

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

A Workbook Commentary

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The apostle Paul spent a great deal of time in Ephesus. It was a short stop on the way back to Antioch in the second missionary journey Acts 15:40-Acts 18:22. The brethren asked him to stay for a while but he did not. Paul makes Ephesus a major part of his life on the third missionary journey.

How long was Paul in Ephesus teaching? _____

Acts 19:8 Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for _____ months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. 9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This went on for _____ so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

Paul did not stop at Ephesus as he closed his third missionary journey but he does want to deliver encouragement to the elders there.

Where was Paul going when he visited with the elders in Miletus? _____

Acts 20:16 Paul had decided to sail past _____ to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach _____ if possible, by the day of Pentecost. 17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

Why was Paul on his way to Jerusalem? _____

Acts 24:17 "After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people _____ for the poor and to present offerings.

Where was the letter to the Ephesians written?

Eph 6:19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the _____ of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in _____. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. 21 Tychicus, the dear _____ and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing.

Paul's imprisonment in Rome would place the time of the writing at about AD 62, Paul having been converted about AD 40. Paul's first missionary journey began (Acts 13) about AD 44-45 (dated by the death of Herod in Acts 12). This would place the discussion with the apostles and elders in Acts 15 at about AD 46-47. Paul's second missionary journey begins in AD 48-49 and he reaches Ephesus in AD 51-52. Paul's second missionary journey ends at Ephesus where he sails directly back to Israel.

Acts 18:18 Paul stayed on in _____ for some time. Then he left the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchrea because of a vow he had taken. 19 They arrived at _____ where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

The time between Paul's second and third missionary journeys is described in two verses from the time he leaves Antioch and goes to Ephesus.

Acts 18:23 After spending some time in _____, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, _____ all the disciples.

Acts 19:1 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the _____ and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

What were the qualifications of an apostle of Jesus Christ?

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a _____ with us of his _____.

How many apostles did Jesus have while on the earth? _____

Acts 1:20 "For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, "'May his place be _____; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of _____.'"

Acts 1:26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the _____ apostles.

Are others called apostles (apostolos in the Greek) in the New Testament? _____

Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on _____, the _____ and high priest whom we confess.

Acts 14:4 The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the _____. ... 14 But when the apostles _____ and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting:

Rom 16:7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are _____ among the _____, and they were in Christ before I was.

2 Cor 8:23 As for Titus, he is my _____ and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives (Gr. apostoloi) of the _____ and an honor to Christ.

Phil 2:25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my _____, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger (Gr. apostolon), whom you _____ to take care of my needs.

When did Paul see the Lord? _____

1 Cor 15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he _____ to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Acts 9:5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are _____," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not _____ anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into _____.

The Roman Catholic Church teaches that a saint must have been one to whom believers have prayed, resulting in a miracle as well as having been dead for 40 years. In order to be qualified, the church must "beatify" the saint after investigation of the miracles.

The world in general defines a saint as a devoutly religious person, outstanding in their piety and godliness.

What do the Scriptures define as a saint? _____

1 Cor 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those _____ in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ-- their Lord and ours:

1 Cor 6:1 If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of _____ the saints?

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the _____ in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the _____ and deacons:

Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Where are the heavenly places in Christ in which Christians dwell? _____

Eph 2:6 And God raised us up with _____ and _____ us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the _____ of God.

Eph 1:20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the _____ realms,

1 Tim 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's _____, which is the _____ of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Rev 3:20 Here I am! I _____ at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. 21 To him who _____, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and _____ down with my Father on his throne.

If the Ephesians were sitting together in the heavenly places in the first century, were they in heaven or on earth? _____

How do we lay up treasure in heaven when we are on the earth? _____

Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

Who is chosen? _____

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that _____ believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

How are we chosen? _____

II Th 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through _____ in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our _____, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we are chosen by the Gospel and anyone can be chosen, who did God predestine (foreordain) to salvation? _____

Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew he also _____ to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also _____; those he justified, he also glorified.

1 Pet 1:2 who have been chosen according to the _____ of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for _____ to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

How do we come in contact with the blood of Christ? _____

Acts 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be _____ and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the _____ from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has _____ us from our sins by his blood,

Eph 1:7 In him we have _____ through his blood, the _____ of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Eph 1:5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--

Were the Israelites adopted? _____

John 8:41 You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not _____ children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the _____, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a _____ from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

By what process are we adopted children of God? _____

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Eph 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be _____ of the church of God, which he _____ with his own blood.

What did Christ purchase with His blood? _____

Where are all the redeemed? _____

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has _____ _____ from our

sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a _____ and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the _____ of the Son he loves,

What positions are there in the church? _____

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the _____ in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the _____ and _____:

What is the relationship of those who make up the church? _____

1 Cor 11:33 So then, my _____, when you come together to eat, wait for each other.

Is anyone in the church higher than any other? _____

Matt 20:25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials _____ authority over them. 26 Not so with _____. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your _____, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of _____ ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others _____ than yourselves.

Eph 1:8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

What kind of wisdom is found in Him? _____

1 Cor 1:21 For since in the _____ of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the _____ of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Cor 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is _____ in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness";

Col 2:2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete _____, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of _____ and knowledge.

Eph 1:9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

How do we know the mystery of his will? _____

Eph 3:2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was _____ to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In _____ this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

John 17:6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your _____. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the _____ you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ... 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that _____ you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ... 14 I have given them your _____ and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

Eph 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

What is our choosing (inheritance)? _____

1 Pet 1:4 and into an _____ that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you,

Gal 3:24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. 26 You are all sons of God through _____ in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise.

