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Ephesians

I am Paul. The Messiah Jesus sent me to represent him because that is what God¹ 1 wanted. I write this letter to the people whom God has set apart for himself who are living God our Father May² .and who are loyal to the Messiah Jesus ¹[in the city of Ephesus] .peaceful make you kind to you and continue to be and our Lord Jesus the Messiah

Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! He has blessed us with every In .kind of spiritual blessing that comes from heaven because we belong to the Messiah fact, even before God created the world, he chose us to belong to the Messiah, so that the he decided long, Messiah could make us completely holy for him. Because God loves us ago to adopt us as his own children by means of Jesus the Messiah. It pleased him to do Because of this, we now praise God for being so, this, so he did what he wanted to do amazingly kind to us, far beyond what we could deserve, as he blessed us by means of his .Son whom he loves

When Jesus died in our place, he paid the price for our sin. That is, when he died for ⁷ .us, God forgave us our sins because that is how abundantly and generously kind he is God knew that we would need him to be extremely kind to us in this way because God⁸ In this way, God has now revealed to us his .knows everything and is completely wise plan that he had not revealed to anyone before—a plan that he was pleased to accomplish In this plan, when the time was just right, the Messiah 10 .through the work of the Messiah would unite all things under himself so that all things in heaven and all things on earth Because of what the Messiah has done, God has also 11 .would belong to the Messiah claimed us as his own. He planned to do this long ago, and he always does exactly what he In God's plan, we Jews, who were the first to trust in the Messiah, would 12 .wishes to do Then you non-Jews also heard the true 13 .live to praise God because he is so great message, the good news of how God saves you, and you believed in the Messiah. When you did that, God marked you as belonging to the Messiah by giving you the Holy Spirit, as The Holy Spirit is like a down payment that proves that God will .he had promised to do also give to us everything else that he has promised to give to us at that time when he will !release everything that he has for us. Praise God because he is so great

Because God has done all of this for you, and because people have told me how you 15 I thank God for you 16 ,trust in the Lord Jesus and how much you love all the believers I pray that the God of our ¹⁷ .constantly as I talk to God about you when I pray to him Lord Jesus the Messiah, the glorious Father, will give you his Spirit to make you wise and I pray that God may 18 .to reveal God to you so that you can continually know him better enable you to see things as they truly are so that you may know the wonderful plan that God has for us because he has called us to be his people. I pray that you may know how .wonderful and abundant are the things he promises to give to us and to all the believers And I pray that you will know how exceedingly powerfully God acts for us who believe 19 as he was for the Messiah when he²⁰ in the Messiah. He is just as powerfully strong for us caused the Messiah to become alive again after he died, and raised him to the place of The Messiah rules as supreme there over every ruler and 21. highest honor in heaven powerful spirit on every level of authority and over every being that people revere. He rules God has made everything to be subject to the 22 .over them not only now, but forever Messiah and has appointed the Messiah as the ruler over everything among all believers We believers relate to the Messiah as the parts of a person's body relate to 23 .everywhere its head. He supplies what is lacking for all believers just as he completes everything .everywhere

Before you trusted the Messiah, you were spiritually dead—you were unable to ¹ 2

You used to live in a sinful way, guided by the spirit of this world. You were ² .stop sinning guided by the ruler of the evil spirits who controls the authorities of this world. This ruler is All of us used to live in the ³ .Satan, who now works through the people who disobey God same way as these people who disobey God; we did the evil things that we desired, things that would bring pleasure to our bodies and our minds. We deserved that God should be .very angry with us, just as he is with the other people

God loved us so⁵ .But God is very merciful to us because he loves us very much⁴ much that even when we were spiritually dead and constantly sinning, he made us alive by joining us to the Messiah. Remember, when God saved you from being spiritually dead, he God saved us from being⁶ .was being very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve spiritually dead just as he raised Jesus from being physically dead and he made us spiritually alive with him. Then he gave us seats of honor to rule with the Messiah Jesus in He did that to show to everyone in all future times how exceedingly gracious he⁷ .heaven .is in being kind to us by joining us to the Messiah Jesus

So God was very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve when he saved you from being spiritually dead. He did this because you trust in Jesus. You have not saved a gift that no one can earn, so no one can boast and —yourselves; this is a gift from God So God is making us what he wants us to be; through the 10 .say that he has saved himself Messiah Jesus he has created us as new people to do good things—things that God had .previously arranged for us to do

