

Ephesians Intro

&

Ephesians 1:1-10

# ChatGPT Circular Letter Attempt #1

Dear Esteemed Reader,

Congratulations! You have officially entered the endless loop of this letter, where the message never quite concludes, much like my thoughts on what to have for dinner.

This letter is designed to be perfectly circular, meaning that as soon as you reach the end, you must return to the beginning and start all over again. Think of it as an infinite ride on a merry-go-round, but without the charming horses and with significantly more confusion.

You may be wondering: “Why am I reading this?” A fair question! Unfortunately, by asking it, you have initiated the automatic process of rereading the letter to search for answers. And thus, the cycle begins anew.

If at any point you wish to escape, simply place this letter down and walk away. But be warned! The gravitational pull of curiosity may drag you back, and before you know it, you’ll be back at—

Dear Esteemed Reader...

# ChatGPT Circular Letter Attempt #2, 3, & 4





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Circular Letter

Attempt #5

## Quartet of Men Sent to Asia by Paul

- Epaphroditus from Philippi (Phil. 4:18) had the epistle to the Philippians.
- Tychicus from Ephesus (Eph. 6:21) had the epistle to the Ephesians.
- Epaphras from Colosse (Col. 4:12) had the epistle to the Colossians.
- Onesimus, a slave from Colosse (Philem. 10) had the epistle to Philemon (who was his master).

## Ephesus Cast of Characters

- Onesiphorus helped Paul, both in Ephesus and in jail. 2 Tim 1:15
- Tychicus was sent to Ephesus to carry the letter of Ephesians. 2 Tim 4:12
- Priscilla and Aquila were a Christian couple that helped found the church.
- Apollos, an Alexandrian/Egyptian Jew, was an evangelist and preacher.
- Sceva, a Jewish high priest and his seven itinerant exorcist sons.

## Ephesus Cast of Characters

- Timothy was discipled by Paul for ministry and ministered to the Ephesians in Paul's absence.
- Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's Macedonian travel companions
- Alexander a Jew that tried to present a defense to the rioters
- Demetrius, a silversmith who made his living selling idols
- City clerk, though unnamed, had an important role in convincing the rioters to disperse.