How are we predestined? _____

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a _____ people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

God knows that certain ones will come to him.

Rom 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been _____ according to his _____. 29 For those God

foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also _____; those he justified, he also glorified.

How is the calling of the chosen done? _____

Rom 1:6 And you also are among those who are _____ to belong to Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be _____. 2 For I can testify about them that they are _____ for God, but their zeal is not based on _____. 3 Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 Christ is the end of the _____ so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Who is called? _____

Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the _____ of Christ. 18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their _____ to the ends of the world."

II Th 2:14 He called you to this through our _____, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who may come? _____

John 1:12 Yet to all who _____ him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of _____ descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Eph 1:12 in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

Have you received the Holy Spirit? _____

2 Cor 5:5 Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a _____, guaranteeing what is to come.

Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who _____ him."

What is God's power for salvation? _____

Rom 1:16 I am not ashamed of the _____, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Eph 1:14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-- to the praise of his glory.

What is the deposit guaranteeing our inheritance? _____

*Rom 8:16 The Spirit himself _____ with our spirit that we are God's children.
17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his _____ in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Where does your spirit reside? _____

Where does the Holy Spirit reside in obedient believers? _____

Eph 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

In what knowledge are we to abound? _____

2 Pet 3:18 But grow in the grace and _____ of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Tim 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one _____, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who _____ handles the word of truth.

Eph 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

What is hope? _____

Heb 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we _____ for and certain of what we do not see.

What is our hope? _____

Heb 6:18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is _____ for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an _____ for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

What are the riches of our glorious inheritance? _____

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and _____ of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Matt 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your _____, the _____ prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are _____.

Eph 1:19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

What is His incomparably great power? _____

1 Cor 15:55 "Where, O death, is your _____? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the _____ of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 17:14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will _____ them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings-- and with him will be his _____, chosen and faithful followers."

What is the essence of the gospel? _____

1 Cor 15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first _____: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the _____,

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Does anyone besides Jesus have any authority today? _____

Matt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All _____ in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Phil 2:9 Therefore God exalted him to the _____ place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue _____ that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Matt 20:25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials _____ authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be _____, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Titus 2:15 These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all _____. Do not let anyone despise you.

1 Cor 14:37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's _____.

Acts 4:12 _____ is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

Is there anyone or anything that is not under the authority of Jesus? _____

1 Cor 15:25 For he must _____ until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is _____.

Eph 1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Who (what) is the body? _____

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the _____,

Acts 2:47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their _____ daily those who were being saved.

How many bodies does Jesus have? _____

Eph 4:4 There is _____ body and one Spirit-- just as you were _____ to one hope when you were called--

How does Jesus fill everything in every way? _____

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the _____ of the Deity lives in bodily form,

Eph 4:13 until we all reach _____ in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the _____ Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and

there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the _____ in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and _____ itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses _____ -- that you may be filled to the _____ of all the fullness of God.

What a blessing we have in Christ Jesus! Not only can we have hope, but the debt for our sins has been paid and we have been redeemed! We have been redeemed by our Lord who is above all, having all authority in heaven and on earth. We must remember to be subject to him.

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Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

How do men walk before their conversion? _____

1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the _____ will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor _____ nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were _____ you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Col 3:7 You used to _____ in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, _____ and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in _____ in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, _____ or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Do we (or the Ephesians) have the right to continue in our old way of life? _____

Rom 6:1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on _____ so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were _____ into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through _____ into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Eph 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

What is the lifestyle of those who fulfill the desires of the flesh (gratify the cravings of our sinful nature)? _____

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the _____ of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to _____ lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due

penalty for their perversion. 28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a _____ mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their _____ 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also _____ of those who practice them.

What characterizes those who are objects of wrath? _____

James 3:9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we _____ men, who have been made in God's likeness.

Where did we get our nature, from God or from our surroundings? _____

1 Jn 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no _____ at all.

Acts 17:28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his _____ 29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or _____ or stone-- an image made by man's design and skill.

Are children objects of wrath by nature? _____

Matt 18:3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little _____ you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. 6 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large _____ hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Which translation of Ps 51:5 fits best with these Scriptures on our nature? _____

Ps 51:5 Surely I was _____ at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (NIV)
Ps 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. (NAS)

Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved.

When did God make us alive? _____

Rom 6:4 We were therefore _____ with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been _____ with him like this in his death, we will certainly

also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was _____ with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- 7 because anyone who has _____ has been freed from sin.

Col 2:12 having been _____ with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who _____ him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you _____ with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the written code, with its _____, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

What is mercy? _____

Where do we obtain God's mercy? _____

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____ the old has gone, the new has come!

Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has _____ us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your _____ and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He _____ us all our sins,

Eph 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Where does Jesus sit now? _____

Acts 2:30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had _____ him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his _____ 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all _____ of the fact. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has _____ out what you now see and hear.

What is grace? _____ (give at least one synonym)

What are the riches of his grace? _____

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have _____ life.

Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth _____ to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- the task of _____ to the gospel of God's grace.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Does the fact that our salvation is by grace mean that there is nothing that we have to do to obtain the gift? _____

1 Cor 1:21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its _____ did not know him, God was pleased through the _____ of what was preached to save those who believe.

Jer 10:23 I know, O LORD, that a man's _____ is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.

John 6:28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the _____ God requires?"
29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to _____ in the one he has sent."

