your belief unto the manifestation of evil works. Make your body available for the manifestation of His life. In so doing you show forth what life really is. Why would you want to make what is holy (you are holy), available for that which is so bad that one cannot even mention it in public?

^{5:13}Everything that destroys and kills is brought to an end by the manifestation of Jesus in you. The new life manifesting in you is the light-life that God brings forth by His power. Any other form of life outside of His life is dim in comparison. As a matter of fact, it is exposed as darkness by the brightness of His life in you. The light of Christ is what brings life.

^{5:14}God had a new life in mind for us. That is why it is written, "get out of the dark room where you sleep all day in the ignorance of who and what you truly are." Christ is the light, revealing your origin and purpose. See it, believe it and live!

^{5:15}Walking outside of that which is revealed in Jesus, making yourself a slave of legalism and idol worship, would be defined as absolute foolishness in the light that reveals the truth about God and you. See that you walk in the revelation of the truth and not in that which is now declared as darkness. (It is unbelievable to think that we once thought Idol worship and Judaism as we knew it, was a bright revelation unto life coming straight from God)

^{5:16}Let us not give one second to the efforts every day presents which is unto saving ourselves, neither to the secret wisdom on account of pleasing an angry God. Those efforts and wisdom are declared as absolute foolishness in the light of the true life revealed in Jesus.

^{5:17}Live in Jesus who is the wisdom of God. Why present your own wisdom if God has made His available to you? You know His will revealed in the man Jesus seated at the right hand of God very well. What belongs to Jesus is yours and it is the will of the Father to manifest the fullness of the life He possesses in you. Stick to His wisdom; it is the only truth and bears eternal life.

^{5:18-19}Don't get drunk on wine, it will lead you to a place where you are not experiencing the fullness of what He has for you. Let your mind be flooded with the ministration of the Spirit to the point that you catch yourself talking to yourself, reciting the Psalms that declare what He has done for you, flowing over into worship that comes from a heart flooded by revelation of your union with Him.

^{5:20}Understanding the dimensions of His love causes happiness that brings forth praise in all things, so let it flow. Don't settle for anything less than what He planned for you. If what you see in Him does not cause praise in your heart, you need to look deeper into His goodness; look until praise flows out of you in abundance. Let praises flow from the revelation of what His name spells. His name spells forgiveness, innocence and eternal life.

^{5:21}From this foundation have respect for each other on account of God's great acknowledgment of His love for mankind.

^{5:22}From the foundation of His respect for us, we give advice. This kind of advice would be easy to follow since it is common design language for those that can see who and what they are on account of Christ. Let us start with the women. As you are not submitted to other gods but submitted to Christ, be submitted to your own husband and not the husband of another. Don't let another man be "the man" in your life.

^{5:23}The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by ruling over her but by making her see her beauty and true value.

^{*5:24}Just as the church submits to Christ as He exercises such a high quality of leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.

^{*5:25}Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church - a love marked by giving, not getting.

^{*5:26}Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything He does and says is designed to bring the best out of her,

^{*5:27}dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness.

^{*5:28}And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor - since they're already "one" in marriage.

^{*5:29}No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church,

^{5:30}since we are part of His body.

^{5:31}It is on account of this powerful principle of unity that a man shall leave his parents and cleave unto his wife.

^{5:32}There is much that can still be said about marriage that points to our relationship with God in Christ. The unity, closeness and intimacy is mind blowing.

^{5:33}What I am getting at is the following. Let every husband and every wife find the power for a healthy marriage from the revelation of their union with God in Jesus. It is especially simple to do in the area of marriage since it is the closest thing we have to resembling and being a perfect shadow of the real truth.

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Ephesians Six

1 It is holy, equitable and simply the right thing for children to give attention and make use of the instruction and guidance parents leading you in Jesus gives.

^{6:2}Have the highest value for your Father and Mother as they point you to the grace and goodness of Jesus. Obeying your parents as they instruct you unto Jesus as the merciful savior was even recorded in the Law of Moses. It is not something I am just sucking out of my thumb to keep the house tidy.

^{6:3}Obeying the instruction of your parents in the Lord will cause your life to flourish with the power of the kingdom of God. Your life will result in more than just a long life; it will result in immortality in the return of Jesus. His life will manifest and bring forth the real you.

