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Book 49 Ephesians 001:001 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus: 001:002 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 001:003 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ; 001:004 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blemish before him in love; 001:005 having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire, 001:006 to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which he freely bestowed favor on us

in the Beloved, 001:007 in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 001:008 which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 001:009 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him 001:010 to an administration of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, in him; 001:011 in whom also we were assigned an inheritance, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his will; 001:012 to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ: 001:013 in whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the Good News of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 001:014 who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory. 001:015 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which you have toward all the saints, 001:016 don't cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, 001:017 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; 001:018 having the eyes of your hearts{TR reads "understanding" instead of "hearts"} enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in

the saints, 001:019 and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might 001:020 which he worked in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 001:021 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. 001:022 He put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things for the assembly, 001:023 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. 002:001 You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, 002:002 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience; 002:003 among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. 002:004 But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 002:005 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 002:006 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 002:007 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus; 002:008 for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 002:009 not of

works, that no one would boast. 002:010 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them. 002:011 Therefore remember that once you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "uncircumcision" by that which is called "circumcision," (in the flesh, made by hands); 002:012 that you were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 002:013 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near in the blood of Christ. 002:014 For he is our peace, who made both one, and broke down the middle wall of partition, 002:015 having abolished in the flesh the hostility, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man of the two, making peace; 002:016 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having killed the hostility thereby. 002:017 He came and preached peace to you who were far off and to those who were near. 002:018 For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 002:019 So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 002:020 being built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief cornerstone; 002:021 in whom the whole building, fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 002:022 in whom you also are built together for a habitation of God in

the Spirit. 003:001 For this cause I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles, 003:002 if it is so that you have heard of the administration of that grace of God which was given me toward you; 003:003 how that by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I wrote before in few words, 003:004 by which, when you read, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 003:005 which in other generations was not made known to the children of men, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 003:006 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of his promise in Christ Jesus through the Good News, 003:007 of which I was made a servant, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. 003:008 To me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 003:009 and to make all men see what is the administration{TR reads "fellowship" instead of "administration"} of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things through Jesus Christ; 003:010 to the intent that now through the assembly the manifold wisdom of God might be made known to the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places, 003:011 according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; 003:012 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through our faith in him. 003:013 Therefore I ask that you may not lose heart at my troubles for you,

which are your glory. 003:014 For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 003:015 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 003:016 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that you may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 003:017 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 003:018 may be strengthened to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 003:019 and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 003:020 Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 003:021 to him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. 004:001 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called, 004:002 with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love; 004:003 being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 004:004 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you also were called in one hope of your calling; 004:005 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 004:006 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all. 004:007 But to each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 004:008 Therefore he says, "When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and

gave gifts to men." {Psalm 68:18} 004:009 Now this, "He ascended," what is it but that he also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 004:010 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. 004:011 He gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, shepherds{or, pastors} and teachers; 004:012 for the perfecting of the saints, to the work of serving, to the building up of the body of Christ; 004:013 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 004:014 that we may no longer be children, tossed back and forth and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; 004:015 but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, Christ; 004:016 from whom all the body, being fitted and knit together through that which every joint supplies, according to the working in measure of each individual part, makes the body increase to the building up of itself in love. 004:017 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 004:018 being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts; 004:019 who having become callous gave themselves up to lust, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 004:020 But you did not learn

Christ that way; 004:021 if indeed you heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: 004:022 that you put away, as concerning your former way of life, the old man, that grows corrupt after the lusts of deceit; 004:023 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 004:024 and put on the new man, who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of truth. 004:025 Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak truth each one with his neighbor. For we are members of one another. 004:026 "Be angry, and don't sin." {Psalm 4:4} Don't let the sun go down on your wrath, 004:027 neither give place to the devil. 004:028 Let him who stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have something to give to him who has need. 004:029 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for building up as the need may be, that it may give grace to those who hear. 004:030 Don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 004:031 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, and slander, be put away from you, with all malice. 004:032 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you. 005:001 Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children. 005:002 Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance. 005:003 But sexual immorality, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be mentioned

among you, as becomes saints; 005:004 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not appropriate; but rather giving of thanks. 005:005 Know this for sure, that no sexually immoral person, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God. 005:006 Let no one deceive you with empty words. For because of these things, the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience. 005:007 Therefore don't be partakers with them. 005:008 For you were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 005:009 for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, 005:010 proving what is well pleasing to the Lord. 005:011 Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them. 005:012 For the things which are done by them in secret, it is a shame even to speak of. 005:013 But all things, when they are reproved, are revealed by the light, for everything that reveals is light. 005:014 Therefore he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 005:015 Therefore watch carefully how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 005:016 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 005:017 Therefore don't be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 005:018 Don't be drunken with wine, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 005:019 speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; singing, and singing praises in your heart to the Lord; 005:020 giving thanks always concerning all

things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God, even the Father; 005:021 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ. 005:022 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 005:023 For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the assembly, being himself the savior of the body. 005:024 But as the assembly is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything. 005:025 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; 005:026 that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, 005:027 that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 005:028 Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. 005:029 For no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the assembly; 005:030 because we are members of his body, of his flesh and bones. 005:031 "For this cause a man will leave his father and mother, and will be joined to his wife. The two will become one flesh." {Genesis 2:24} 005:032 This mystery is great, but I speak concerning Christ and of the assembly. 005:033 Nevertheless each of you must also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respects her husband. 006:001 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 006:002 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first

commandment with a promise: 006:003 "that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth." {Deuteronomy 5:16} 006:004 You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. 006:005 Servants, be obedient to those who according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as to Christ; 006:006 not in the way of service only when eyes are on you, as men pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 006:007 with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men; 006:008 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is bound or free. 006:009 You masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with him. 006:010 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. 006:011 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 006:012 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 006:013 Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 006:014 Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 006:015 and having fitted your

feet with the preparation of the Good News of peace; 006:016 above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. 006:017 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the spoken word of God; 006:018 with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints: 006:019 on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Good News, 006:020 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. 006:021 But that you also may know my affairs, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make known to you all things; 006:022 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts. 006:023 Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 006:024 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love. Amen.

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