1 Cor 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his _____ to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them-- yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this _____ in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

James 2:14 What _____ is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15 Suppose a brother or sister is _____ clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical _____ what good is it?

17 In the same way, _____ by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have _____ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the _____ believe that-- and shudder. 20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?

21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were _____ together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as _____," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered _____ for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

26 As the body without the spirit is dead, so _____ without deeds is dead.

Eph 2:9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gal 2:16 know that a man is not _____ by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by _____ the law no one will be justified.

If works of the law do not justify us, how can it be said that we must do something for our salvation?

Titus 3:4 But when the _____ and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his _____. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

John 6:28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the _____ God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to _____ in the one he has sent."

James 2:24 You see that a person is _____ by what he does and not by faith alone.

Heb 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal _____ for all who obey him

How do we decide what good works are? _____

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, _____, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be _____ equipped for every good work.

2 Pet 1:3 His divine power has given us _____ we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Eph 2:11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)-- 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Who are the circumcision? _____

Who are the uncircumcision? _____

Who has no hope? _____

II Th 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting _____ and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you _____ our testimony to you.

Into what must we enter to have hope? _____

Heb 9:15 For this reason Christ is the _____ of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance-- now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first _____

What is the sign of our entrance? _____

Col 2:11 In him you were also _____ in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in _____ and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having _____ the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is _____ Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Under the covenant of Moses what happened if one did not have the sign of the covenant?

Exod 4:24 At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met [Moses] and was about to _____ him. 25 But _____ took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. 26 So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said "bridegroom of blood," referring to _____)

Gen 17:14 Any _____ male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

Exod 12:48 "An alien living among you who wants to _____ the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No _____ male may eat of it.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,

What is the barrier? _____

Col 2:14 having _____ the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Gal 3:22 But the _____ declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. 23 Before this _____ came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. 24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the _____ of the law. 26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

How do we have peace? _____

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| 1) brought near v. 13 | reconciled v. 16 |
| 2) by the blood v. 13 | through the cross v. 16 |
| 3) of Christ v. 13 | in one body v. 16 |

Eph 2:17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

How and when did Jesus preach peace to the Gentiles? _____

The question of one preaching and the credit being given to another causes consternation upon initial examination. Agency is the idea Paul uses here. Another example of agency is at 1Pet 3:18ff.

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the _____ for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, 19 through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison 20 who _____ long ago

when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through _____ 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good _____ toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand-- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Who was the agent for the Ephesians? _____

Who was the agent for those destroyed in the flood? _____

What is God's household? _____

1 Tim 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to _____ themselves in God's household, which is the _____ of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

What had they done to become members of God's household? _____

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Eph 2:20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

How can it be said that we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets?

Eph 3:3 that is, the _____ made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to _____ my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This _____ is that through the gospel the _____ are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor 3:10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a _____ as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any _____ other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Heb 1:1 In the past God spoke to our _____ through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he _____ heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Where did the apostles and the prophets get their information? _____

John 16:13 But when he, the _____ of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

1 Cor 14:37 If anybody thinks he is a _____ or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command.

Gal 1:11 I want you to know, brothers, that the _____ I preached is not something that man made up. 12 I did not _____ it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

2 Pet 3:15 Bear in mind that our Lord's _____ means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people _____ as they do the other Scriptures, to their own _____

What is a cornerstone? _____

Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this _____ I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Eph 2:21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

1 Cor 12:12 The body is a _____ though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

1 Cor 12:25 so that there should be no _____ in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part _____ with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Cor 3:10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a _____ as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any _____ other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If any man builds on this _____ using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

We, the people of God, are the building and no less than every one of us is required for the building to be "joined together." Just as a building with holes in the walls and floor or bricks missing from the chimney is thought of by onlookers as a mess, so is the church in which every member is not doing their part.

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Eph 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--

Did the church at Ephesus consist mainly of Jews or Gentiles? _____

Eph 2:16 and in this one body to _____ both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Acts 21:28 shouting, "Men of _____ help us! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought _____ into the temple area and defiled this holy place." 29 (They had previously seen Trophimus the _____ in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple area.)

Eph 3:2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,

What was the administration of grace that God had given? _____

1 Cor 9:17 If I preach _____ I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.

Acts 20:20 You know that I have not _____ to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have _____ to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Rom 1:16 I am not _____ of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the _____ of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

What was given for them? _____

Acts 20:16 Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the _____ of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of _____ 17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.

Who was the Ephesians' teacher? _____

Eph 3:3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

Is it possible to understand the mystery of which Paul wrote? _____

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be _____ but _____ what the Lord's will is.

Col 1:26 the _____ that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now _____ to the saints.

Rom 11:25 I do not want you to be _____ of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a _____ in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

Are there things in the Bible that are difficult to understand? _____

2 Pet 3:15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the _____ that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people _____ as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your _____ so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.

How can we understand the Bible alike? _____

2 Tim 2:15 Do your best to _____ yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be _____ and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Eph 3:5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

How did God make his will known in other ages? _____

Heb 1:1 In the past God spoke to our _____ through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he _____ heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Did the prophets or the fathers understand everything that was spoken to them? _____

1 Pet 1:10 Concerning this _____ the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the _____ of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even _____ long to look into these things.

Did the apostles understand the prophecy that the Gentiles were to be a part of the church? _____

Gen 12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your _____ your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a _____ 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever _____ you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Acts 21:24 Take these men, join in their _____ rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in _____ to the law.

