

## **Ephesians in Review**

### **Introduction**

NJFK—new versus old

Theme: New Life in Christ

### **Chapter 1: New life in Christ brings us every spiritual blessing.**

Ephesians 1:1ff

<sup>1</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, . . . <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

### **Chapter 2a: New life in Christ comes to us by grace through faith.**

Ephesians 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— . . . <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God

prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Chapter 2b: New life in Christ unites all ethnicities into one body.**

Ephesians 2:12-13

<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:19-20

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

**Chapter 3: New life in Christ calls for faithful gospel witness.**

Ephesians 3:7-8

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

## **Chapter 4: New life in Christ transforms our lives so that the entire church grows.**

Ephesians 4:11-16

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, . . . <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

## **Chapter 5a: New life in Christ transfers us from darkness to light.**

Ephesians 5:8-11

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

## **Chapter 5b: New life in Christ demands yielding to the Spirit's control in all our relationships.**

Instead of living out of control, we live under the Spirit's control. His filling inspires our worship to the Lord and empowers our self-

denying relationships with one another out of reverence for Christ and His rule over our lives: husbands and wives, children and parents, slaves and masters.

### **Chapter 6: New life in Christ requires taking up the armor of God to fight spiritual war.**

In order to fight against the cosmic powers of spiritual darkness successfully, we need the Lord's strength and armor: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of gospel readiness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (the Word of God).

### **Chapters 1, 3, 6: New life in Christ leads us to pray for one another.**

Ephesians 1:16-19

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, . . . that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe.

Ephesians 3:14-19

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to

the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 6:18-20

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

## **Conclusion**

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