So remember that previously you non-Jewish people according to who your ancestors were did not belong to God's people. The Jews insulted you by calling you "the uncircumcised." They call themselves "the circumcised." By this they mean that they, not you, are God's people, although circumcision is something that humans do that only "Remember that" changes the body, not something that God does that changes the spirit at that time, you were separated from the Messiah. You were foreigners to the people of Israel. You did not share in the things that God promised in his agreements with them. You did not confidently expect that God would save you. No, you were living in this world But now, because you have trusted in Jesus the Messiah, God 13 .completely without God has brought you into his family, even though before that you did not know him. This was .possible because the Messiah died on the cross for you

It is the Messiah who has made it possible for Jews and non-Jews to live peacefully ¹⁴ with each other. He made the two separate groups into one group. The two groups hated each other, but he took away every reason for hating each other when he died for all of us He made it no longer necessary for us to obey the commandments and requirements of ¹⁵ the Jewish law for him to accept us. He did this in order to make the Jews and the non-Jews into one new people who would live peacefully together because of their relationship to He did this in order to reconcile both groups to God as one group by dying on the ¹⁶ .him cross for all of them. By dying for them, Jesus made it possible for them to stop being Jesus came and announced the good news that we can ¹⁷ .enemies to each other and to God ,be at peace with God; he announced this to you non-Jews, who did not know about God Because of what Jesus did for us, both Jews ¹⁸ .and to us Jews, who did know about God .and non-Jews now can come to God the Father with the help of God's Spirit

Therefore now you non-Jews are no longer left out of God's people, but instead you are fellow members with those whom God has set apart for himself, and you belong to You are like stones that God has put together into a building, and the God's family apostles and prophets are like the foundation stones of that building. You depend on what they have taught, just as building stones depend on the foundation stones below them to form a wall that is upright and strong. The Messiah Jesus himself is like the cornerstone Jesus determines where each person which is the most important stone of the building

belongs, just as the cornerstone determines where each stone fits in the building. Just as a builder joins stones together to make a holy temple, Jesus is assembling his family of Because you belong to Jesus, he²² .believers to be one holy group which serves the Lord is building you up together, both Jews and non-Jews, into one family that is like a building .in which God lives by means of his Spirit

Because God is working out this plan for you non-Jews, I, Paul, pray to the $^1\,3$

I² .Father for you, even as I am in prison because I serve the Messiah Jesus for your sake assume that people have told you about me, that God has given me the task of God told me this³ .communicating to you non-Jews his plan to be extremely kind to you message that people did not understand before by revealing it to me directly, just as I wrote As you read that, you can perceive that I clearly understand things⁴ .to you before briefly Formerly, God did not fully⁵ .that God had not previously revealed about the Messiah reveal this message to people, but now his Spirit has revealed it to his holy apostles and The message is this: the non-Jews now share together with Jews the spiritual⁶ .prophets riches of God and belong to the same group of God's people and will share all the things God has promised to his people because they are joined to the Messiah Jesus as a result of I now serve God by telling people this good news. God was⁷ .believing the good news very kind to me and gave me this work to do even though I am not worthy of it, and he .enables me to do it by powerfully working in me

:Although I am the least worthy of all of God's people, God kindly gave me this gift⁸ he appointed me to proclaim to the non-Jews the good news about the unending spiritual and to enable everyone to understand what God's⁹ blessings that the Messiah has for us plan is. This plan is something that God, who created everything, has kept hidden from God hid this plan so that as he reveals it now by making it happen in those¹⁰ .long ago who believe, he also reveals to the spiritual authorities at the highest levels how profoundly This is the plan that God has always had, and it is what he accomplished¹¹ .wise he is So now, because of what Jesus has¹² .through the work of the Messiah Jesus, our Lord done, we can come to God freely and confidently because, when we trust in Jesus, he joins So please do not be discouraged by the things that I am suffering here in¹³ .us to himself .prison on your behalf, because they produce a glorious result for you

He is ¹⁵ .Because God has done all this for you, I kneel and pray to God our Father ¹⁴ the original father, who gave the pattern for every family in heaven and on the earth to I pray that God will give you his Spirit to strengthen your spirit in proportion to ¹⁶ .follow I pray that the Messiah may stay as close to you as your ¹⁷ .how abundantly great he is

own hearts because you trust in him, and that everything that you do and say will be a so that you may be fully ¹⁸ result of God's love for you and your love for him and others .able to understand, along with all of God's people, how very much the Messiah loves us

