The New Creation in Ephesians

Chapter 1

- 3. Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.
- as a plan for the fullness of the times, to bring together under one head all things in Christ,

the things in heaven and things on earth in him.

- 18. that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened** so that you will know what is the hope of his calling what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance: the holy ones
- 19. and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe according to the working of the might of his strength ²⁰which he worked in Christ raising him from the dead

and seating him at his right hand in the heavenly places

far above every ruler and authority and power and dominion

and every position that exists, not only in this age but also
in the one to come.

Chapter 2

- and raised us up together and seated us together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus
- 7. so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
- 10. For **we are** his workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus for **good works** which God prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them.
- 14. For he himself is our peace,
 making the two one
 and breaking down the dividing wall of partition,
 —the hostility, in his flesh,
- 15. cancelling the law of commands and regulations, that the two he might create in himself into one new human making peace.
- 20. built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself.
- 21. In him the whole structure, **being fitted together**, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord.
- 22. In him **you are also being built together** for the **dwelling place for God in the Spirit**.

Chapter 3

- 18. **that** you may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19. and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- 20. Now to him who has power to do all things far more abundantly than we ask or think,

according to the power at work within us,

Chapter 4

- 22. **to take off the old self**, belonging to your former behavior corrupted by deceptive desires
- 23. **to be renewed by the Spirit** in your mind,
- 24. **to put on the new self** created after the likeness of God in righteousness and truthful pure behavior

Chapter 5

- 8. For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

 Walk as children of light
- 15. Watch carefully then how you walk:

not as unwise

but as wise,

- 16. making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
- 31. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to **his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh."
- 32. This mystery is profound, and I speak with reference to **Christ** and the church.

Chapter 6

12. For our struggle is not **against** blood and flesh

but <u>against</u> the rulers <u>against</u> the authorities

against the world powers over this darkness

against the evil spiritual beings in the heavenly places.

13. Because of this take up the complete armor of God that you may have the power to withstand on the evil day and having prepared in every way, to stand.

Conclusion

- 21. So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, everything will be told you by Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord.
- 22. Whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.
- 23. **Peace** be to the brothers and sisters, and **love** with **faith**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 24. **Grace** be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

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