How do we become sharers of his promise in Christ? _____

Gal 3:27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are _____ seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Eph 1:23 which is his body, the _____ of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 2:16 and in this one body to _____ both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Eph 3:7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

Why was Paul made a minister? _____

1 Tim 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full _____ Christ Jesus came into the world to save _____ --of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited _____ as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

Eph 3:9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

What is the "administration"? _____

What things were not created by Jesus? _____

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the _____ of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all _____. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. 17 He is before

all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the _____ . 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

Eph 3:10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

What are the principalities and powers in heavenly places?

1 Pet 3:22 who has gone into _____ and is at God's right hand-- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Luke 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, _____ God and saying,

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the _____ of this dark world and against the _____ forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Eph 3:11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

When did God decide to provide the church for mankind? _____

How do we gain access to God? _____

Heb 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and _____ of what we do not see.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have _____ to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and _____ way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

Why do we have suffering? _____

Heb 12:5 And you have forgotten that word of _____ that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord _____ those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." ... 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a _____ of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these _____ still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-- idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they _____ of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Eph 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

What is the reason of v. 14? _____

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you _____ 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 _____ yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

What is the family in heaven and on earth? _____

1 Tim 3:15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to _____ themselves in God's household, which is the _____ of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Eph 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer _____ and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were _____ into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

What is the inner man? _____

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose _____. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

By what does the inner man live? _____

Matt 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on _____ alone, but on every word that comes from the _____ of God.'"

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

How does Christ dwell in us? _____

John 15:7 If you _____ in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with _____ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by _____ in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Cor 13:5 _____ yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that _____ Jesus is in you-- unless, of course, you fail the test?

Is it possible to be poorly rooted? _____

Luke 8:13 Those on the _____ are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of _____ they fall away.

Do we obtain faith by a miraculous action of the Lord? _____

Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the _____ and the message is heard through the word of _____.

Eph 3:18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Who may become a saint, thus obtaining the love of Christ? _____

John 3:16 "For God so loved the _____ that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have _____ life.

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who _____ in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

Eph 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

How does the love of Christ surpass all knowledge? _____

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the _____ of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every _____ and authority.

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over _____ for the church, 23 which is his body, the _____ of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

When would the church be set up? _____

Dan 2:44 "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a _____ that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those _____ and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are _____ and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be _____ every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy _____."

Who did the Lord add to the church? _____

Acts 2:47 praising God and enjoying the _____ of all the people. And the Lord added to their _____ daily those who were being saved.

In what are we reconciled? _____

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and _____ him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 2:16 and in this one body to _____ both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Eph 3:6 This mystery is that through the gospel the _____ are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the _____ in Christ Jesus.

Which church do these passages talk about? _____

Rom 16:16 _____ one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my _____ and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Before the world began, the plan of salvation was in the mind of God. We understand this plan because of the writings of the apostles and prophets. We must allow that knowledge to so

permeate our mind that we finally comprehend what God has done for us and the glory that resides in our Lord and the honor and glory his church is to give to Him.

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In the next 13 verses Paul gives God's plan for unity and its development among his people.

Eph 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

How are we called? _____

II Th 2:14 He called you to this through our _____ that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:16 I am not ashamed of the _____ because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the _____ and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

The KJV translates the word "calling" as a vocation, what is a vocation? _____

Phil 1:27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a _____ worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, _____ as one man for the faith of the gospel

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

What is our attitude toward one another to be? _____

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish _____ or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. 4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Your _____ should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Eph 4:32 Be kind and _____ to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

We are told how to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace in the next few verses.

Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called--

the Body

What is the body? _____

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and _____ him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his _____ the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Col 1:18 And he is the _____ of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in _____ he might have the supremacy.

Eph 2:16 and in this one body to _____ both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their _____

1 Cor 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

What value did God put on the body? _____

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over _____ and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the _____ of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Spirit

1 Cor 12:13 For we were all _____ by one Spirit into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free-- and we were all given the one _____ to drink.

John 16:13 But when he, the _____ of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

1 Cor 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no _____ among you and that you may be perfectly _____ in mind and thought.

1 Pet 4:11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one _____ the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the _____ God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Hope

What hope do Christians have? _____

Heb 6:13 When God made his _____ to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham _____ what was promised. 16 Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an _____ 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly

encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an _____ for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Titus 1:2 a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of _____ life, which God, who does not lie, _____ before the beginning of time,

1 Pet 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the _____ of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an _____ that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you,

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought the good _____ I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of _____ which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Eph 4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Lord The phrase used in the NT to refer to Jesus.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me, _____ and do not do what I say?"

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his _____ and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Matt 17:5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud _____ them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

Matt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All _____ in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matt 10:37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not _____ of me; anyone who loves his son or _____ more than me is not worthy of me;

Faith

This word can be used in at least two different senses; one in which it is a personal conviction and the other in which it speaks of a body of belief. We recognize that there are many individual convictions but there is only one body of belief of which God speaks here.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an _____ from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally _____ 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you _____ let him be eternally condemned!

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is _____ to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he _____ those who earnestly seek him.

1 Tim 1:2 To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, _____ and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Phil 1:27 Whatever happens, _____ yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the _____ of the gospel

Jude 1:3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to _____ for the faith that was once for all _____ to the saints.

Baptism

The meaning of this word is immersion. The question of whether immersion is necessary or either sprinkling or pouring are sufficient substitutes is often suggested. The question of whether this speaks of the immersion in water or immersion in the Holy Ghost is the next most often asked question.

