

11. EPHESIANS

Version 6.1: 2-1-17

Chapter 1

1:1 Sha'ul, an ambassador of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
by the determination of **YAHWEH**,
to the set apart ones who are in Ephesus,
and faithful to The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**.

Sha'ul means requested.
Ephesus means full purposed.

1:2 Favor to you and complete well being
from **YAHWEH**, our Father,
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

1:3 Blessed *be* The Elohim and Father
of our Master **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
who has blessed us with every supernatural blessing
in The Heavens by means of The Messiah,

1:4 inasmuch as He selected us in Him
before the foundation of the world.

We are existing as set apart
and without a flaw or a blot in His presence
because of love;

In the following verses a slightly unique structure has been adopted in an attempt to help clarify Paul's comments. The ideas tend to run together in a long "monologue". It can be a bit overwhelming. It's been separated into segments to help grasp what's here.

1:5

a) having marked us out in advance
for placement as children to Himself
because of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,
according to the delight of His purpose,
1:6 to the praise of the honor of His favor,
by which He has honored us with The Beloved.

1:7

b) In Him we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of the unfaithful acts
according to the riches of His favor

paraptoma - a side-slip, i.e. error or (willful) unfaithful act.

1:8 which He has made to abound toward us
in all wisdom and understanding,

1:9

c) having made known to us the mystery of His purpose
according to His satisfaction which He has exhibited in Him

1:10 in order that in the dispensation
of the fullness of the times

He might sum up everything in The Messiah,
even that which *is* in The Heaven
and that which *is* upon the earth;

1:11

d) by Him in Whom even we have obtained an inheritance,
having been marked out in advance
according to the setting forth of Him Who works all things
according to the counsel of His own determination,

1:12

e) in order that we who first trusted in The Messiah
might be to the praise of His honor;

1:13

f) In Whom you also have heard the word of truth,
the good news of your deliverance
and in which you have trusted.

You have been sealed with

The Set Apart Divine Nature of the promise,

Tradition translates this using "Holy Spirit". The literal rendering of the Greek is "sacred breath". This has been done

in order to affirm the concept of the "trinity". However, Scripture does not support this concept. There is **no trinity**. There are several problems with the concept of 'spirit'. It was never found in Hebrew thought. It is a Greek invention, and likely did not appear prior to the writing of the Scriptures. In Hebrew thought the breath was viewed as "the wind of man" which flowed in and out of his body. It was thought to represent his "inner nature", his character. In The New Covenant we are confronted with the concept of the "new birth", also referred to as the "new man". In truth what this represents is the indwelling presence of the Divine Nature. It is this new nature that was promised. And it is this new nature, the Divine Nature, by which we can be sealed - certified as genuine - as believers in The Messiah.

1:14 which is the earnest money deposit of our inheritance for the sake of the redemption of the purchased possession unto the praise of His honor.

1:15 Because of this I also, having heard of your trust in The Master, **YAHUSHUA**,

and your love toward all the set apart ones,

1:16 do not stop giving thanks over you,

making mention of you in my prayers,

1:17 in order that The Elohim of our Master,

YAHUSHUA, The Messiah, The Father of the honor,

might give to you The Divine Nature

of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

1:18 the eyes of your mind being illuminated,

so that you might understand

what is the anticipation of His invitation

and what is the wealth of the magnificence

of His inheritance among the set apart ones, and

1:19 what *is* the surpassing magnitude

of His miraculous power toward us who are trusting

according to the effectiveness of His vigorous strength

1:20 which He actively demonstrated in The Messiah

when He raised Him up from being dead

and placed Him at His right hand in The Heavens,

1:21 far above

every first thing,

and *every* privilege,

and *every* force,

and *every* authority,

and every name that is being named,

not only in this age but also in that which is to come,

A name in Hebrew thought represents the person himself and his authority. It's an extremely important concept.

1:22 and has subordinated everything under His feet,

and has given Him as The Head over the entire assembly

ekklesia – translated as church - improperly. "Church" is a much later designation that did not exist in the ideas of early Hebrew belief, language, or culture.