I pray that you will come to know how much the Messiah loves us, even though he^{19} loves us so much that we cannot understand it. I pray that God will give you a full measure .of everything that he is

Praise God, who is able to do much more than anything that we ask him to do, or ²⁰ May ²¹! even that we think that he can do, because of how powerfully he works within us all believers praise him for how great he is and for the awesome work that he has done through the Messiah Jesus! May they praise him throughout all generations forever! May it be so

Because of all this, as someone who is in prison because I serve the Lord Jesus, I¹ 4

Always² appeal to you to live in a way that honors Jesus, who called you to live for him be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, enduring the bothersome things that Since God's Spirit has united you, do everything³ others do because you love each other that you can to remain united with one another. Bind yourselves together by acting ,God only has one family of believers and one Holy Spirit⁴ peacefully toward each other ,just as he also called all of you to receive the one and only thing that people can hope for ,There is only one Lord, Jesus the Messiah⁵ that belongs to you whom God has called .only one way to believe in him, and they baptized us to show that we belong to him alone There is one God, who is the Father of all of us, whether Jew or non-Jew. He rules over⁶ all of us, works through all of us, and is in all of us

To each one of us God has given spiritual gifts in just the way that the Messiah has 7 , That is why the scripture says 8 . decided that we should have them

As he went up to the high place

,he brought with him many people whom he had captured

and gave gifts to his people

The words "he went up" certainly make us know that the Messiah had also previously ⁹

The Messiah, who came down to earth from ¹⁰ .gone down to the lower parts of the earth heaven, is also the one who returned upward to the most exalted position in heaven in order As gifts to his people, he appointed some of them to be ¹¹ .that he might fill the universe apostles, some to be prophets, some to seek out people to tell them the good news about God appointed all of ¹² .Jesus, and some to care for and to teach the groups of believers

them to prepare God's people to do the work of serving others so that all the people who This work will continue until all 13 .belong to the Messiah might become spiritually strong of us together become what God wants us to be: united as we together fully trust in the Son —of God and experience his working in us, and completely mature as a group of believers Then we will no 14 .as fully mature in trusting and knowing God as the Messiah himself longer be spiritually immature, as little children are immature. We will no longer follow every new teaching, always changing what we believe like a boat that goes one way and then the other as the wind and waves change direction. We will not allow clever people Rather than that, as we lovingly 15 .who teach what is false to deceive us with their lies speak to each other what is true, let us become more and more like the Messiah in every He is the one 16 .way as he directs us, just like a person's head directs the person's body who joins us all together and keeps us connected to each other. He teaches us how to support each other and to work in a coordinated way as he gives the ability that is appropriate to each one of us, just as a person's head does that for the parts of his body. In .this way, as we love each other, we will grow together and make each other stronger

For that reason, and with the authority of the Lord Jesus, I tell you this: from now on ¹⁷ you must not live in the same way as the other non-Jews live. The way that they live comes They are unable to think clearly about what is right or ¹⁸ .from an empty way of thinking wrong because they try to live completely separated from God. They do this because they .do not know what they are missing and because they stubbornly refuse to obey God

They have become unable to sense if something is good or bad, and so they have ¹⁹ devoted themselves to doing whatever shameful things their bodies desire. They commit all .kinds of immoral acts and want to do them more and more

the extent that you have heard and understood the message about Jesus and have learned Your teachers taught you to stop living from him, since his way is the true way to live the way that you used to live. Because you desired to do evil things, you deceived yourselves into thinking that those things were good. Living like that was destroying you ,So you must let God give you a new spirit and a new way of thinking spiritually and you must start living like the new person that God created you in his own image to desired. He created you to live in the right way with each other and with himself, in the true way .of Jesus