Did Jesus command baptism? _____

Matt 28:19 Therefore go and make _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey _____ I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. ""

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is _____ will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Was a lot of water required for baptism? _____

John 3:23 Now John also was _____ at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized.

Acts 8:36 As they _____ along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip _____ him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way _____

Rom 6:4 We were therefore _____ with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been _____ with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

What was the purpose of baptism? _____

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be _____ every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be _____ and _____ your sins away, calling on his name.'

1 Pet 3:20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were _____ through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-- not the removal of dirt from the body but the _____ of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

From what were Noah and his household saved through water? _____

Was the one baptism spoken of here in water? _____

Acts 10:47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with _____? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." (Hint: what had this household just had happen to them?)

Eph 4:6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Father

Matt 23:9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one _____ and he is in heaven.

1 Cor 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the _____ from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, _____ whom all things came and through whom we live.

1 Jn 3:1 How great is the love the Father has _____ on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are _____ of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

The kindness of God is given freely to all, yet different levels of grace are spoken of here, evidently in the knowledge of God's word as it was for that reason the gifts were given.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been _____ through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

Mark 16:19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. 20 Then the _____ went out and _____ everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

1 Cor 12:7 Now to each one the _____ of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another _____ to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he _____ .

Eph 4:8 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."

Phil 2:5 Your _____ should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a _____ being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became _____ to death-- even death on a cross!

Eph 4:9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and _____ power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the _____ age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over _____ for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Is the apostle spoken of here one from a church or of Jesus Christ? _____

What are the requirements of an apostle of Jesus Christ? _____

Acts 1:21 Therefore it is _____ to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his _____

Who appoints evangelists? _____

What is a pastor? _____

Acts 20:17 From Miletus, Paul sent to _____ for the elders of the church. ... 28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you _____ Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

What is the reason for having pastors? _____

Matt 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had _____ on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the _____ therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jer 3:14 "Return, _____ people," declares the LORD, "for I am your husband. I will choose you-- one from a town and two from a clan-- and bring you to Zion. 15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. 16 In those days, when your numbers have _____ greatly in the land," declares the LORD, "men will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' It will never enter their minds or be remembered; it will not be missed, nor will another one be made. 17 At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the LORD, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD. No longer will they follow the _____ of their evil

Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

How long would the persons in this group remain? _____

Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

What happens to those who are without a pastor? _____

Eph 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the _____ of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and _____ what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their _____ hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual _____ for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and _____ and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen.

1 Cor 1:21 For since in the _____ of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the _____ of what was preached to save those who believe.

1 Cor 3:19 For the _____ of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness";

Eph 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

Eph 5:8 For you were once _____ but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the _____ of darkness and brought us into the _____ of the Son he loves,

Eph 4:19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful _____ of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen. 26 Because of this, God gave them over to _____ lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men _____ indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. 28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to

retain the _____ of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

Does this remind you of the present time? _____

Eph 4:20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.

How did they come to know Christ? _____

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____ the old has gone, the new has come!

1 Cor 15:1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the _____ I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this _____ you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

Eph 4:21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your _____ and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in _____ it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Rom 6:1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on _____ so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were _____ into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be _____ with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be _____ to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has _____ over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be _____ to sin, you _____ obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

Eph 4:23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

What change takes place when one becomes a Christian? _____

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Rev 21:8 But the cowardly, the _____ the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all _____ -- their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Eph 4:26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

Is it always a sin to be angry? _____

Mark 3:5 He looked around at them in _____ and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly _____ to see that the city was full of idols.

What must we do with our anger? _____

Matt 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who is _____ with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is _____ to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

1 Pet 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your _____ the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

How do we give Satan a foothold? _____

Eph 4:28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Col 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward _____ make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your _____ be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

How can we grieve the holy Spirit? _____

What is the opposite of grieving the holy Spirit? _____

How do we please the holy Spirit of God? _____

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who _____ mourn with those who mourn.

How often should we forgive one another? _____

Matt 18:21 Then Peter came to _____ and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but _____ times.

We, as Christians, must walk in God's plan for unity and not in our own wisdom. This requires not only looking to God's word, as taught by the leaders of the church, but also by illustrating God's plan for his people in our lives, by putting aside all of the opportunities to do wrong.

Workbook Commentary On Ephesians
Chapter 5

The chapter divisions were made by Stephen Langton, archbishop of Canterbury in 1244 and the verses of the Bible were made by a printer, Robert Stephens in 1555. Sometimes the verses and chapters do not break at a logical point. Paul continues in the same thought in which chapter 4 ended.

Eph 5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

What kind of love is the love (agape) of which Paul speaks? _____

1 Cor 13:4 Love is _____ love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Why did Jesus have to give himself as an offering? _____

Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly _____ be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. 23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a _____ sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. 25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Then Christ would have had to _____ many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was _____ once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring _____ to those who are waiting for him.

Eph 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. 5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-- such a man is an idolater-- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

How does the list of sins given in this passage differ from the works of the flesh in Gal 5:19-21?

Is the kingdom of God where we will have our inheritance? _____

Where is the kingdom of Jesus? _____

John 18:36 Jesus said, "My _____ is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my _____ is from another place."