1:23 which exists as His body,

the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Chapter 2

2:1 And you are dead to the errors and the offenses

"Sin" is an offense against YAHWEH. It's a refusal to follow His teachings.

2:2 in which you formerly walked according to this worldly age,

according to the chief ruler of the authority of the air,

the *human* nature which is now working

in the children of disbelief,

aer – air. From a root meaning to breathe unconsciously; respire. This appears to be a reference to one's ability to breathe; hence, the ability to continue to live – the power over death –

which has been defeated by The Messiah.

2:3 among whom we also all formerly lived
in the longings of our flesh,
doing the choices of the flesh and of the mind,
and were by nature children of wrath even like the rest.

2:4 Now **YAHWEH**, who is abundant in compassion
because of His great love with which He loves us,
2:5 even when we were dead because of the errors,
has made us alive together with The Messiah
(by *divine* favor you have been delivered),
2:6 and has raised us up together
and made us sit together in The Heavens
with The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
2:7 in order that in the ages *yet* to occur
He might show the exceeding abundance of His favor
by means of His goodness concerning us
through The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
2:8 because by favor you have been delivered, through trust,
and that *is* not of yourselves.
The gift is of **YAHWEH**,
2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2:10 Indeed, we are His workmanship,
created in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**, for good works,
which **YAHWEH** prepared in advance
in order that we might walk in them.

2:11 Consequently remember
that you at one time were pagans in the flesh
who are called uncircumcision
by what is called "The Circumcision"
made in the flesh by hands
2:12 because at that time you were apart from The Messiah,
being alienated from the citizenship of Yisra'el,
even foreigners to the covenants of The Promise,
having no hope, and atheists in the world.

2:13 But now in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
you who once were far off have been brought near
by means of the blood of The Messiah.

2:14 Indeed, He Himself is our peace,
2:15 having rendered useless through His flesh the hostility,
The Torah of instructions *contained* in the dogma,
in order to create by Himself one new humanity *from* the two,
thus making peace,
2:16 even that He might reconcile them both to **YAHWEH**
into one body through the torture stake,
thereby putting to death the hostility.

The hostility is created by rebellion against His word. This results in a decree being set against us – a decree of eternal death – because we have rejected His Word.
The torture stake, whereupon The Messiah was put to death, acted as the means by which the hostility of the decree that required we must die because of our rebellion and disbelief was, once and forever, put to death!
It's DEAD! It no longer has authority over believers!

2:17 And He came.
And He proclaimed good news, complete well being,
to you who were far off and to those who were near,
2:18 because through Him we both have access
through one Divine Nature to The Father.

2:19 Truly now, you are no longer foreigners and illegal aliens,

but rather fellow citizens with the set apart ones,
and relatives of **YAHWEH**,
2:20 having been built upon the foundation
of the ambassadors and prophets,
YAHUSHUA, The Messiah, Himself
being the chief *cornerstone*,
2:21 by whom the entire structure,
being tightly joined together, grows into a sacred temple
by means of The Master;
2:22 in whom you also are being constructed
into a dwelling place of **YAHWEH**
by means of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**.

Chapter 3

3:1 For this reason I, Sha'ul,
am the prisoner of The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
for the sake of you, the pagans,
3:2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship
of the favor of **YAHWEH** which was given to me for you,
3:3 because according to a direct revelation
He made known to me the mystery,
even as I have briefly written previously.

Galatians gives a detailed account of Sha'ul's education. He was not taught by human beings, but was directly instructed by The Risen Messiah - Divine teaching. No other "apostle" has had this kind of teaching. The rest were all taught while YAHUSHUA was living among them. After the resurrection certain things changed - dramatically. Likewise, Sha'ul's "gospel" is different than that of other "apostles" in some regards because there is now some additional information made available that could not be revealed prior to the death and resurrection of The Messiah. Sha'ul is revealing part of that message in this letter.

