

# The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the EPHESIANS

**A**BOVE all powers, above all thrones,  
Above principalities, above all might  
and dominion,  
In heavenly places at the Father's right  
hand,  
Above every name that is named, in the  
world that is and is to come.  
And, according to the good pleasure of His  
will, we are accepted in His love,  
Blessed with all spiritual blessings in Him  
in heavenly places far above.

## EPHESIANS 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,  
to the saints who are at Ephesus, and faithful  
in Jesus Christ:  
<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be unto you, from God the  
Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of Jesus  
Christ the Lord,  
who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in heavenly places in Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>For as He has chosen us in Him from the  
foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy and blameless before  
Him in love,  
<sup>5</sup>having predestined us unto the adoption of  
sons by Christ Jesus to Himself,  
according to the good pleasure of His will,  
<sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein  
He has accepted us in the Beloved.  
<sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His  
blood, the forgiveness of our sins, according to  
the riches of His grace,  
<sup>8</sup>which He gave abundantly towards us in all  
wisdom and prudence,  
<sup>9</sup>having revealed to us the mystery of His will,  
according to His good pleasure which He has  
purposed in His own self.  
<sup>10</sup>That in the dispensation of the fullness of  
time, He might then gather together in one all  
things in Christ,  
both that which are in heaven and in the  
earth, in Him.  
<sup>11</sup>In Him we have obtained an inheritance,  
being predestined according to the purpose of  
Him who works all things after the counsel of  
His own will,  
<sup>12</sup>that we, who first trusted in Christ, should  
be to the praise of His glory.  
<sup>13</sup>In Him you yourselves also trusted after you  
heard the word of truth, the gospel of your  
salvation;  
in whom after you believed, you were sealed  
with the Holy Spirit of promise,

<sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance,  
until the redemption of the purchased posses-  
sion, to the praise of His glory.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in  
the Lord Jesus Christ, and your love to all the  
saints,

<sup>16</sup>ceased not to give thanks for you, making  
mention in my prayers of you,

<sup>17</sup>that the God of Jesus Christ our Lord, the  
Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of  
wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of  
Him.

<sup>18</sup>The eyes of your understanding being en-  
lightened, that you will know what is the hope  
of His calling,

what are the riches of the glory of His inher-  
itance in the saints,

<sup>19</sup>and what is the exceeding greatness of His  
power towards us who have believed,

according to the working of His mighty power  
<sup>20</sup>which He worked in Christ Jesus when He

raised Him from the dead and set Him at His  
own right hand, in heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup>far above dominion and might, principalities  
and powers, and every name that is named,  
not in this world only, but also in the world to  
come,

<sup>22</sup>and has put all things under His feet and  
gave Him to be head over all things,  
to the church

<sup>23</sup>which is His body, the fullness of Him who  
fills all in all;

*Who is far above.*

## CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Your spiritual blessing in Christ is comprehensive and complete; it is committed to you but it is not conveyed to you, it is in the heavens; you must be committed to it, to capture it, collect it and utilize it.*
- 2. Your blessing is in heavenly places in Christ, you are on earth; reach deep into Christ to reach up to your blessing so it may be pulled down and become relevant to you.*
- 3. We are not just lovely people living a normal life; we are normal people chosen to live a life that is holy and blameless in love.*
- 4. His choice for our lives is in Christ; His heart for our walk is holiness; His wisdom for our way is to do so before Him in love and He designated this before time was created.*
- 5. His sons for life, adopted in Christ, by covenant blood, because of love; not just an after-thought but after-sought, or rather, sought after and appointed to destiny in advance; the greatest thing, it is His perfect will; it pleases Him.*
- 6. It is the quintessence or glory of grace that takes the rejects of sin and makes us accepted in the*

perfection He is; in Christ.