The definition of "kingdom" from Vines is based on the Greek word, "basileia," Strong' Number 932, primarily an abstract noun, denoting "sovereignty, royal power, dominion,"

Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the _____ of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in _____ say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the _____ of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

Matt 25:34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the _____ prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

Matt 13:42 They will throw them into the fiery _____ where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the _____ will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

2 Tim 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his _____ kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 22:29 And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father _____ one on me, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my _____ and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

1 Cor 15:24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the _____ to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, _____ and power.

The kingdom is in the hearts and minds of those who obey and is best understood if translated as the sovereign reign of our Lord. The inhabitants of the Kingdom on earth are those who have been called out, that is, the church. The sovereign rule of our Lord extends beyond the borders of this earth and we look forward to an eternal inheritance in the Kingdom.

Acts 14:22 strengthening the disciples and _____ them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many _____ to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

What are the empty words spoken of here? _____

Acts 20:30 Even from your own _____ men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away _____ after them.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from _____ should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a _____ other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

How is the wrath of God displayed? _____

Rev 21:7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But the cowardly, the _____ the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-- their place will be in the fiery lake of _____ sulfur. This is the second death."

II Th 1:7 and give relief to you who are _____ and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting _____ and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his _____

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partners with them. 8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

How can we be partners with those who are disobedient? _____

II Jn 1:11 Anyone who _____ him shares in his wicked work.

2 Cor 6:14 Do not be yoked together with _____ For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a _____ have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the _____ of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

Rom 1:32 Although they know God's _____ decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also _____ of those who practice them.

What constitutes partnering (sharing) in the kingdom of God?

Eph 5:12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

Rom 1:28 Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the _____ of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of _____ evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve _____ they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who _____ them.

1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the _____ immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor _____ nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were _____ you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Eph 5:14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

In what sense does the light make everything visible?

Luke 1:76 And you, my child, will be called a _____ of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, 77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the _____ of their sins, 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven 79 to shine on those living in _____ and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

John 1:4 In him was _____ and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the _____ but the darkness has not understood it.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the _____ of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in _____ but will have the light of life."

Eph 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live-- not as unwise but as wise,

Of what would unwise living consist? _____

Eph 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life _____ of the calling you have received.

Eph 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their _____

Eph 5:2 and live a life of love, just as Christ _____ us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Eph 5:8 For you were once _____ but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

3 Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my _____ are walking in the truth.

Eph 5:16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Job 14:1 "Man born of woman is of few days and full of _____ 2 He springs up like a flower and _____ away; like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.

James 4:13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or _____ we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that _____ for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

Matt 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for _____ will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Heb 9:27 Just as man is _____ to die once, and after that to face judgment,

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the _____ seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the _____ done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the _____ great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged _____ to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each _____ was judged according to what he had done.

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Is it impossible to understand the Bible? _____

Neh 8:8 They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the _____ so that the people could understand what was being read.

How can we understand what the Lord's will is? _____

Eph 3:4 In reading this, then, you will be able to _____ my insight into the mystery of Christ,

John 20:30 Jesus did many other _____ signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are _____ that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Eph 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Is wine evil or is too much wine evil? _____

Can we take alcohol for medicinal uses? _____

What verse might we use if the answer to the previous question is yes?

1 Tim 4:4 For _____ God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

1 Tim 5:23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your _____ and your frequent illnesses.

Eph 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you _____ as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with _____ in your hearts to God.

How do we show that we are filled with the spirit? _____

The word psalmo (translated as sing here) underwent a change in meaning during the time period between the translation of the Septuagint version of the O.T. and the writing of the N.T., a period of some 200 years. Thus, the lexicographers universally indicate that in the N.T., the word psalmo means "to move the tongue" and Chrysostom says that those "who do not attend closely, merely sing, uttering the words, whilst their heart is roaming elsewhere" A.D. 350-425.

Are the "psalms" of this verse the Psalms of the Old Testament?

Vine's Expository Dictionary – psalmo⁵⁵⁶⁸ primarily denoted "a striking or twitching with the fingers (on musical strings)"; then, "a sacred song, sung to musical accompaniment, a psalm." It is used (a) of the OT book of "Psalms," <Luke 20:42; 24:44; Acts 1:20>; (b) of a particular "psalm," <Acts 13:33> (cf. <v. 35>); (c) of "psalms" in general, <1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16>

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ψάλλω, fut ψάλλω (Aeschyl.+; inscr., LXX; Jos. Ant. 11, 67; 12, 349) in our lit., in accordance w. OT usage, *sing, sing praise* w. dat. of the one for whom the praise is intended τῷ ὀνόματί σου ψάλλω Ro 15:9 (Ps 17:50). τῷ κυρίῳ Eph 5:19; in this pass. a second dat. is added τῷ καρδία ὑμῶν *in or with your heart(s)*; here it is found with ᾄδω (as Ps 26:6; 32:3; 56:8), and the question arises whether a contrast betw. the two words is intended. The original mng. of ψ. was 'pluck', 'play' (a stringed instrument); this persisted at least to the time of Lucian (cf. Parasite 17). In the LXX, ψ. freq. means 'sing', whether to the accompaniment of a harp or (as usually) not (Ps 7:18; 9:12; 107:4 al.). This process continued until ψ. in Mod. Gk. means 'sing' exclusively; cf. ψάλλτης=singer, chanter, w. no ref. to instrumental accompaniment. Although the NT does not voice opposition to instrumental music, in view of Christian resistance to mystery cults, as well as Pharisaic aversion to musical instruments in worship (s. EWerner, art. 'Music', IDB 3, 466-9), it is likely that some such sense as *make melody* is best here. Those who favor 'play' (e.g. L-S-J; ASouter, Pocket Lexicon, '20; JMoffatt, transl. '13) may be relying too much on the earliest mng. of ψάλλω. B 6:16 (cf. Ps 107:4). ψ. τῷ πνεύματι and in contrast to that ψ. τῷ νοῒ *sing praise in spiritual ecstasy and in full possession of one's mental faculties* I Cor 14:15. Abs *sing praise* Js 5:13. WSSmith, Musical Aspects of the NT, '62. M-M*

Hymns comes from the Greek "hymnos" which denotes "a song of praise addressed to God."