3:4 Because you have read this you are able to understand
my comprehension of the mystery of The Messiah,
3:5 which in other generations
was not made known to the children of human beings
as it has now been revealed
to His set apart ambassadors and prophets
through The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
3:6 that the Gentiles will be joint heirs and of the same body,
and joint partakers of His promise in The Messiah
through the good news
3:7 of which I have become a minister
according to the gift of the favor of **YAHWEH**,
having been given to me
according to the effectiveness of His miraculous power.

3:8 To me who am less than the least
of all the set apart ones, this favor was granted,
that I should proclaim among the Gentiles
the unsearchable riches of The Messiah,
3:9 and to illuminate for everyone
what is the partnership of the mystery which from eternity *past*
has been concealed by **YAHWEH**, Who created everything
through **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah;
3:10 in order that now the many variations
of the wisdom of **YAHWEH**
might be made known through the assembly
to the chief rulers and authorities in The Heavens

It's not clear what this truly refers to, but it's generally thought to mean the divine beings in The Heavenly realms.

3:11 according to the eternal proposal
which He accomplished in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,
our Master,

3:12 by whom we have boldness and access in confidence because of His faith.

The Greek reads literally as it is put here though many "translations" redirect the thought to involve *our faith*, rather than His faith.
We have boldness and access, in confidence, because YAHUSHUA had faith in His Father that enabled Him to endure all that He endured on our behalf. He had faith that The Father would do exactly as He had promised.
Thus our faith is only possible because of His faith. And our faith is to become exactly like His faith.
Faith and trust are the same.

3:13 Therefore I ask that you do not grow weary because of my troubles on your behalf which are for your honor.

3:14 For this reason I bend my knees before The Father of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

3:15 by Whom every family in The Heavens and upon earth is named,

3:16 in order that He might give to you according to the abundance of His splendor,

an empowering with miraculous power through His Divine Nature in the inner human being,

3:17 The Messiah *thereby* dwelling in your hearts through trust, in order that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the set apart ones what is the width

and length

and depth

and height;

3:19 knowing absolutely the surpassing love of The Messiah, in order that you might be filled

with all the fullness of **YAHWEH**.

3:20 Now to the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above everything that we ask or think,

according to the miraculous power that is working in us,

3:21 to Him *be* honor in the assembly

through The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**, among every generation, eternity to eternity.

Amen.

Chapter 4

4:1 I, the prisoner of The Master, encourage you therefore, to walk worthy of the calling to which you were called,

4:2 with all humility and gentleness,

with patience putting up with one another in love,

4:3 earnestly protecting the oneness of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** in the bond of peace;

4:4 one body, and one Divine Nature,

even as you were called with the one expectation from your calling;

4:5 one Master,

one faith,

one baptism,

4:6 one Elohim

and Father of all,

who is above all,

and through all,

and in all of you.

Who is in you? YAHWEH! It is His Divine nature that is sent from Him into the being (the life-breathing existence) of every person who chooses to believe Him and trust Him with every fiber of their being.

4:7 Indeed, to each one of us favor has been granted

according to the measure of The Messiah's gift.

4:8 Consequently He says:

*"When He ascended on high He led captivity captive,
and gave gifts to men."*

(Psa. 68.18)

4:9 Now this *"He ascended"*, what does it mean except that He also first descended into the lower sections of the earth?

4:10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all The Heavens

in order that He might fulfill everything.

4:11 And He Himself indeed has given the ambassadors,
and the prophets,
and the proclaimers of the good news,
and the shepherds
and instructors,

4:12 for the complete preparation of the set apart ones for the work of ministry,

for the structuring of the body of The Messiah,

4:13 until we each arrive at the oneness of the trust and of the full discernment of the Son of **YAHWEH**, to a complete man, unto a measure of maturity, the fullness of The Messiah,

4:14 in order that we might no longer be infants, fluctuating and carried about by every wind of instruction, by the fraud of humanity, by shrewdness, by methodical deceit.