7. No grace is as rich as the grace that brought forgiveness for our sins; no love is as great as the love that redeemed us by His own blood.
8. Your redemption is not by chance or mistake; it is a careful prudent decision prepared and purposed and executed to the good pleasure of the all-wise God.
9. His work is history; His will is a mystery; His will made known to His work is the mystery of workmanship and the mastery of relationship.
10. Worlds and eternity apart and separated in life, yet we are all to be gathered together as one in Christ.
11. If you understand that you are chosen in Him, re-deemed in Him through His blood and you have received an inheritance in Him, wisdom says: find Him; pursue Him; remain in Him.
12. The will and intent of God, counsels the heart and the excellence of God and instructs His work; our salvation is the product of the working of His will.
13. Our response to the gospel by expressing faith in Christ praises the glory of God, rejecting the gospel dishonors His glory.
14. This is how we know we have it and we shall have everything that is purchased by His blood and included in the promise: we have the Holy Spirit, God Himself, as a seal and a guarantee.
15. The Holy Spirit seals our salvation and guarantees our inheritance in God.
16. Your faith in the Lord and your love for each other will motivate the saints and inspire thanksgiving and great prayers on your behalf.
17. The mastery of what you know of Christ cannot compare with the mystery of what is yet to be revealed about Him; nothing compares with the wisdom and revelation in knowing Him.
18. You may have heard stories but it takes a revelation to fully understand and grasp the vastness of the hope of His calling, the richness of the glory of our inheritance in Him, and the greatness that exceeds greatness, the exceeding greatness of His power towards us.
19. Were Christ was raised from, to where He is seated takes a certain kind of power; the same power that worked His glory from the dead is working our story and raising us from where we are to seat us in Him.
20. Whether spirit or flesh, they may have clout but they are not in His class; Jesus is far above all; their power is powered by Him and their high position is positioned far below His; they are for a time; Jesus eternally settles time.
21. We may see them or sense them, but evil principalities and powers and every name of mention cannot see Him; He is too high above them; they renounce their powers before Him; they tremble when we mention His name.
22. Our leaders are gifts from Christ, but Christ is a gift from God to head the church.
23. Christ fills everything, but His fullness is His body, the church; for Christ to fill with His fullness He has to fill through the church.

### PRAYER POINTS

- Thank You Father, for blessing me with all spiritual blessings in Christ; I will access and engage these blessings. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I will take everything that is hidden in Christ for me; I reach into the heavens and pull my blessings

to earth. Amen.

- Holy and righteous God, thank You for unlocking the potential in me to be like You, by Your Spirit in me. Amen.
- In accordance with Your divine decree, I will walk in holiness before You in love Lord Jesus. Amen.
- My Father God, Abba, help me to fully understand what it means to be called Your son and to be the subject of a completed and legally binding adoption. Amen.

**B****REAKING down walls:**  
**BA work on us, in us and through us.**  
**The workmanship of the Lord we are,**  
**Created to do good works in Christ Jesus.**  
**A building fitly framed, His holy temple to be.**

**We are saved by grace and not by works,**  
**A building of the Master Builder, so no man can boast;**

**A holy habitation, Christ being the chief cornerstone,**

**Breaking down walls.**

**A work in us, to work through us, to dwell in us also.**

### EPHESIANS 2

<sup>1</sup>And He has now resurrected you, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

<sup>2</sup>in which in times past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience.

<sup>3</sup>Among whom also in times past we all had our conversation, in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, as others are.

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us all,

<sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in sins, has resurrected us together with Christ.

(by grace you are saved; you are saved by grace),

<sup>6</sup>and He has raised us up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

<sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us, through Jesus Christ.

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, lest any man should boast.

<sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has ordained in advance that we should walk in them.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, remember that you were once Gentiles in the flesh in time past, who are called "The Uncircumcision" by those who are called "The Circumcision" made in the flesh by hands,

<sup>12</sup>and at that time, you were without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope, without God in the world.

<sup>13</sup>Now in Christ Jesus, you who sometimes were at a distance, are brought near by the blood of Christ the Lord.

<sup>14</sup>For He is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us,

<sup>15</sup>having abolished in His flesh the enmity thereof, even the Law of commandments that is contained in ordinance, to create one new man, from the two, and so making peace,

<sup>16</sup>and that He might reconcile both unto God by the cross, in one body, slaying the enmity thereby;

<sup>17</sup>and He came and preached peace to you who were afar and those who were near.

<sup>18</sup>For through Him we have access by one Spirit to the Father.