So stop lying to one another. Speak truthfully to each other because we belong to 25 Be angry about sinful behavior, but do not sin 26 .each other as members of God's family because you are angry. Before the end of each day, take care of whatever has made you Those who 28 .so that you will not allow the devil to do evil things among you 27 angry

have been stealing must not steal anymore. Instead, they must work hard, doing good work .by their own efforts so that they may have something to give to those who are needy Do not say harmful things. Instead, say good things that will encourage people when ²⁹ God³⁰ .they need help so that God can work through your words to benefit those who hear has marked you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, who will be with you until the day that the Messiah will rescue you from this world. So do not make the Holy Spirit of Do your best to completely stop behaving in these ways: Do³¹ .God sad by how you live not be resentful or furious toward others or even become angry with others. Do not shout Rather than³² .abusively at others or slander others. Never act maliciously in any way behave like that, be kind to one another. Act mercifully toward each other. Forgive each other in the same way that God also forgave you through what the Messiah has done for .you

Because of what God has done for you, imitate him just as children imitate the ¹ 5

Do everything in a way that shows that you love others. Be² .father who loves them dearly like the Messiah, who loved us so much that he willingly died for us on the cross as the But³ .offering and sacrifice to God in our place. This sacrifice pleased God very much there should be no reason for anyone to even suggest that any of you are involved in sexual sin or any kind of immoral or obsessive sexual behavior. Such sins do not belong among When you speak to each other, do not tell obscene stories or say foolish ⁴ .God's people things or joke about committing sins. Such things are not what people who belong to God It is quite true that these⁵ .talk about. Instead, express the things that you are thankful for people will be excluded from the kingdom of the Messiah who is God: everyone who is sexually immoral or indecent, or who is obsessed with sex, which is the same as

Do not let anyone deceive you by telling you that God will not ⁶ .worshiping an idol punish people who do these things. It is because of these very things that God will punish .the people who disobey him

Remember that ⁸ .So do not join with those people in doing these kinds of sins ⁷ before you believed in the Lord Jesus, you did not know what was true, just as people who are in a dark place do not know what is around them. But now it is as though you have come out into the light, because the Lord has shown to you what is true. So live in the way Because just as people who have light will walk in the ⁹ .that the Lord has shown to you right way, as a result of knowing Jesus you can always live in a way that is good, right, and So do not participate ¹¹ .As you live this way, keep learning what pleases the Lord ¹⁰ .true .together with those who are doing the worthless deeds that they do in spiritual darkness Of course it is shameful for ¹² .Instead, expose to everyone how worthless those deeds are

but it is ¹³ ,God's people to even talk about the evil things that those people do in secret necessary for us to expose them so that people can know and understand that these deeds are evil. This is like when we bring something into the light in order to reveal to everyone .what it truly is. Then people can examine and judge that thing that light has exposed

Before you knew God you were like someone asleep or dead in a dark place. This is 14, what believers are talking about when they say

!You who are asleep, wake up"
!You who are dead, come out of the darkness and live
,The Messiah will show you what is true
".just as a light that shines shows people what was in the darkness

"So be very careful how you live. Do not behave as foolish people do. Instead 15 "Do the most good that you can with the time that you have 16 "behave as wise people do So be wise, understand 17 "because people are doing more and more evil things every day !well what it is that the Lord Jesus wants you to do, and do it

Do not become drunk by drinking alcoholic drinks, because people cannot control ¹⁸. themselves when they are drunk. Instead, let God's Spirit control what you do at all times Sing to each other Psalms and songs about the Messiah and songs that God's Spirit ¹⁹. At ²⁰. gives you. Let this music come from deep within you as sincere praise to the Lord all times thank God the Father for everything because of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah Humbly submit yourselves to each other because you deeply respect ²¹. has done for you .the Messiah

Wives should submit to their own husband's leadership as they do to the Lord²²⁻²³

Jesus because the husband is the leader of the wife as also the Messiah is the leader of the worldwide assembly of believers. He is the Savior who has saved all believers from being As for wives, just as all believers submit themselves to the²⁴ .condemned for their sins authority of the Messiah, in the same way wives must also submit themselves completely to .the authority of their husbands

Each of you husbands, love your wife as much as the Messiah loved all who would²⁵ so that he might set us²⁶ believe in him. He even gave up his own life for us on the cross apart for himself. He purified us by telling us his plan to forgive us and by removing our He did this so that he could present the²⁷ .sins as though washing them away in water group of all believers to himself as a glorious group that does not have any sin or moral .imperfection, but instead is holy and perfect, like a glorious bride ready to meet her groom .In that same way, each man should love his own wife as much as he loves his own body²⁸

because no one ever²⁹⁻³⁰ A man who loves his wife is also, by doing that, loving himself hated his own body. Instead, he feeds his own body and cares for it, just like the Messiah also cares for all us believers in his worldwide assembly. We have become one group of :The scriptures say this about people who marry³¹ .believers that belongs to him

Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother and will join himself to his wife."