4:15 but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him Who is the head, The Messiah,

4:16 from Whom the whole body, tightly joined together and united by what every joint contributes, according to the efficiency through the measure of each individual portion is causing the growth of the body into the structuring of itself in love.

4:17 This I say accordingly and testify in The Master, that you might no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

4:18 having their understanding obscured, being alienated from the life of **YAHWEH** through the ignorance that is in them because of the callousness of their heart;

4:19 who, being apathetic, have surrendered to indecency to work all uncleanness with avarice.

4:20 But you have not learned in this manner from The Messiah,

4:21 if indeed you have listened to Him and have been taught by Him, just as the truth is in **YAHUSHUA**.

4:22 You have put away accordingly your former behavior, the old human nature, which has been ruined because of the deceitful lusts.

4:23 Now be renovated in the nature of your mind

4:24 and put on the new humanity

which according to **YAHWEH** has been created in justification and true devotion.

hosiotēs - piety - holiness.

Piety refers to being completely faithful to the rights and requirements of one's relationship with YAHWEH. We've used "devotion" to indicate this concept better.

4:25 Consequently put away lying,
"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,"
(Zech. 8.16)

because we are parts of one another.

4:26 "Be angry, yet do not offend.
Do not let the sun go down on your wrath,
(Psa. 4.4)

4:27 neither give space to The Adversary.

4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer,
but instead let him work hard,
working with *his* hands at what is good,
in order that he might have something
to give to him who has a need.

4:29 Let no worthless word proceed out of your mouth,
but rather what is good for necessary edification
that it might impart favor to the ones who are listening.

4:30 And do not grieve the set apart
Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
by which you have been sealed for the day of redemption.

4:31 Put away from you all bitterness,
and rage,
and anger,
and outcries,
and blaspheming,
along with all depravity.

4:32 Indeed, be helpful to one another, sympathetic,
forgiving one another just as **YAHWEH**, in The Messiah,
has forgiven you.

Chapter 5

5:1 Therefore become imitators of **YAHWEH**,
as beloved children.

5:2 And walk in love just as The Messiah also has loved us
and has given Himself for us,
an offering and a sacrifice to **YAHWEH**
as a sweet smelling fragrance.

5:3 Also fornication and all uncleanness or avarice
is not even to be named among you
as is fitting for set apart ones;

porneia - harlotry (including adultery and incest); figuratively,
idolatry.

5:4 also obscenity,
and foolish talking,
or vulgar jesting,
which are not proper,
but rather giving of thanks.

5:5 Indeed, it has been made known to you
that no male prostitute, morally unclean person,
nor greedy person (who is an idolater) has any inheritance
in The Kingdom of The Messiah and of **YAHWEH**.

5:6 Let not even one deceive you with empty words!
Indeed, because of these things
the wrath of **YAHWEH** is coming upon the children of disbelief.

apeitheia - from which comes apathy

5:7 Therefore, do not be participants with them
5:8 because you were at one time darkness,
but now *you are* light in The Master.
Walk as children of light!

5:9 Indeed, the fruit of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** is in every goodness, and justification, and truth.

5:10 Test what is fully agreeable with The Master.

5:11 And do not participate in the unfruitful works of obscurity but instead expose them

5:12 because it is a shameful thing even to speak of what's done by them privately.

5:13 Now everything exposed is rendered apparent under the light because light is what makes everything apparent.

5:14 Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep. Arise from the dead, and The Messiah will give you light."

(Is. 26.19, 60.1)

5:15 Therefore, see that you walk carefully

not as unwise, but rather as wise,

5:16 redeeming the time because the days are hurtful.

5:17 Because of this do not be unwise, but instead comprehend what is the desire of **YAHWEH**.

5:18 And do not be drunk with wine in which is dissipation but instead be filled with The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,

5:19 speaking to one another

in psalms and hymns and non-carnal songs,

singing and making melody in your heart to **YAHWEH**,

5:20 giving thanks always for all things

to The Elohim and Father

in the name of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

5:21 subordinating yourselves to one another

in the reverence of **YAHWEH**.

hupotasso – to subordinate. From roots that mean to arrange in order under. A subordinate is lower in rank or position. They are under the authority of one who has a higher rank. However, this does not imply one "obeys" another blindly. It simply means to respect their authority over you.

