

# Scraps from the margins of my Bible.

## EPHESIANS

with a little expansion  
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i.e. **scattered**

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### Intro

- ◆ "Wealth, Walk, & Warfare of the Believer" Ruth Paxon, a great outline
  - Wealth, ch 1-3
  - Walk, 4,5
  - Warfare, 6
- ◆ "The Believer as a Member of the Body" pjm
  - \* Ephesians looks at the Church as the body of Christ
  - \* Colossians looks at Christ as the head of the Church
- ◆ This is Paul's Trinitarian epistle
- ◆ Love [agapao] 9x all other epistles, 9x
- ◆ Love [agape] 10x all other epistles, 5x
- ◆ Ephesus visited on 2nd tour, church at Ephesus founded on Paul's 3rd tour
  - Paul stayed 3 years with Timothy as co-founding pastor
  - Timothy perhaps returned later as pastor *pjm, yes*
  - John was later pastor then bishop [*out of Ephesus*] over entire region's churches
- ◆ Ephesus had 3rd largest library in the empire [#1 Rome, #2 Alexandria]
- ◆ "If Ephesians were put to music it would be a grand symphony with cymbals crashing and all members exhausted at the end." anon

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### THE WEALTH, chapters 1-3

Chpts 1-3 Theme = "**in Christ**" "**in Him**" "**in the heavenlies**"

1.1 no personal greetings

1.5 **predestined** to:

- ◆ adoption, v.5
- ◆ praise of His glory, v.6
- ◆ according to His purpose, v.11
- ◆ n.b. to the praise of His glory, v.12 [*n.b. = nota bene = note well*]

1.7 some feel this is the key verse

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### Chap 2 & 3 8 descriptions of salvation

- ◆ adoption, v.5
- ◆ redemption, v.7
- ◆ forgiveness, v.7
- ◆ inheritance, 11,14,18
- ◆ in Him, 1,3,4,7,9,10,12,13,20
- ◆ sealed, v.13
- ◆ redemption of the purchased possession, v.14, again
- ◆ seated as His right hand, v.20
- ◆ alive [*eternal life*] by believing which is contrary to Calvinism, 2.1

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\* alive, in Christ, saved, brought near, one new man, reconciled, peace

15 descriptions of the lost

- ◆ 1.5 dead in trespasses and sins
- ◆ 2.2 formerly walked according to . . .
- ◆ 2.2 sons of disobedience
- ◆ 2.3 flesh
- ◆ 2.12 excluded
  - separated from Christ
  - stranger to the Covenant
  - no hope
  - without God
- ◆ 2.13 far off
- ◆ 2.15 enmity
- ◆ 2.17 far away
- ◆ 2.19 strangers

Aliens

Themes: dead, world, Satan, flesh, sin

2.8 grace does not work unless faith is used

faith is not the gift. Faith comes through hearing the Word of God. Romans 10.17

You can have faith in good works OR faith in Jesus' death for you. You cannot place faith in both at the same time.

2.9 "Good works will send you straight to hell." spoken by a GoodWill thrift store worker

2.12 5 exclusions:

- ◆ from Christ
- ◆ from the commonwealth of Israel, the Body of Believers
- ◆ from Covenants
- ◆ no hope
- ◆ without god

2.19 12 words to describe salvation

2.19 fellow citizens

saints, 3.8

God's household

2.21 building

fitted together

holy Temple

2.22 dwelling of God

3.6 fellow heirs

fellow members

fellow partakers

3.10 Church

3.16 inner man ?

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[Salvation Words in Ephesians](#), 28X in chapters 2 & 3, [a simple teaching chart]

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3.4-10 5-part mystery

- ◆ Fellow heirs'
- ◆ Fellow members
- ◆ Fellow partakers
- ◆ Saints
- ◆ The Church, as God's new instrument, supplanting the nation

**mystery:** definition

"A truth revealed for the first time." *i.e. not revealed one bit in the OT*

"A truth not revealed until the proper time." Doc Cambron

2 Biblical definitions = 3.9

\* Eph 3.9 "which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God."

\* Rom 16.29 "according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began"

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[Mysteries in the NT](#), 17X

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- 3.16 **according to**, Example: A King kept on lavishing gifts on his slave. The slave said it was too much. The King said it was too little.
- 3.17 3 metaphors
- dwell
  - rooted
  - grounded
- 3.20 **abundantly**, "Man's highest aspiration is not beyond God's willingness." *Dr. David Peterson, my pastor*