Thayer defines an ode "in the Scriptures a song in praise of God or Christ" The verb form means to "sing, chant"

What does it mean to give thanks in the "name" of the Lord Jesus Christ? _____

Acts 4:7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to _____ them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ... 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under _____ given to men by which we must be saved."

Col 3:17 And _____ you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the _____ through him.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the _____ and the life. No one comes to the Father except _____ me.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Does this verse speak to husbands, wives or all Christians? _____

Heb 13:17 Obey your _____ and submit to their _____ They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no _____ to you.

Does this verse mention the elders? _____

Does this verse mention a prayer partner? _____

In what do the leaders lead? _____

1 Cor 16:15 You know that the _____ of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted _____ to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, 16 to submit to such as these and to _____ who joins in the work, and labors at it.

What kind of persons were these that the Corinthians should submit to them? _____

James 4:7 Submit _____ then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Pet 2:13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every _____ instituted among men: whether to the king, as the _____ authority,

1 Pet 5:5 Young men, in the same way be _____ to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with _____ toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Rom 13:1 Everyone must _____ himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 consequently, he who rebels against the _____ is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will _____ you. 4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring _____ on the wrongdoer.

Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

How do we reconcile our submission to men and to God? _____

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

If Eph 5:21 says that we are to submit to one another, why aren't husbands to submit to their wives as opposed to this verse? _____

Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your _____ as is fitting in the Lord.

The Greek word for man and husband is the same, *aner*. To which man are wives to be submissive?

Is a wife to be subject to any man other than her husband? _____

1 Cor 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the _____ of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of _____ is God.

Is the relationship in the above verse that of all men to God and any woman to any man or to all men in the family of God and every woman to the head of her family? _____

1 Cor 14:34 women should remain _____ in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says.

What did the law say concerning the subjection of a woman? _____

Gen 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly _____ your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your _____ and he will rule over you."

Num 30:3 "When a young _____ still living in her father's house makes a vow to the LORD or obligates herself by a pledge 4 and her father hears about her vow or pledge but says nothing to her, then all her vows and every pledge by which she obligated herself will stand. 5 But if her father forbids her when he hears about it, none of her vows or the pledges by which she obligated herself will stand; the LORD will release her because her father has _____ her. 6 "If she marries after she makes a vow or after her lips utter a rash promise by which she obligates herself 7 and her husband hears about it but says nothing to her, then her vows or the pledges by which she obligated herself will stand. 8 But if her husband forbids her when he hears about it, he nullifies the vow that obligates her or the rash promise by which she obligates herself, and the LORD will release her. 9"Any vow or _____ taken by a widow or divorced woman will be binding on her. ... 13 Her husband may confirm or _____ any vow she makes or any sworn pledge to deny herself. 14 But if her husband says nothing to her about it from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or the pledges binding on her. He confirms them by saying nothing to her when he hears about them.

What was the difference in the law if a woman had no man in the house? _____

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Eph 1:22 And God placed all things under his feet and _____ him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Does every knee bow to Jesus now or at the time he returns? _____

Over whom does the sovereign rule of Christ extend at the present time? _____

Matt 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my _____ and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Rom 16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the _____ of Christ send greetings.

Matt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All _____ in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Does the fact that Jesus has all authority now mean that all obey Him now? _____

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

What did Jesus give for the church? _____

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over _____ and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be _____ of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Eph 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

What is the washing of which Paul speaks? _____

1 Cor 6:11 And that is what some of you were. But you were _____ you were sanctified, you were _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Acts 22:16 And now what are you _____ for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of _____ things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the _____ of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near to God with a _____ heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty _____ and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Eph 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Rev 19:7 Let us _____ and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the _____ acts of the saints.)

How can a church composed of fallible man ever be without stain or wrinkle?

Eph 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Col 3:19 _____ love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

1 Cor 7:33 But a _____ man is concerned about the affairs of this world-- how he can please his wife--

1 Pet 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be _____ as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will _____ your prayers.

What does the attitude of a husband towards his wife make to anyone but her?

To the children _____

To the society _____

1 Tim 5:8 If anyone does not _____ for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an _____

Prov 19:14 Houses and wealth are _____ from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Prov 31:10 A wife of noble _____ who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full _____ in her and lacks nothing of value.

Eph 5:29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Will a man do harm to his own body? _____

Does this mean that he hates his own body? _____

Studies show that those who intentionally inflict harm on themselves do so as a result of their desire for attention. Even in very destructive, emotionally disturbed children who inflict pain, studies have shown that they do so to obtain attention. This explains the difficult problem posed by the questions above and this verse.

Will a man who follows the Lord ever harm his wife? _____

Love in the tradition of the NT was something that was learned.