^{6:4}Fathers, don't be weak and lazy in the things of the Lord. You don't want to lead your children, which I have just commanded, to obey you into the destruction that is part of a life without faith in Christ. Realize the power of your influence on them and teach them what the life Jesus has for them really is all about. The only

true education is to be educated in what Jesus has done for you, sharing in his life, and receiving His grace. That is what your children really need.

^{6:5}Servants and slaves, obey your masters from the strength the revelation of Christ brings to you.

^{6:6}His life in you is the real deal where your revelation of what God did for all will bring a maturity to what you do in the workplace. Your master will see that you are not just working for money but that there is a real depth to you and what you do.

^{6:7}The power that is between you and the Lord Jesus will show in your work.

^{6:8}What you do will be born from the revelation that Jesus also loves your master and died for Him. The master will not be the one defining who you are, neither will your income be. As you work from this kingdom mindset having true respect for all, you have tapped into something that is much greater than just working for the crumbs that fall from the master's table. You will work in the reality that God is the one that will see you through, that He is your true provider.

^{6:9}Whatever I have just said to the servants I also say to the masters and I add even a bit more. Don't threaten your people, don't drive them with fear. Look at your master in heaven; He never threatens you. The kingdom of God is not founded in an atmosphere of fear neither does He tap the last bit of strength from you for His own good. Is

it not that He came and served you with His life? Remember that in the eyes of God you are not better because you are a business owner, although it is the take this world has. Let the servants see that you are flooded with the life God served you with, respecting the servant as your equal before God. Remember that all people are the same.

^{6:10}Let me wrap this up. I don't want you to be weak in the knowledge, neither in experience on what Jesus has done. Be strong in the revelation of Him ruling over sin and death. Be strong in the revelation of His power unto a new life that includes you through the resurrection of Jesus.

^{6:11}There is an accuser out there that would want to harm you with guilt and condemnation, dumping you into the pit of hopelessness unto death. Take up what Jesus has provided for you and be clothed in it. The revelation of what He has done will act as powerful armor, protecting you against the accuser's attack of guilt and self-preservation by works.

^{6:12}Please note that we are not involved in a physical war here. The war is on our belief and the foundation from where we understand all things. The logic of this world, the thoughts and beliefs that have been driving this world for a long time are what we are up against.

^{6:13}Be clothed in the protection provided by Jesus giving you eternal life as a gift. What protects you against death is what God provided in Jesus. Let me go through it step by step as I explain to you what He has done and how it

protects you in this life unto the eternal life He promised.

^{6:14}This is what will keep you bearing fruit effortlessly. Continually seeing Jesus as the truth about you. Protect your heart by believing He always sees you in the light of your innocence in Jesus.

^{6:15}What takes the sting out of life, the pain out of walking in this world, is being flooded with the message of the good news, the news that He was raised. The message declaring our victory in His victory prepares you against anything that this life can throw at you.

^{6:16}Everything in your life is safe behind the protection that is provided in a heart that is at rest in the integrity of God revealed in Jesus when He raised Him from the dead. A life at rest in what Jesus has promised is not moved by the accusations the accuser will bring your way.

^{6:17}Let your mind always dwell on the fact that He promised you a holy life, a life where He saves you from sin and death. Remember it is not your work but His work to save you. Let your mind dwell on the fact that He is the savior and you are the one He saves. Think of His power that raised Jesus from the dead, promising you eternal life.

^{6:18}As you stand in all I have mentioned, make sure that you pray to God from the perspective that all things are subject to the power of His Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. Pray for all the brethren in the power that comes from the

Spirit of God; in the revelation of the resurrection we await.

^{6:19}Pray for me also. My desire is to speak in boldness and clarity. I want more opportunities to declare the conclusion the good news of His resurrection leads to.

^{6:20}This is what I want you to pray for. This bold clear preaching got me into jail and I want the strength to continue to preach as I always did, even if it is from the jail.

^{6:21-22}Tychicus, a man who keeps to the good news that Jesus was raised from the dead, is with me now. He will come to you and answer all the questions you have about me. The good news he carries will comfort your hearts; he is truly stuck on the true Gospel and he will bless you all.

^{6:23}I have to greet you now. The harmonious life where your life is entangled with the life of God that springs forth from seeing and believing how He loves you, be with you continually.

^{6:24}The power that brings forth the life God promised, eternal life, manifests in all that loves and embraces what God did in Jesus. This power is with you. Amen

(to the Ephesians, written in Rome by Tychicus)