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THE WALK, chapters 4 & 5

- 4.1-16 **unity**
- 4.17 purity
- 4.1 **walk worthy**, Col 1.10 3.5,7 4.5 Rom 6.4 8.4 13.13 I John 1.6 II Cor 4.2 Eph 4.17 5.2 III John 4 I Thes 4.10
- \* Obviously a major theme of Paul
  - \* the most common metaphor used in the NT for being faithful
- 4.2 **walk**, humbly, gently, patiently, in love
- 4.3 **walk**, diligently, in unity
- 4.4 the Trinity all in one verse
- 4.8 gifts are given TO members of the local church
- 4.11 people ARE the gifts that are given to each local Church
- \* 5 lists of the gifts
- [there is no "list," don't let anybody tell you he knows the complete list ]*
- Ephesians 5 gifts
  - Rom 12 6 gifts
  - I Cor 12 9 gifts & 8 gifts [2 lists, each is different]
  - I Pet 4 2 gifts [only 2 gifts: serving & talking]
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- 4.13 **perfect** = mature, not sinless, but deeply imbedded in Christ Himself, logging lots of time abhorring sin
- 3 ingredients of a spiritually mature believer:
- Degree of **yieldedness** to the Spirit
  - Fairly complete **knowledge** of the whole Bible
  - **Length of time** you've been faithfully, daily walking with the Lord
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- 4.14 **cunning craftiness**, "There is no such thing as new theology." *Charles Spurgeon*
- 4.22-24 **Old Nature & New Nature**, Col 3.10 & a dozen more
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- 4.26,27 **be ye angry. . . wrath**, Most of my anger is sinful. There is righteous indignation, also.
- Ungodly: both controlled & uncontrolled, both explosive & fuming, both long term & momentary
  - Godly: simply hating what God hates [only one thing], sin.
  - I have a list of 6 kinds of causes of sin.
  - see my list of 21 verses in Proverbs, chaps 14,15,16,17,19,21,22,25,26,27,29,30 [anger & contention]  
*I drew a small flaming head next to each verse.*
- 4.28 advice to **him that stole**, advice for petty thieves in the church = give money away to help the poor
- 4.29 **grace to the hearers**, you better **edify!** Context is bad communication. People had better feel lifted up when you're finished, Phil.



Our 3-Legged  
Stool  
Yieldedness  
Knowledge  
Time

- 4.31 advice about obliterating: **wrath, anger, & clamor**, don't save up ammunition from your last fight  
 \* Bitterness leads to unforgiveness ☛ self-righteousness ☛ hatred ☛ long term grudge
- 4.32 **AS** = IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY AS CHRIST forgave you, Phil!

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- 5.1 **be imitators of me**, I Cor 4.16 11.1 Phil 3.17 4.9 I Thes 1.6 II Tim 2.2 3.7,9 [5 books]  
**walk**, verses 1,8,15 notes at 4.1
- 5.3 **not be once named**, not even a hint in my life
- 5.4 **neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting**, coarse talk, obscene jokes, bathroom humor, rudeness, dirty jokes, polished sarcasm
- 5.16 **time**, "tempus fugit" = Latin for time flies, vapor, vanity [Ecclesiastes, ?X] One commentator calls it "soap bubbles"
- 5.18 **be filled**,
- Songs in the heart, v.19
  - Thanksgiving, v.20
  - Subject to one another, v.21
- 5.21 **submitting yourselves one to another**, "This is my #1 message to believing couples!" Pastor Tim  
 Men must forfeit their independent streak when they get married. There is no dictatorship in a happy marriage.
- 5.23 **husband is the head**, don't like this? Don't get married. Sorry, can't change God's rules. This is chain-of-command, not order of importance.
- \* When I was Vice President of Academic Affairs I was not necessarily the best professor on staff, but I was considered, "first among equals."
  - \* Headship among equal marriage partners. God says, "The buck stops here." The husband's decision is final. The discussion can continue in peace. All husbands know that a woman's perspective is better than a man's sometimes. Many times. Look back at 4.29.
- 5.22-33 good marriage counsel is for a couple to read this passage a dozen times aloud and discuss the whys and hows. Maybe twice each time you're together several different times.
- 5.25 **Christ gave Himself. . .for it** [the Church],

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#### THE WALK, chapter 6

- 6.1 **obey**, not slowly, not with bad attitude, not partially, not just outwardly [remember we had 9 kids, over 19 year spread]  
 Never had a 2 year-old go through the "terrible twos." They learned early.
- 6.2 **honor**, kids can develop a great inward attitude
- 6.4 **dads**, are more guilty of this than moms, I have to admit
- 6.11 **nurture & admonition** = discipline & instruction,  
 \* Our job is not to get them to obey, but to get them to enjoy obeying.  
 \* Become a specialist in studying each kid's bent.
- 6.12 **wrestle**, **agonidzo** *αγωνιδζο* = straining at hard work, needing more consistency than grunting  
 Heb 12.1 run with patience the race  
 I Tim 4.2 fought a good fight
- 6.18 **praying always**: pray, petition, ask, supplication, commune, talk, intreat  
 \* intercession, thanks, confess, praise, worship, meditate, mediate. . . .  
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