

The New Union

Ephesians 2:11-18

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 - a. He is our peace v.14
 - b. He made peace v.15
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Where on Earth Does God Live?

Ephesians 2:19-22
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Matthew 21:12,13; 23:27,38

I. We are Fellow Citizens v.19a

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- A. Individually - 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
- B. Corporately - 1 Corinthians 3:16-17
 - 1. The Foundation - Apostles & Prophets
 - a. Ephesians 2:20
 - b. 1 Corinthians 3:11-12
 - 2. The Cornerstone - Jesus Christ
Ephesians 2:20
 - 3. The Building - Living Stones
1 Peter 2:1-5

What on Earth is God Doing?

Ephesians 3:1-6
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Introduction: Matthew 16:18
Definition of a Mystery - Romans 16:25-26

I. Paul's Perspective vv.1-2

- A. A Prisoner of Jesus Christ
- B. A Prisoner of the Gentiles
 - 1. Acts 9
 - 2. Acts 11
 - 3. Acts 13
 - 4. Acts 21
- C. A Steward of God's Grace
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 9;16
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 4;12

II. God's Revelation vv.3-4

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- A. The Definition
 - 1. Verse 5
 - 2. Colossians 1:24-26
- B. Jew and Gentile Together

Paul - the Apostle to the Gentiles

Ephesians 3:7-13
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I. Paul's Ministry v.7

- A. Initiated by the Grace of God - 1 Corinthians 15:10
- B. Continued by the Power of God - Colossians 1:29

II. Paul's Humility v.8a

III. Paul's Responsibility vv.8b-9

- A. To Preach the Unsearchable Riches of Christ
- B. To Make Clear the Dispensing of the Mystery

IV. God's Purposes vv.10-12

- A. Designed to Display His Wisdom
 - 1 Corinthians 11:10
 - 1 Peter 1:12
 - 1 Corinthians 4:9
 - 1 Timothy 5:21
- B. Planned in Eternity Pas
- C. Accomplished in Christ
- D. Granted Us Confident Access

V. Paul's Perspective v.13

Making Christ Comfortable

Ephesians 3:14-17a
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Paul's love for the church
Christ's love for the church - Ephesians 5:25
Prayer for Enlightenment - Ephesians 1:15-23
Prayer for Enablement - Ephesians 3:14-21
Philippians 1:8-11
Colossians 1:9-1

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II. The Reason for Paul's Prayer v.14

- A. The Indwelling Triune God 2:22
- B. The Intense Desire of Paul
Galatians 4:19

III. The Scope of God's Family v.15

- A. John 8:44
- B. 1 John 3:8-10

IV. Paul's First Request vv.16-17a

- A. "According to God's Riches"
 - B. To be strengthened by the Spirit - Galatians 4:16
 - 1. In the inner man - 2 Corinthians 4:16
 - 2. So Christ will be at home - Colossians 3:16

Tapping Spiritual Power

Ephesians 3:17b-21

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I. Strengthened by the Spirit vv.16-17a

II. Grasping the Love of Christ vv.17b-19a

A. John 13:34

B. 1 Peter 1:22

C. 1 Peter 4:8

D. Galatians 5:22

III. Filled with the Fullness of God v.19b

IV. Releasing the Power of God v.20

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A. Ephesians 1:6

B. Ephesians 1:12

C. Ephesians 1:14

The Worthy Walk

Ephesians 4:1

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I. The Proper Approach to Christian Living

A. Doctrine, then Duty

B. The Example of Romans

C. The Example of Galatians

D. The Example of Colossians

E. Specific Scripture

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

2. Proverbs 23:7

3. Ephesians 4:23

4. Ephesians 1:17

5. Philippians 1:9

6. Colossians 3:10

7. 11 Peter 3:18

8. Colossians 1:28

II. The Exhortation to Walk Worthy 4:1

A. "Walk" - Daily conduct

B. "Worthy" - Balance the Scale

1. Philippians 1:27

2. Colossians 1:10

C. Every Christian is Called into the Ministry

Unity in the Body

Ephesians 4:2-6

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Introduction: The worthy walk defined in Ephesians 4-6

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A. Humility

1. Proverbs 16:5
2. 2 Corinthians 10:12

B. Meekness

1. Numbers 12:3
2. Matthew 11:29
3. Galatians 5:23

C. Patience

D. Forbearing Love

1. John 13:35

II. The Exhortation to Unity v.3

A. John 17:20-23a

B. Romans 12:5

III. The Basis for Unity vv.4-6

A. One Body

B. One Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:13

C. One Hope - Ephesians 1:13-14

D. One Lord - John 14:6; Acts 4:12

E. One Faith - Jude 3

F. One Baptism - Matthew 28:19-20

G. One God

The Gift-Giving Christ

Ephesians 4:7-10

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Introduction:

-Unity in the Body

-Diversity in the Body

-Giftedness

1. Not natural abilities - 1 Cor. 2:1,4
2. Not a sign of spirituality - 1 Cor. 11:17
3. Gifts are important - 1 Cor. 12:1
4. The Holy Spirit is the Source - 1 Cor. 12:11
5. Gifts are for edification - 1 Cor. 14:12, 26
6. Different from fruit of the Spirit - Gal. 5:22
7. Can have a gift and not use it - 1 Tim 4:14; 1:6
8. Each gift is a characteristic of Christ

Text:

-Verse 7

-Verse 8

-Verse 9

-Verse 10

The Christian Put-On

Ephesians 4:17-24

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Introduction: The Transformation of Salvation

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Titus 2:11-12
- 1 John 3:8-9
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Galatians 5:19-21
- Ephesians 5:5-7
- Matthew 7:13

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- A. Futility v/17b
 - 1. 1 Thessalonians 4:5
 - 2. 1 Peter 4:3
 - 3. 2 Timothy 4:3
- B. Darkness v.18a
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- D. Ignorance v.18c
- E. Hardness vv.18d-19
 - 1. Romans 1:21-28
 - 2. John 12:37-40

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- A. Put Off v.22
- B. Be renewed v.23
- C. Put Off v.24

The Exchanged Life

Ephesians 4:25-32

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- A. Acts 5
- B. Revelation 21:8
- C. John 8:44
- D. John 17:17

II. Trade Sinful Anger for Righteous Anger vv.26-27

- A. Psalm 69:9
- B. Psalm 97:10
- C. James 4:7

III. Trade Stealing for Giving v.28

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- B. 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- C. 1 Timothy 5:8
- D. Colossians 3:23-24

IV. Trade Rotten Talk for Edifying Words vv.29-30

- A. Ephesians 5:3-4
- B. Colossians 3:8
- C. Matthew 12:34
- D. Proverbs 15:23

V. Trade Sinful Qualities for Christ-like Virtues v.31-32

- A. Matthew 18:21-35

Employment Relationships

Ephesians 6:5-9

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- Our relationships of enmity - Ephesians 2:14-18
- Our desire to be a peacemaker - Ephesians 2:14-18
- Our priority of involvement - Ephesians 4:12
- Our speech - Ephesians 4:25,29
- Our reactions - Ephesians 4:26-27
- Our attitudes - Ephesians 4:31-32
- Our lifestyle - Ephesians 5:1-21
- Our marriages and families - Ephesians 5:22-6:4
- Our employment relationships - Ephesians 6:5-9

I. Servants: Obey vv.5-8

- A. With Respect and Fear
- B. In Sincerity of Heart
- C. As Unto Christ
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 2. Colossians 3:23
- D. With Consistency
- E. With Inner Motivation
- F. Wholeheartedly

II. Masters: Treat Fairly v.9

-James 5:4

Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:10-14

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- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- James 4:7
- Matthew 6
- Luke 22
- John 17:15

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- A. Ephesians 1:15-20
- B. Ephesians 3:20
- C. 1 John 4:4
- D. Colossians 1:11
- E. 1 Corinthians 15:58

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- A. Philippians 2:13
- B. 1 Corinthians 15:10
- C. Colossians 1:29

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- A. The Belt of Truthfulness
- B. The Breastplate of Righteousness

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:14-17

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Introduction: Our Battle

-Romans 13:12-14

-1 Thessalonians 5:5-9

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Wholehearted sincerity to live the Christian life

II. The Breastplate of Righteousness v.14b

Holy living, walking worthy of our calling

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B. Romans 5:1

C. Romans 8:28 -38

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The Assurance we have in our future Hope

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B. 1 Corinthians 15:21

C. 2 Corinthians 4:8-14

D. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Spiritual Resources

Ephesians 6:17-24

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B. "Rhema"

C. 1 John 4:4

D. Matthew 4:1-11

II. Prayer v.18

A. At All Times

1. Luke 21:36

2. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

3. Psalm 55:17

B. All Prayer and Supplication

Praise, Thanksgiving, Intercession, Supplication

C. All Perseverance and Watchfulness

1. Watch = Spiritual Alertness

2. Perseverance

a. Romans 12:12

b. Colossians 4:2

D. For All Saints

1. "Our Father"

2. Paul's Specific Request