5:22 Wives, subordinate yourselves to your own husbands as your master

5:23 because the husband is head of the wife, even as The Messiah is head of the assembly. He also is the deliverer of the body.

5:24 Therefore just exactly as the assembly is subordinated to The Messiah,

so the wives *are to be subordinated*

to their own husbands in everything.

The implication is that of responding in love and faithfulness – voluntarily.

5:25 Husbands, love your wives

just as The Messiah also loved the assembly and gave Himself for her

5:26 so that she has been sanctified, cleansed by the baptism of water through the word,

5:27 in order that He might present her to Himself, as a magnificent assembly, having no stain, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing,

but on the contrary,

that she should be set apart and without blemish.

5:28 In this way husbands ought to love their own wives

as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

5:29 Indeed, no one has ever detested his own flesh,
but rather cherishes it and broods over it,
even as The Master *does* the assembly,
5:30 because we are parts of His body,
from His flesh and from His bones.

5:31 *“For this reason a man
is to leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two will become one flesh.”*
(Gen 2.24)

5:32 This is a great mystery!
Indeed, I am speaking concerning The Messiah
and the assembly.

5:33 And furthermore let each one of you in particular
so love his own wife as *he* loves himself;
and the wife *love the husband*
in order that she reveres *her* husband.

Chapter 6

6:1 Children, listen attentively to your parents
through **YAHWEH** because this is right.

6:2 *“Honor your father and mother,”*
which is the first teaching with a promise:

6:3 *“that it may be well with you
and you may live long on the earth.”*
(Deut. 5.16)

6:4 And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,
but rather bring them to maturity
by The Master's training and admonition.

6:5 Those who *are* slaves,
be obedient to those who are your masters
according to the flesh, with fear and trembling,
in sincerity of heart, as to The Messiah;

6:6 not according to one that needs watching
as men pleasers, but rather as slaves of The Messiah,
performing the desire of **YAHWEH** from the heart,

6:7 with good will doing service as to **YAHWEH**
and not to human beings;

6:8 understanding that whatever good anyone does
he will receive the same from **YAHWEH**,
whether *he is* a slave or a free person.

6:9 And you masters, do the same things to them,
giving up threatening, understanding that your own Master
is even in The Heavens.

And there is no partiality with Him.

6:10 Finally, my brothers, be strong in **YAHWEH**
and in the vigor of His power.

6:11 Put on the whole armor of **YAHWEH**
so that you may be able to stand
against the trickery of The Adversary.

6:12 Indeed, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood,
but rather, *we wrestle*
against chief rulers,
against authorities
against the world rulers of the darkness of this age,
against supernatural depravity in The Heavens.

6:13 Because of this take up the whole armor of **YAHWEH**
in order that you might be able to resist in the hurtful day,
and having accomplished absolutely everything, to stand firm.

6:14 Accordingly, stand firm
having girded your waist with truth,
and having put on the breastplate of justification,

6:15 and having shod your feet

with the preparation of the good news of peace,
6:16 above all having taken up the shield of trust,
with which you will be able to extinguish
all the burning missiles of the hurtful.
6:17 And accept the helmet of deliverance,
and the sword of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
which is the spoken word of **YAHWEH**,
6:18 praying at every opportunity,
with every prayer and request
by The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,
and in these very things being alert with total persistence.

Also petition for all the set apart ones,
6:19 and for me that words are given to me
in opening my mouth boldly
to make known the mystery of the good news
6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains
so that in this I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

6:21 Now in order that you also might know about me,
how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother
and faithful minister in The Master,
will make everything known to you,
6:22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose,
so that you might know about us,
and so *that* he might encourage your hearts.

6:23 Well being to the brothers and love with trust,
from **YAHWEH**, The Father,
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

6:24 Favor be with all those who love
our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, in sincerity.
Amen.