<sup>19</sup>Now you are therefore strangers and foreigners no more, but fellow citizens with the saints of the household of God,

<sup>20</sup>and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets

Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

<sup>21</sup>in whom all the building, fitly framed together, grows unto a holy temple in the Lord,

<sup>22</sup>In whom you are also built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Trespasses and sin sucks the life from us; when it is alive in us we are dead; Christ gives life to us; when He is alive in us, trespasses and sin is dead and we are alive.*
2. *The devil makes us living-dead (dead while living); Jesus makes us alive, very alive and abundantly alive; He gives us life more abundantly.*
3. *The order of this world is for the world to walk in the ways and ordinances of the devil and to be submissive to his spirit working in them; we are in this world but not conformed to or ordered by it.*
4. *The spirit of the devil has no depth; it is the spirit of death which is no threat to the Spirit of life in Christ that rescued us from him.*
5. *We conduct ourselves in lust, fleshy desires and corrupt thoughts when we are controlled by the devil; his mission is to convey us into his judgment and to conclude us for wrath.*
6. *We are ordinary people, exposed to no ordinary love, delivered from the mercilessness of sin by an awesome, amazing, one of a kind, extraordinary, God who is rich in mercy.*
7. *We are made alive by Christ and in Christ, but most of all together with Christ, just as He Himself came back to life from the dead.*
8. *What we see is not who we are; where we stand is not where we are; we operate in earthly places from our seat in Christ in heavenly places.*

9. *They see flesh, we see Jesus; we are spirits who we live and operate from our place of positioning high above all powers, thrones and dominion where we are seated in Christ Jesus.*

10. *We experience His grace now, but we will understand its full extent, content, richness, and glory when time gives way to eternity.*

11. *By works you boast, but not of your salvation; this is all by grace through faith.*

12. *We are the good work of the hand of God, that He said was very good, created and perfected in Christ for good works to carry on the work of good He initiated in the earth.*

13. *You lose your way when you lose sight of your assignment; you find your way when you find and pursue your assignment; the good work we do by faith is not a new way, it is a road long since prepared by God for us to walk in.*

14. *The commonwealth of Israel excluded the nations, but the blood of Jesus Christ included us in the Commonwealth of heaven and concluded us for the promises of Abraham.*

15. *We are not pieces in Christ or disjointed, He is our peace; He has broken down the middle wall of partition, and abolished the law of ordinances causing division, to reconcile us in His death, making peace.*

16. *Justification by the performance of rituals denies and marginalizes the cross and the fact that we only have access by the one Spirit of God and by the crucified Christ.*

17. *Our past is behind us; His presence inside us makes our present beautiful and our future glorious.*

18. *We are not just hanging; we are belonging; our place is with the saints and the greatest of names, in the household of praise.*

19. *We are not alone; we are of the faith, founded on the apostles and prophets, built on the solid foundation of Jesus Himself, the Cornerstone.*

20. *We are purchased with His blood, retrofitted with holiness, fitted into the building of His holy temple, founded on Christ for a dwelling place of God the Spirit.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- By the Spirit of the living God in me, I am dead to trespasses and sin. I am alive in the Spirit. Amen.
- I speak to the spirit of every sinner; respond to the word of salvation and live. Amen.
- Thank You Father for redeeming me out of this world; the devil has no authority in my life; I respond to You only. Amen.
- I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord; I clothe myself in the life of Christ. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, I live to You, not to please my flesh. Amen.

**THERE is a power working in us beyond the power of our minds.**

**Though we ask things great and mighty, His grace we cannot conceptualize.**

**Let principalities and powers know, in the inner man His Spirit has strengthened you.**

**In love you are grounded with strong roots; And for you He is able to do by the Spirit that works in you, exceedingly abundantly more,**

**much more than we ask Him to.**

## EPHESIANS 3

<sup>1</sup>For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,  
<sup>2</sup>if you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me towards you,  
<sup>3</sup>how by revelation He has made the mystery known to me,  
 (as I wrote about before briefly,  
<sup>4</sup>whereby, when you read you may understand the knowledge I have in the mystery of Christ),  
<sup>5</sup>which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men,  
 and now it has been revealed to His apostles and His prophets by the Spirit of God,  
<sup>6</sup>that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs of the same body, and also partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel,  
<sup>7</sup>of which I was duly made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace given by the effective working of His power.  
<sup>8</sup>This grace was granted to me, who is less than the least of all saints,  
 that among the Gentiles I should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ,  
<sup>9</sup>and to cause all men to see what is the fellowship of the mystery which has been hidden in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, from the beginning;  
<sup>10</sup>to the intent that now in this age, the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church, to principalities and powers in heavenly places,  
<sup>11</sup>according to the eternal purpose that He has purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
<sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access by faith in Him, with confidence.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore I desire that you do not lose heart at my tribulation for you, which is your boast.  
<sup>14</sup>For this cause, I bow my knees to the Father of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
<sup>15</sup>of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,  
<sup>16</sup>that He may grant you, in accordance with the riches of His glory,  
 that you be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man,  
<sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
 And that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
<sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, the length, the depth, the height;  
<sup>19</sup>and may know the love of Christ that passes knowledge; and that you may be filled likewise with all of the fullness of God.  
<sup>20</sup>Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we can think or ask, according to His power that works in us,  
<sup>21</sup>be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,