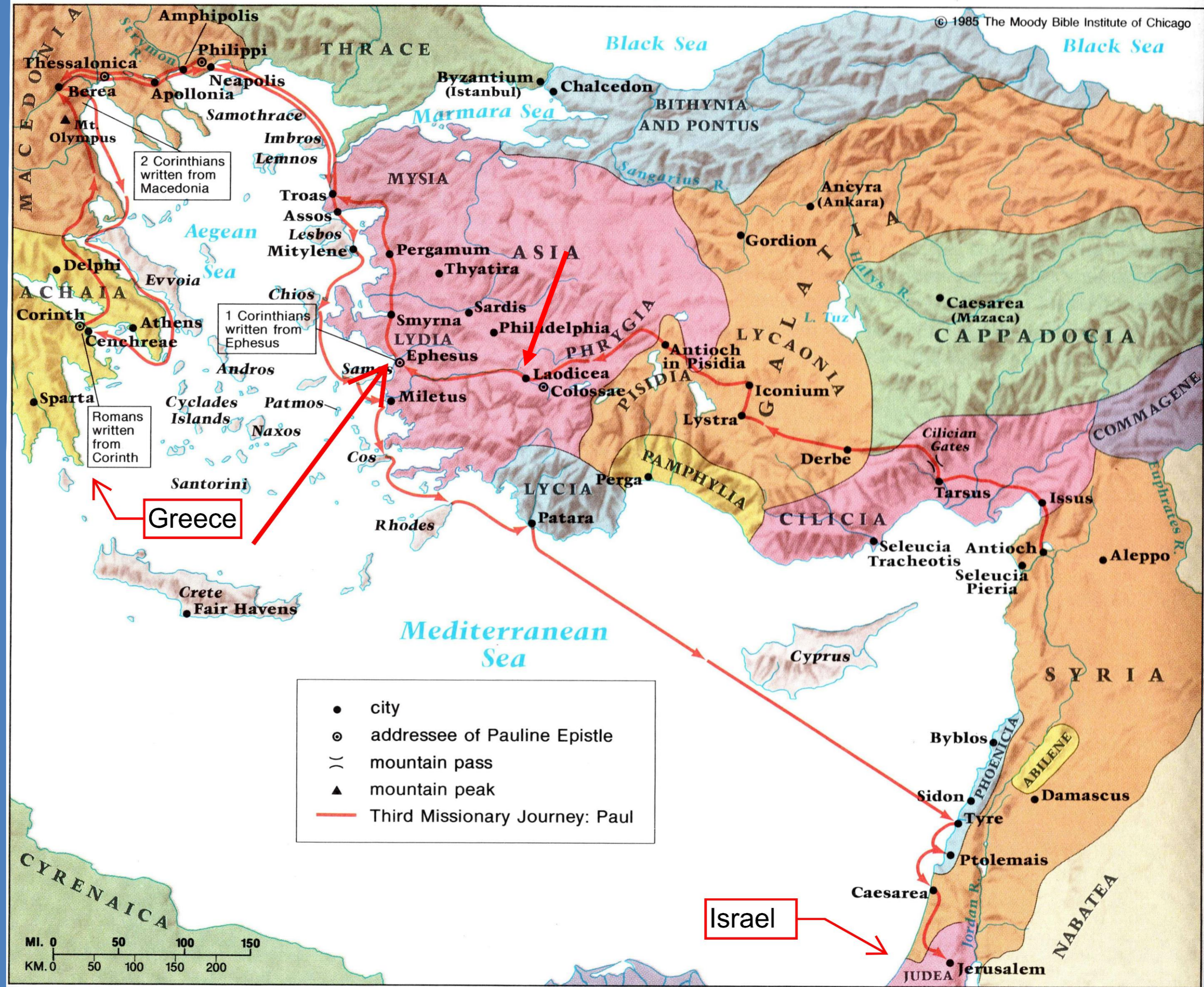


# FIRST AND SECOND JOURNEYS

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2 Corinthians written from Macedonia

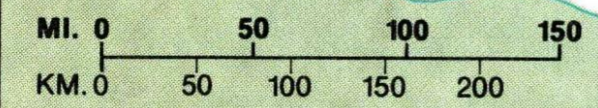
1 Corinthians written from Ephesus

Romans written from Corinth

Greece

Israel

- city
- ⊙ addressee of Pauline Epistle
- ) mountain pass
- ▲ mountain peak
- Third Missionary Journey: Paul



## Acts 19:13-16

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”

Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

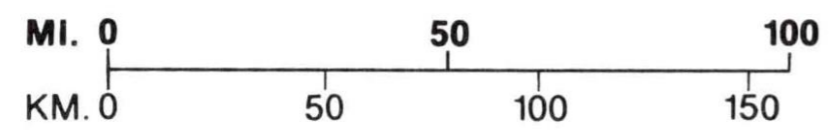
## Acts 19:17-20

This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus, and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totalled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

# THE CHURCHES OF ASIA



- city
- city (not mentioned in the Bible)
- ★ one of the Seven "Churches" (cities) of Asia (Rev. 1-3)
- principal Roman road
- LYCIA Roman provincial name



## Revelation 2:1-7

To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.

Nevertheless I have this against you, **that you have left your first love**. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.’”

## Ephesians Outline

Chapters 1-3 deal with church doctrine with:

- the church as a body in chapter 1,
- the church as a holy temple in chapter 2,
- and the church as a mystery in chapter 3.

Chapters 4-6 then go on to explain the church's practice of these doctrines:

- the church as a new man in chapter 4,
- the church as a bride in chapter 5,
- and the church as a warrior in chapter 6.