"and the two of them will become as though they were one person."

There is very much about this that we cannot understand, but I am telling you that ³² this example of a husband and wife also helps us to understand the relationship between the However, as for you, each man ³³. Messiah and the group of people who belong to him must love his wife just as he loves himself, and each woman must deeply respect her .husband

As for you who are children, obey your parents as a way of serving the Lord 6, God commanded in the scriptures 2. Jesus because it is right for you to do that Greatly respect your father and mother." That is the first law that God commanded in ", which he also promised something. He promised

".If you do that, you will prosper, and you will live a long time on the earth".

As for you who are fathers, do not treat your children in a way that makes them⁴ become angry. Instead, bring them up well by instructing them and by disciplining them in .the manner that the Lord Jesus wants you to do

As for you who are slaves, very respectfully and sincerely obey those who are your⁵

Obey them not only when they⁶ .masters here on the earth, just as you obey the Messiah are watching you, as people do who only care about appearing to work hard. Instead, work as though you were slaves of the Messiah, doing enthusiastically what God wants you to Serve your masters willingly, as though you are serving the Lord Jesus rather than⁷ .do

Do this because you know that the Lord Jesus will reward each person for⁸ .people whatever good deeds that person has done. It makes no difference whether that person was .a slave or a free person

As for you who are masters, just like your slaves should serve you well, in the same way you must treat them well. Stop threatening them. Do not forget that the one who is both their Lord and your Lord is in heaven and he judges all people equally whether their position is high or low.

Finally, rely completely on the Lord Jesus to strengthen you spiritually because he is ¹⁰

Just as a soldier puts on all of his armor to be ready to fight his ¹¹ .immeasurably strong enemy, you should use every spiritual resource that God provides for you so that you may Remember that we ¹² .successfully resist the devil when he cleverly schemes against you are not fighting against other human beings. Instead, we are fighting against the demons who have authority to rule over the people doing evil things in this evil time, that is, against That is why you must use well all of the spiritual ¹³ .the evil spirits who live in the air ,resources that God has given you, like a soldier who puts on all of his armor. If you do that you will be able to resist the evil spirits when they attack you. You will also be ready for .when they attack you again and able to continue to live well for God

You must be ready to resist the devil and his evil spirits just as soldiers must always 14 be ready to resist the enemy. To do that, keep thinking about the true things that God has shown you. Also, continue to act righteously. This will protect you like a soldier's armor Just like a soldier who keeps his boots on, be ready to go anywhere 15. protects his chest .you are needed for the sake of the good news that tells people how to be at peace with God Just as a soldier holds up a shield to stop the flaming arrows that his enemy shoots at ¹⁶ him, you must keep trusting firmly in the Lord at all times. That will protect you from all of .the things that your enemy, Satan, the evil one, will try to do to harm you spiritually Also, as a soldier relies on a helmet to protect his head, rely on the fact that God has ¹⁷ saved you. And just as a soldier uses a sword to defeat his enemies, use the weapon that Whenever you pray 18. God's Spirit gives you, which is the message that comes from God to God and request things from him, always let God's Spirit direct you in how you pray and what you pray for. To be most effective, keep watching to see what God is doing, and be Pray for me, also, that God¹⁹ .persistent as you continue to pray for all of God's people would tell me what I should say whenever I speak, in order that I may boldly tell others the It is because I have been 20 .good news about the Messiah that people did not know before telling people about the Messiah that I am now representing him here in prison. Pray that as I continue to tell others about the Messiah, I may speak boldly because that is how I ought .to speak

Now in order that you may know about what is happening with me and what I am²¹ doing, Tychicus will tell you everything that is happening here. He is a fellow believer That is the reason²² .whom we all love very much, and he serves the Lord Jesus faithfully that I am sending him to you with this letter; I want you to know how we are, and I want .him to comfort and encourage you

I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah may give to all of you²³ fellow believers a peaceful spirit and enable you to love each other and to continue to trust

I pray that God will continue to act graciously among all people who steadfastly 24 .in God .love our Lord Jesus the Messiah