world without end. Amen.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *To be completely subjected to the will, leading, and discipline of God for your world, submitting all rights to your life, your food, your time, your privileges and your person is to be a prisoner of God to your world.*
2. *God dispenses His grace to you through others and through you to others.*
3. *The grace we receive may not be because of ourselves or for ourselves but because of and for others through us; if God can get it through you, He will without fail give it to you.*
4. *What is yours in God may be history by His will, determination and declaration, but a mystery until revelation and manifestation.*
5. *Your selection for ministry is not grief, it is a gift of grace; He knows what you are made of and so He chooses you to effectively work His power.*
6. *Your calling into dangerous, forbidden and uncharted territories should not cause you to question His love for you but to canonize and characterize His grace towards you and His love for others.*
7. *God sent His greatest love, Jesus, to reach His greater love, you, so together the sent and the sender can express His great love for the world.*
8. *Your boldness and confidence is not because of the absence of persecution and trial, but because of the perfection of your faith in Him.*
9. *The church, by spreading out and reaching out through its outreaches in the midst of persecution displays to principalities and power the multifaceted wisdom of God. It reveals to principalities how limited their thoughts and understanding are.*
10. *God had it altogether planned from the beginning and is working it all together to the decreed end.*
11. *It is not your strength that makes you mighty, nor your might that makes you strong, but that you are strengthened with might in the inner man.*
12. *God's love is so expansive it cannot be measured, so deep it cannot be fully tapped, so wide it cannot be comprehended, yet so real you can root yourself in it, know it and experience His fullness through it.*
13. *We cannot capture His ability by our thoughts, or tap His generosity by our request, yet all the power we need to access, and the grace to receive much more than we ask or even perceive is present and at work in us.*

**PRAYER POINTS**

- Jesus, I am a ready prisoner of Yours and the gospel's for my world. Amen.
- Most Righteous God, make me a grace dispenser; bless through me. Amen.
- Loving Father, I refuse to hold on to, or restrict Your flow through me. Amen.
- I will search the word of God and seek the mind of the Spirit to know everything that is mine in God and I will pursue full manifestation, in the name of Jesus.
- My Lord Jesus, I will take Your yoke upon me; sentence me to the hard labor of love with a heart for sinners. Amen.

**O**to be renewed in the spirit of the mind,  
 The wind that drives the thinking, to think on Him all the time,  
 To put off the old man and corrupt com-

**munications,  
And rather to be tender-hearted and kind.  
Oh, to keep the unity of the Spirit in the  
bond of peace and know  
He gives gifts to men for the perfecting of  
the church.  
A working body fitly joined will create  
natural growth;  
There is one God and Father, who through  
all and in all.**

## EPHESIANS 4

<sup>1</sup>I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the calling you have been called into,  
<sup>2</sup>with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love,  
<sup>3</sup>endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you are called in one hope of your calling;  
<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
<sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.  
<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.  
<sup>8</sup>Therefore He says, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."  
<sup>9</sup>Now that He ascended, was it not that He descended first into the lower parts of the earth?  
<sup>10</sup>He that descended is the same who ascended, far above the heavens, so that He may fill all things.  
<sup>11</sup>And He gave some to be apostles, some evangelists, some prophets, some teachers and some pastors,  
<sup>12</sup>for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,  
<sup>13</sup>until we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;  
<sup>14</sup>That from now, we are no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried with every wind of doctrine by the design of man, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive,  
<sup>15</sup>but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up in all things, into Him who is the head, even Christ,  
<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body joined and knit by that which every joint supplies to it, according to the effective working in the measure of every part, causes the body to increase unto the edifying of itself in love.  
<sup>17</sup>This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you do not walk as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their minds,