## Names and Titles of God in Ephesians – For Christ

- Jesus Christ: 1:1; 3:1
- Christ Jesus: 1:1; 2:10
- Lord Jesus Christ: 1:2; 6:24
- Christ: 1:3
- Lord Jesus: 1:15
- Head of the Church: 1:22; 5:23
- Our Peace: 2:14
- The Reconciler: 2:16,18
- Chief cornerstone: 2:20
- Lord: 2:21; 4:17
- Son of God: 4:13
- Jesus: 4:21
- A sweet-smelling Savor: 5:2
- Savior of the body: 5:23
- Lover of the Church: 5:25
- Sanctifier of the Church: 5:26
- Lord of the Church: 5:29
- Master: 6:9



## Names and Titles of God in Ephesians – For The Father

- Father: 1:2; 6:23
- God of our Lord Jesus Christ: 1:17; 3:14
- Father of glory: 1:17
- The Forgiver 4:32

## Names and Titles of God in Ephesians – For The Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit of promise: 1:13
- Spirit: 2:18; 5:18
- Spirit of God: 4:30

## Blessings

Ephesians 1:3 NKJV - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

In 1:4, it states that He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world

In 1:5, we are adopted by God with all of the privileges and benefits that a son or daughter of God enjoys. Jesus is the Son of God, and we enjoy many of the same benefits that he does.

In 1:6, we were accepted in the Beloved – that is Christ.

## Blessings

In 1:7, we have Redemption through His blood, and we are Forgiven by His blood.

In 1:11, we have obtained an inheritance.

In 1:13, we receive the Word of truth and are Sealed with the Holy Spirit. Being sealed by the Holy Spirit guarantees that nothing can take us from God.

In 2:5, we have been made alive with Christ.

## Blessings

In 2:6, we have been raised with Christ and are Seated with Christ. As adopted children of God, we are seated with Christ.

In 2:8-9, we have been saved by grace.

In 2:10, we are Christ's workmanship, created for good works. Being able to do good works through Christ is a tremendous spiritual blessing.

In 2:14, Christ gave us peace with God

## Blessings

In 2:19, we are no more strangers but fellow citizens in the family of God

In 3:12, we have been given the boldness to access God through Jesus

In 3:16, we are strengthened by His Spirit

In 3:20, He has given us the power that works in us to glorify him

## Blessings

In 4:4, he has given us the hope of our calling

In 4:7, he has given us grace according to the measure of Christ's gift

In 4:11-16, he provided many within the church to equip us for ministry and the building of the body of Christ, which is the church.

In 4:23-24, he made us new men and women in Christ.

## Blessings

In 5:1-2, Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma that we should imitate him as dear children.

In 5:8, we are now children of the light in the Lord.

And finally, in 6:11-16, we were Given God's armour so that we may could stand against the devil.

These riches were planned by the Father, purchased by the Son, and presented by the Spirit. Warren Wiersbe

## We Are Rich In Christ

These riches were planned by the Father, purchased by the Son, and presented by the Spirit.

Warren Wiersbe



## Election and Predestination Verses 1:3-6

Lord, save the elect and then elect some more!

Do not stumble at the doctrine of election or God's choosing. Preach the gospel to all, and if you convert anyone who was not 'chosen,' God will forgive you! - D. L. Moody

Eph 1:3-6 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

# Salvation: Man's Greatest Possession

Justification (Past Tense)	Sanctification (Present Tense)	Glorification (Future Tense)
Saved <i>immediately</i> from sin's penalty	Saved <i>progressively</i> from sin's power	Saved <i>ultimately</i> from sin's presence
<p>“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)</p>		

## The Owner's Manual

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## Ephesians Chapter 1 Outline

- Chosen by the Father (1:3-6)
- Redeemed by the Son (1:7-12)
- Assured, sealed and protected by the Spirit (1:13-14)

## Chapter 1 – Who Am I?

- I am blessed v3
- I am chosen v4
- I am holy v4
- I am loved v4
- I am adopted v5
- I am accepted v6
- I am redeemed v7
- I am forgiven v7
- I am sealed by the Holy Spirit v13
- I am called v18

## Chapter 1 – Who Am I?

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13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise ... 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints



## In Christ

1:1 Ephesians opens up with the letter being addressed to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

1:2 We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Outside of Christ there is no true everlasting blessing.

1:4 He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world so that we would be set apart for him.

