

Head over everything Church is His Body...

Ephesians 1:19b-23





Paul's prayer

- God blessed us, has chosen us, gave us the identities of his children.
- With his grace in Jesus, we were redeemed & our sins were forgiven.
- With God's wisdom & understanding, we can know the mystery of his will.
- Which is, He will bring unity to all things under Christ.



Paul's prayer

- God chose us according to his plan, Jews first, then the gentiles.
- All of us were sealed by Holy Spirit, guaranteed for our redemption.
- Paul gave thanks for their faith & love to all God's people.
- Prayed that God will give them the Spirit of wisdom & understanding, to know God better.
- Know the hope of God's calling.
- Know the riches of God's glorious inheritance
- Know God's incomparable power.



Paul's prayer

- The same power that raised Jesus from dead & seated at God's right hand.
- Jesus is far above everything in all the age to come.
- God placed all things under Jesus feet.
- Jesus is appointed the head over everything for the church.
- The church is His body, filled by His fullness.



Colossians 1:16-17

For in him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

因為萬有都是在他裏面造的，無論是天上的、地上的，能看見的、不能看見的，或是有權位的、統治的，或是執政的、掌權的，一概都是藉着他為着他造的。他在萬有之先；萬有也靠他而存在。



Ephesians 1:9-10

He (God) made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

照自己在基督裏所立定的美意，使我們知道他旨意的奧祕，要照着所安排的，在時機成熟的時候，使天上、地上、一切所有的，都在基督裏面同歸於一。



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People in the Church!



Ephesians 2:3

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

我們從前也都在他們中間，放縱肉體的私慾，隨着肉體和心中所喜好的去行，本為可怒之子，和別人一樣。



Romans 7:18,24-25

For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

我也知道在我裏頭，就是我肉體之中，沒有良善。因為立志為善由得我，只是行出來由不得我。我覺得有個律，就是我願意為善的時候，便有惡與我同在。我真是苦啊！誰能救我脫離這取死的身體呢？感謝神！靠着我們的主耶穌基督就能脫離了。



Ephesians 2:15-16

By setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

而且以自己的身體廢掉冤仇，就是那記在律法上的規條，為要將兩下藉着自己造成一個新人，如此便成就了和睦。既在十字架上滅了冤仇，便藉這十字架使兩下歸為一體，與神和好了。



Ephesians 4:1-3

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

我為主被囚的勸你們：既然蒙召，行事為人就當與蒙召的恩相稱。凡事謙虛、溫柔、忍耐，用愛心互相寬容，用和平彼此聯絡，竭力保守聖靈所賜合而為一的心。



Ephesians 4:11-12

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

他所賜的有使徒，有先知，有傳福音的，有牧師和教師。為要成全聖徒，各盡其職，建立基督的身體。



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The Church in the World!



2 Corinthians 5:18-19

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

一切都是出於神，他藉着基督使我們與他和好，又將勸人與他和好的職分賜給我們。這就是神在基督裏叫世人與自己和好，不將他們的過犯歸到他們身上，並且將這和好的道理託付了我們。



Ephesians 5:8-11

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

從前你們是暗昧的，但如今在主裏面是光明的，行事為人就當像光明的子女。光明所結的果子就是一切良善、公義、誠實。總要察驗何為主所喜悅的事。那暗昧無益的事，不要與人同行，倒要責備行這事的人。



Matthew 25:35-36,40

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

因為我餓了，你們給我吃；渴了，你們給我喝；我作客旅，你們留我住；我赤身露體，你們給我穿；我病了，你們看顧我；我在監裏，你們來看我。』「王要回答說：『我實在告訴你們：這些事你們既做在我這弟兄中一個最小的身上，就是做在我身上了。』」



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The Church as One Body!



Ephesians 1:22-23

And God placed all things under his (Jesus) feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

神使萬有服在他的腳下，又使他為了教會作萬有之首；教會是他的身體，是那充滿萬有者所充滿的。



Ephesians 4:4

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.

身體只有一個，聖靈只有一個，正如你們蒙召，同有一個指望。