<sup>18</sup>having their understanding darkened, and being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that exists in them because of the blindness of their hearts; who  
<sup>19</sup>being past feeling themselves, have separated themselves to lasciviousness, to do all uncleanness with greediness.  
<sup>20</sup>But you have not learnt Christ after this manner,  
<sup>21</sup>if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Christ Jesus;  
<sup>22</sup>put off concerning former conduct, the former person, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,  
<sup>23</sup>and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,  
<sup>24</sup>and that you put on the new man, which is created after God in righteousness and true holiness.  
<sup>25</sup>Therefore, putting lies away, let every man speak the truth to his neighbor, for we are members of each other.  
<sup>26</sup>Be angry and sin not; do not let the sun go down on your wrath,  
<sup>27</sup>neither give place to the devil.  
<sup>28</sup>Let him who stole, steal no more, but rather let him labor with his hands, working the thing that is good, that he may have to give to those in need.  
<sup>29</sup>Let no corrupt communication proceed from your mouth, but that which is good to edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers,  
<sup>30</sup>and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of redemption.  
<sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, wrath, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice,  
<sup>32</sup>And be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving each other even as God has forgiven you, for Christ the Lord's sake.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

- 1. You were called when you lived unworthy, in pride and in arrogance, but you are commissioned to walk worthy of your call in humility, patience and love.*
- 2. His Spirit is one; His one Spirit in many binds the many together united as the Spirit in them by the adhesive called peace.*
- 3. Nothing as divided as the church, or as united as the God they serve; it is denominated and divided in the one gospel yet with a united hope in the one God.*
- 4. We may see ourselves as the one, or we may see us all as one; all under one Lord, subject to one faith, going to one heaven, serving one God and Father, who is working in us all, not just in us ones only.*
- 5. We are many in the faith but individually measured gifts by grace; we all have the same one Spirit but not the same gift.*
- 6. We are no longer captives to captivity, but captivity was taken captive to set us free. Jesus descended deep so He could ascend high; far above all powers and contention and fill all things.*

7. *The five-fold ministry is given but should not be taken for granted; it is a gift to the Church.*
8. *The ministry gifts are for equipping and edifying, while God perfects us in the knowledge of His Son and in singleness of faith.*
9. *Even if the status of the most accomplished man is big, his stature is relatively small; a perfect man is just a measure of the statue of the fullness of Christ.*
10. *Immaturity in faith causes instability and vulnerability to deviant and devious doctrine.*
11. *The truth must be spoken even if it hurts; love breaks but must never be broken; the content must never override or cloud the intent of love, healing and restoration.*
12. *The body is a composite of knitted parts interactively joined together and unrepentantly supplying the needs of each other.*
13. *The body grows when every member is effectively functioning; it is edified when this is done in love and not in compulsion.*
14. *When growth in the body is inspired by love, the body will grow in size, in purpose, in joyful satisfaction, and in God.*
15. *Jesus changed our heart, to change our thoughts, to change our walk, to change us from the old person to a brand new creation, who must maintain a steadfast and unchangeable heart.*
16. *The new creature does not necessitate the removal of the old mind but the renewal of the spirit of the mind that drives the thoughts, from carnality to holiness and righteousness.*
17. *The power has changed, but your part remains; the old person and its conduct has no power over you, but you must exercise your power and put it off; the new person of righteousness is calling you but not compelling you; you must put it on daily.*
18. *You speak to them, you speak to you; do not fool yourself that by lying you are fooling anyone else but you.*
19. *Anger is not sin but it can lead to sin if it is entertained; put your wrath to bed before you go; do not let the sun go down on it, and let it sleep permanently, never let it rise with you.*
20. *Yesterday's offense should not direct, divert or divide your beautiful today.*
21. *Set your heart on generosity and it will greatly crush stinginess, lack, laziness and dishonesty in your life.*
22. *Your speech is your reach; your conduct should convey the grace of Christ for everyone watching to see Jesus in you.*
23. *The Holy Spirit in you is a silent participant to every conversation, and a salient yet dormant partner to your every action; live in reverential fear not to offend Him.*
24. *Giving to, and forgiving each other with tenderness of heart, is the best way to receive the forgiving, tender-loving and generous heart of God towards us daily.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- Holy Spirit, help me to walk worthy of this grace I am called into. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, I pray for the unity of the body of Christ; make us one in You as Jesus our Lord is. Amen.
- Thank You Jesus, for the various spiritual gifts in the church; may believers mature to responsibly engage these gifts. Amen.
- Jesus our King and Lord; we are held captive by

your captivating work on the cross where you demolished captivity on our behalf; we value this freedom. Amen.