1:6 We receive grace in Christ.



## In Christ

1:7 In Christ we are made free by his blood sacrifice.

1:9 Christ purposed in himself to reveal to us the mystery of his will.

1:10 Christ would gather together in one all things in Christ, both of which are in heaven and on earth, in Him. He repeats it twice in the same sentence for emphasis.

1:11 We have received an inheritance in Christ.

1:12 Our trust in Christ was for the praise of His glory.

## In Christ

1:13 The good news of salvation was the word of truth in Christ and that we are sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because we believe in Christ.

1:15 Your faith in the Lord Jesus.

1:20 God worked in Christ when he raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

2:5 God made us alive together with or in Christ.

2:6 God made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

## In Christ

2:7 That in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2:8 God's grace has saved us because of our faith in Christ.

2:10 We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

2:12 Before we believed in Christ, we were separated from him.

2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

2:14 He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ.

## In Christ

2:18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

2:19-20 Christ our cornerstone.

2:21 The whole building (that is the church) is joined together in Christ.

2:22 And in Christ you are being built together with his other people.

3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.

## In Christ

3:8 Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.

3:11 The eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3:12 In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.

3:14 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever.

3:21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus.

## In Christ

4:1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,

4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord,

4:21 Indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him,  
as the truth is in Jesus.

4:25 In Christ's body we're all connected to each other.

4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

## In Christ

5:5 How could they expect to have an inheritance in Christ's kingdom while doing those things?

5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

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

6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

6:21 But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you;

## Quote from “The True Estimate of Life and How to Live”

You have never heard the voice of God, and say: “The day of miracles is past. I am never disturbed. I make my own plans and live where I please and do as I like. What do you mean by a disturbing element?”

Beloved, you are living still among the fleshpots and the garlic of Egypt. You are still in slavery. Oh, if men could but see themselves! The man who does as he likes is the greatest slave. The man who never does as he likes is God’s free man. You know no disturbing voice? God never points out for you a pathway altogether different from the one you had planned?



## Quote from “The True Estimate of Life and How to Live”

Then, my brother, you are living still in the land of slavery, in the land of darkness. Back to your King! ... He will call you away from some loved relationship, from some cherished habit, and will say, “This is the way.” As you look at the pathway, you will think that it is a hard one; but as you begin to tread it, you will find that He is with you, and every step is leading you into finer air, and larger life, and more infinite possibilities. G. Campbell Morgan

## Letting Christ Have Complete Control of Your Life

Jesus Christ knocked on the door of a man's house. His house had many rooms. So when the rich man opened the door and found Jesus outside, he was ecstatic and welcomed Him in. He then gave the best room to Jesus.

That night, the rich man heard a violent knock on the door. He was hesitant to open the door, but he still gave in and opened it. Then he found the devil outside.

“Devil, I've heard about you, and you're not welcome in my house.”

## Letting Christ Have Complete Control of Your Life

The devil barged into his home and tormented the rich man overnight. He fought the devil with all his might but failed. As the sun rose in the morning, the devil crept out of the door.

Realizing that Jesus was there all night and didn't come to his rescue, the sleepless rich man became angry with Him. But Jesus made him understand that he just gave only one room in his entire house to Him, so it was not His responsibility to guard that house. So the rich man gave him half of the rooms in the house.

## Letting Christ Have Complete Control of Your Life

Again that night, the devil showed up and tormented him. That went on for nights until the rich man finally sobbed in front of Jesus, asking Him why He didn't help him when he was suffering against the enemy. Jesus then made him realize that until the rich man gave Jesus the entire house, including his own personal room where he hid all his dark and secret things, Jesus couldn't help him secure the house.

The rich man finally gave his entire house to Jesus Christ and made Him the master. That night, the devil again knocked at the door.

## Letting Christ Have Complete Control of Your Life

Jesus came and opened the door.

Upon seeing Jesus Christ, the devil bowed down and said, “**Please excuse me, sir, I’ve come to the wrong house.**”

## Summary

- In Christ
- Identity
- Universal church family
- Blessings