Titus 2:3 Likewise, teach the older _____ to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or _____ to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,

Does this verse imply that there is something to loving a husband that the preacher, elder or male (or even a never married older woman) Bible class teacher may not be qualified to impart to a young woman? _____

The key parts of this chapter center on the admonition of verse 1. We are to live upright and holy lives, looking to the relationship between husband and wife as an example of how Christ loved the church and we are to love one another.

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Chapter 6

Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Heb 11:17 By faith _____ when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to _____ his one and only son,

By some estimates, Isaac was above 20 years of age when this occurred. At what age is a child released from this command? _____

How long should the children of an elder hold him in respect? _____

1 Tim 3:4 He must _____ his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.

*Eph 6:2 "Honor your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment with a promise--
3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

This is the only promise repeated in the New Testament that carries a physical blessing with it! Unfortunately, there are times when children don't obey their parents. Upon whom does the blame for this rest? _____

1 Sam 2:22 Now Eli, who was very old, heard about _____ his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these _____ deeds of yours. 24 No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear spreading among the LORD's people. 25 If a man sins against another man, God may mediate for him; but if a man sins against the LORD, who will _____ for him?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.

1 Sam 3:12 At that time I will carry out _____ Eli everything I spoke against his family-- from beginning to end. 13 For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves _____ and he failed to restrain them.

Who was responsible for Eli's sons lack of obedience? _____

1 Sam 8:1 When Samuel grew old, he _____ his sons as judges for Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. 3 But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after _____ gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. 4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now _____ a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

Were Samuel's children any better than Eli's? _____

Why wasn't Samuel held responsible like Eli was? _____

Titus 2:3 Likewise, teach the older _____ to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can train the _____ women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will _____ the word of God.

What does love of the children entail? _____

Why is it necessary that this trait be taught by the older women to the younger? _____

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Do fathers have any responsibility in bringing up the children? _____

Heb 12:8 If you are not _____ (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers _____ us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of _____ and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Prov 22:6 Train a child in the way he _____ go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Which is the truer proverb, the KJV (the way the parents have trained him) or the literal rendering (the parents should always let him have his own way)? _____

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not _____ your children, or they will become discouraged.

Deut 6:6 These _____ that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as _____ on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the _____ of your houses and on your gates.

Which is more important, schoolwork or Bible study? _____

Eph 6:5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

The modern parallel to the servant/master of New Testament times is the employee/employer relationship. The Lord esteems neither higher.

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no _____ of persons:

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Does this passage imply that we may have temptations as a result of the power of Satan? _____

How far does the power of Satan extend? _____

1 Cor 10:13 No _____ has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be _____ beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Phil 4:13 I can do _____ through him who gives me strength.

Col 1:11 being _____ with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great _____ and patience, and joyfully

Heb 2:12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the _____ I will sing your praises." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the _____ God has given me." 14 Since the _____ have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil--

1 Pet 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls _____ like a roaring lion looking for _____ to devour.

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Against whom do we wrestle? _____

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your _____ and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are _____

In what do we wrestle? _____

Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, _____ back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of _____ and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Can we be overcome without our acquiescence? _____

Rom 8:38 For I am _____ that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to _____ us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev 6:15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the _____ 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

What does our war against Satan demonstrate? _____

Eph 3:10 His intent was that now, through the _____ the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and _____ in the heavenly realms,

1 Pet 3:22 who has gone into _____ and is at God's right hand-- with angels, authorities and powers in _____ to him.

Eph 6:13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

How do we stand against Satan? _____

John 17:17 _____ them by the truth; your word is truth.

2 Tim 3:16 All _____ is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in _____ 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good _____

1 Pet 4:11 If _____ speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the _____ God provides, so that in all things

God may be _____ through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.

Eph 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Rom 1:16 I am not _____ of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a _____ that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The _____ will live by faith." 18 The wrath of God is being revealed from

Eph 2:15 by _____ in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in this one body to _____ both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and _____ peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

Matt 10:34 "Do not _____ that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to turn "'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law– 36 a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' 37 "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or _____ more than me is not worthy of me; 38 _____ and anyone who does not take his cross and _____ me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and _____ loses his life for my sake will find it.

Eph 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Rom 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from _____ the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Heb 11:1 Now _____ is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ... 6 And without faith it is _____ to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Eph 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Salvation

Acts 4:12 _____ is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

1Thes 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of _____ as a helmet.

Heb 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the _____ of eternal salvation for all who obey him

1 Pet 1:9 for you are _____ the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of God

Rom 1:16 I am not _____ of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of _____ who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it _____ even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and _____ of the heart.

Eph 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Does prayer help in changing the course of our lives? _____

James 5:16 _____ confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a _____ man is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 _____ he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Eph 6:21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. 22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. 23 Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Paul was concerned, evidently about the expression of concern for him on the part of the Ephesians. This is a most common occurrence for those who love their brethren and especially so of the Ephesians for Paul.

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, _____ the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 36 When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. 37 They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. 38 What grieved them most was his _____ that they would never see his face again. Then they _____ him to the ship.

Truly, it is a wonderful thing to be loved of the brethren and of God. We continue to be amazed at the grace of God, that we are permitted to be called his children.

In this letter, Paul has encouraged the Ephesian brethren by telling them of the blessings that are found in Christ, as the redeemed. He has reminded them of their previous estate, in which they were dead in sin and now asks them to walk together in unity. This unity can only be achieved by following God's word, which they have received in written form and are able to understand if they are not foolish. They, and we, are encouraged to live lives with our brethren, our families and our employers which would bring honor to God. In this, we can have peace and love.