- Righteous Lord, We celebrate all our ministers; we thank You for giving them to us to establish, strengthen and encourage our faith. Amen.

**HE loved her, how He loved her!  
He loved His bride so;  
So much that He died to save her and was abused so she could glow.  
He washed her with water by the word,  
so that being glorious she would shine.  
Yes, it is the love of Christ for His church;  
Men: so ought you to love your wives.**

### EPHESIANS 5

- <sup>1</sup>Be followers of God as dear children.
- <sup>2</sup>Walk in love, as Christ loved us so, and has given Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God, as a sweet-smelling aroma.
- <sup>3</sup>But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becoming of the saints.
- <sup>4</sup>Neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor jesting not appropriate, but rather giving of thanks.
- <sup>5</sup>For this you know, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
- <sup>6</sup>Let no man deceive you with vain words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the children of disobedience in this world.
- <sup>7</sup>Do not be partakers with them therefore,
- <sup>8</sup>you were once in darkness, but now you are the children of light in the Lord; walk then as children of light,
- <sup>9</sup>(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, all righteousness and all truth),
- <sup>10</sup>proving what is acceptable to the Lord.
- <sup>11</sup>And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
- <sup>12</sup>For it is a shame to begin speaking of the things they do in secret.
- <sup>13</sup>But all things that are exposed are made manifest in the light,
- for it is the light that makes all things known.
- <sup>14</sup>Therefore He says, "Awake, you who sleep; arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."
- <sup>15</sup>See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- <sup>16</sup>redeeming the time, for the days are evil.
- <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is,
- <sup>18</sup>and do not be drunken with wine that is in excess;
- but be filled with the Spirit,
- <sup>19</sup>speaking to yourselves in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs,  
singing and making melody in your hearts to  
the Lord,

<sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father for all  
things always in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

<sup>21</sup>submitting yourselves to each other in the  
fear of God.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own hus-  
bands as to the Lord Himself,

<sup>23</sup>for the husband is the head of the wife,  
even as Christ is the head of the church,  
and is the savior of the body.

<sup>24</sup>And as the church is subject to Christ,  
so let the wives be to their own husbands in  
everything.

<sup>25</sup>And husbands, love your wives as Christ so  
loved the church and He Himself for it,

<sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and make it clean  
with the washing of water by the word;

<sup>27</sup>that He might present it to Himself  
a glorious church, not having spot, nor wrin-  
kle nor any such thing,  
that it should be holy and without blemish,  
<sup>28</sup>so ought men to love their wives as their  
very own body.

He who loves His wife loves Himself,  
<sup>29</sup>for no man ever hates His own flesh, but  
rather nourishes it and cherishes it, as the  
Lord, the church.

<sup>30</sup>For we are members of His body, His flesh  
and His bones.

<sup>31</sup>For this cause a man shall leave his father  
and mother and be joined to his wife and the  
two shall be one flesh.

<sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but I speak concern-  
ing Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup>Nevertheless let every one of you in particu-  
lar, so love his wife as his own self.

And let the wife ensure that she respects her  
own husband likewise.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Close relationship cultivate captive conduct: children responds to and obey their father; dear children imitates their father; we endear ourselves to God by imitating Him.*
2. *To walk in Christ is to walk in love and to walk in the readiness to sacrifice for each other.*
3. *You bear the responsibility for, and the shame of everything bad that is named among you; fit out what does not fit in so you may fitly follow Christ.*
4. *To love what another person has more than your love for the person is to covet, which is idolatry. Love wants the person to have; covetousness wants what they have.*
5. *No matter how enticing their words are, it is empty if it empties you of your portion in the kingdom of God and extracts the righteousness of God from you.*
6. *Follow fornication, filthiness or any fleshy act and you fail the kingdom and flame the wrath of God.*
7. *It is not a light thing to have fellowship with the works of darkness when you were changed from being darkness to light in the Lord; do the*

*right thing and let the light in you expose every unfruitful work of darkness.*

8. *Your best-kept secrets are open secrets; they may be secrets to others, but open to the light of God and open to His wrath and judgment. It is best to walk in active and open fear of the Lord than to have secrets of darkness.*
9. *You may not have control over the state of the times but you have full control over your use of time; be wise and circumspect in your walk.*
10. *In the battle for souls let urgency drive your time into redemptive mode; lost time can never be recovered but can be redeemed.*
11. *It should be your pleasure to understand and to know what pleases God and to give them priority over what pleases you.*
12. *To be drunk with spirits is delusion and a diversion, to be drunk in the Spirit is focus and direction.*
13. *You break melancholy by making melodies to the Lord; you build your spirit by scripture meditation and by singing psalms and spiritual songs.*
14. *Submitting to each other is not being subverted; it is walking in love and in the fear of God.*
15. *Any organization with two heads is a monster. A leader does not need to exert to assert; it is best to lead with the heart and not just with the head.*
16. *Submitting to Christ subjects us to trusted love, even so, the submission of a wife should be met by love that is committed, consistent and trustworthy.*
17. *Consistent love commits you to keep your spouse covered in prayer and cleansed by the word; love does not mean that they will always be right and clean, but they will always be covered and cleansed.*
18. *Love gives itself, for love does not count itself above the object of its love. The love of Christ for the church is unquestionable and so should be the love of a man for his wife.*
19. *Love and respect never defeats, destroys, debates, divides, dishonors, disrespects, contradicts or writes itself off. To love your spouse as yourself may seem mammoth but it is manageable.*

### PRAYER POINTS

- My Father my God, I will imitate You in this earth; thank You for Your DNA in me to empower me to be effective. Amen.
- Jesus my King, pave my path with love for others as I walk after You and in You. Amen.
- I refuse to turn a blind eye to the evil around me and in my midst; I passionately hate evil. Amen.
- Let the blood of my Lord Jesus Christ wash my heart of covetousness and every semblance of idolatry. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, shield me from the devastation of empty word; I refuse to be emptied by the devils deceptive schemes. Amen.

**If you were fighting flesh and blood,  
then your arms may have been enough.  
But it is principalities and powers in high  
places, and very tough.  
No excuse, you must stand,  
so put God's whole armor on:  
righteousness, truth and salvation,  
To fend and thrust, have God's word at**

**hand.**

**You are not fighting flesh and blood;  
Pray in the spirit; the war is on.**

EPHESIANS 6

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
<sup>2</sup>Honor your father and your mother, which is the first commandment with promise;  
<sup>3</sup>that it may be well with you and you may live long upon the earth.  
<sup>4</sup>And, fathers, I now speak to you; Do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.  
<sup>5</sup>Servants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling as to Christ, in sincerity of heart;  
<sup>6</sup>not with eye-service as men-pleasers are, but as the servants of Christ;  
<sup>7</sup>doing the will of God from the heart, serving with goodwill as to the Lord and not as to man,  
<sup>8</sup>Knowing that any good thing any man does, he shall receive the same of the Lord, whether he is bond or free.  
<sup>9</sup>And you, masters, do the same things to them, putting aside threatening, knowing that your Master is also in heaven, neither is there respect of persons with Him.  
<sup>10</sup>And finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might;  
<sup>11</sup>put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.  
<sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places, against the rulers of the darkness of this world.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore take unto you the 'must haves,' the whole armor of the living God, that in the evil day you may be able to withstand, and having done all, to stand.  
<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your waist belted with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness,  
<sup>15</sup>And your feet shod in readiness with the preparation of the gospel of peace.  
<sup>16</sup>Above all, take the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked;  
<sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;  
<sup>18</sup>praying always in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication, watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.  
<sup>19</sup>And pray for me that I be given utterance,

that I may boldly open my mouth to make the mystery of the gospel known;

<sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in bonds, that in these bonds I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

<sup>21</sup>But that you also may know my affairs and how I do, Tychicus a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you.

<sup>22</sup>For this same purpose, I have sent him to you, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

<sup>23</sup>Peace be to the brethren, and love and faith from God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord.

<sup>24</sup>Grace be to all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity! Amen.

**CWDS Bible Quotes**

1. *They may be the image of power but they need your prayer.*
2. *Pray for your spiritual leaders: cover them, protect them, pray for empowerment to project them to places and to people they may not have had access to. If they are good for you, they are great for your world.*
3. *Leadership is a two-way stream: the brethren you carry want the comfort and the joy of being able to carry you. The one who submit to you wants to know that you are committed to them and takes comfort when you commit yourself to them.*
4. *When you have their interest at heart you place yourself at the heart of their interest.*
5. *Presence is preferred, but in absence information and communication satisfy love relationship.*
6. *Uninhibited and sincere love for the Lord Jesus unhinges unmerited favor.*
7. *The duty of obedience of children is absolute when the parents are in the Lord, but if their command contradicts the Lord, the child must be resolute while displaying absolute respect.*
8. *To honor parents is not a condition; it is a command with a condition of long life and prosperous days.*
9. *The vocation of parents is not the provocation of their children, but to train them in love and righteous direction and positioning them in the Lord.*
10. *You must tremble in servitude knowing it is a test of attitude that answers to the Lord.*
11. *You master your feelings to restrain and redirect any negative feeling you have for your master.*
12. *They may deploy you, but they cannot employ you; they may prepare and use you but they cannot pay you; you work with them but you work for God; they cannot dictate your latitude so they cannot determine your attitude; strain for the prize of men, but you play for the eyes of God.*
13. *Master yourself and minister to your employees; you get more output from the heart than from the hands.*
14. *It is not your mighty power that determines your strength but your strength in the power of God's might.*
15. *Your strong cannot make you stand against the enemy's evil plans and wicked schemes, the strength of your armor does.*
16. *When you fight the flesh you see, but you face the fight from spirits you cannot see, you fool-*



- ishly surrender your fight to failure.*
17. *Everything you face in the natural is linked to or is directly influenced by the much more powerful spiritual world. Decisive victories come from recognizing, retrofitting for, and directly addressing the spiritual world.*
  18. *Be fully covered with the whole armor of God because you are fully exposed if you give the devil a small opening.*
  19. *If you are headless you are hapless, helpless, brainless and hopeless; your head must be covered by Christ and by salvation.*
  20. *The devil is a liar; you cannot play his hand against him; the absence of truth strips you naked.*
  21. *Righteousness is vital as it keeps your vital organs protected.*
  22. *Faith connects you to the power of God and projects you into the purposes and promises of God while protecting you from every evil arrow projected at you.*
  23. *The knowledge of, memorization, meditation and use of the word is the staff of your authority in the spirit world; the devil knows this so he goes all out to nullify the word in you: reference the parable of the sower.*
  24. *The word you extend is the word that extends your authority and defends you.*
  25. *The practice of spreading the gospel carries angelic backing that covers you in the spirit; the greater your assignment and alignment with Christ the stronger your consignment of angels.*
  26. *Praying for others prevents the devil from preying on you, for whatever you make happen for others the Lord makes happen for you.*
  27. *Praying in the Spirit is the glue that holds your*

*armor together; pray continually, continuously and consistently in the Spirit.*

28. *Pray, pray, pray; pray in the Spirit without fail, at all times, in all places, during all tasks, with all kinds of prayer and supplication for everyone everywhere.*
29. *You cannot fight spiritual warfare in the flesh; your greatest help is your spiritual alignment; discover the tool of praying in the Spirit*

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Let the grace of the Living God rest upon of my spiritual parents this moment; multiply their impact one thousand fold today, Father. Amen.
- Humility to engage the care of the brethren, fall upon every leader in the body of Christ this moment. Amen.
- I speak sincere love that release reverential fear and tenderness of heart into the spirits of every believer this day, in the name of Jesus.
- I speak obedience and honor to the spirit of every child; and righteous examples to the heart of every parent, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, teach us to honor authority; help us to truly honor You with how we engage authority. Amen.
- By the power of the Holy Spirit, I assign fire to every demonic spirit agitating parents to abuse their children, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father my God, I will serve You with all my heart and in obedience to You fulfill all my duty of service with grace. Amen.
- Most righteous and holy God, my hands are engaged in service to others but my eyes are on You and it makes service easy. Amen.

Hippolytus identifies that James, son of Alphaeus, was stoned to death in Jerusalem by the Jews, and was buried there beside the temple.

This feature continues at the end of the book of Colossians.