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**THIS WEEK'S STUDY: *Ephesians 6:18-24***

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## OPENING PRAYER – Introduction

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.  
Put on the whole armor of God! Praying always with all prayer and  
supplication in the Spirit...*

### *We Will Not Be Shaken* - Bethel Music

*For we trust in our God And through His unfailing love  
We will not be shaken (3X)*

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*Though the battle rages We will stand in the fight  
Though the armies rise up against us on all sides  
We will not be shaken (3X)*

*For in the hour of our darkest day We will not tremble, we won't be afraid  
Hope is rising like the light of dawn Our God is for us He has overcome  
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### Review:

*Eph 6:10-24 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*

[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to STAND AGAINST the wiles of the devil.

[12] For we do not wrestle AGAINST flesh and blood, but AGAINST principalities, AGAINST powers, AGAINST the rulers of the darkness of this age, AGAINST spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

[13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to WITHSTAND in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND.

[14] STAND therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

[15] and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

[16] above all, taking the shield of faith with which, you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

[17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

**This week: Praying Always!**

[18] praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

[19] and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

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**Final Greetings**

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Eph 6:22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.

Eph 6:23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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— (Luk 18:1) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men **always ought to pray** and not lose

heart; (Col 1:3) We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always** for

you; (Php 4:6) Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything by prayer** and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; (1Th 5:16-18) Rejoice always, [17] **pray without ceasing,**

[18] in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (Jud 1:20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying in the Holy Spirit,**

- **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit!** Prayer is absolutely essential and vital, being so emphasized in the Bible, especially in the New Testament! What a tremendous weapon, **prayer** is in our fight against Satan! This Spiritual weapon whereby we can join hands with God, so to speak, in the accomplishing of God's purposes here on earth. By **prayer**, we can drive Satan off territory, that he is holding by usurped authority and **power**. By **prayer** we can open the eyes of people,

whose eyes have been blinded by Satan. *Supplication* is incessant, fervent, prayer. And that's in the Spirit.

- **Prevailing Christian prayer is wonderfully comprehensive.** Note the fourfold use of the word '*all*'. We are to pray at *all* times (both regularly and constantly), with *all prayer and supplication* (for it takes many and varied forms), with *all perseverance* (because we need like good soldiers to keep alert, and neither give up), making *supplication for all the saints* (since the unity of God's church, which has been the preoccupation of this whole letter, must be reflected in our prayers). Most Christians **pray sometimes, with some prayers and some degree of perseverance, for some of God's people. But to replace 'some' by 'all' in each of these expressions would be to introduce us to a new dimension of prayer!**
- **Why should we pray-reasons for prayer?** To align our will with His! To be strengthened! To draw closer to Him! The greater the faith in a believer, the greater the amount of prayer in his life! Prayer is the supreme achievement of the soul! We are at our highest and greatest when we are engaged in prayer! It is therefore, the ultimately the test of all that we claim to believe! My weakness! To keep in touch with my General, my Commanding Officer, My Captain, The LORD Himself! To strengthen myself to be able to use the Spiritual armor! If I am weak, how can I use His armor? (*Exo 17:11*) *And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.* Even with a great army and a wonderful commander in chief, a greater power is that of prayer and its vital energy!
- **We see the importance of prayer for the apostles in (Acts 6:3-4)** *Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; [4] but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.* Note the position of importance of prayer! It comes first, even before the ministry of the word! This is interesting in that these Apostles are men who are filled with the Holy Spirit. They had been with our Lord for three years, being taught by Him; seeing His death and resurrection and ascension! You would think that if any men in the church could go on like this, it would be these men, yet they say that we must give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word! How much more essential is prayer for all of us? What place does prayer have in our Christian lives?
- **The god of this world has blinded their eyes that they cannot see the truth.** But by *prayer* I can open their eyes to see the *truth*. Satan holds people in darkness who can't see the light. But we can bring the light to them through *prayer*. The *gospel* is the most reasonable and profound thing that you could ever come across. When you start putting it all together, it's the most reasonable, glorious offer ever made to man. Any sound, sane, intelligent man would gladly receive it. But when their eyes are blinded by Satan, when they are kept captive and in bondage by him, they can't see it! Through *prayer* we can bind Satan's *power* and open their eyes so that they can see the *truth*. Once a person has been delivered to see the *truth*, it's just natural to accept the glorious *truth* that God has made provision for man's sin through Jesus Christ. You don't need to perish but you can have everlasting life!
- **Praying in the Spirit,** means that **the Holy Spirit directs the prayer, creates the prayer within us, and empowers us to offer it and to pray it.** (*Rom 8:26-27*) *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* The Holy Spirit does this in us.
- **Jesus, speaking to the woman at the well in (John 4:22-24)** *You worship what you do not know* (emphasis on location, language, rituals is not worship or prayer); *we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. [24] God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*
- **You can do it by praying in an unknown tongue, if God has given you that gift.** If He hasn't given you that gift and your heart is just burdened and heavy, God understands the groaning of your spirit

as intercession, according to God's will. Or you can pray, now Lord, help me. I want to pray for this individual. Give me Your wisdom. Give me Your insight, Lord. May the Holy Spirit guide my prayer. Often, at the beginning of prayer, I'll ask the Lord by His Holy Spirit to bring to my mind the issues that I need to be praying about.

- **There are those times when we realize others are really are needing special prayer**, we say Lord, bring now to my remembrance those people who have requested prayer, that I might hold them up, Lord, before You. Then allow the Holy Spirit to bring back into our remembrance the issues that are needing prayer, trusting the Holy Spirit to do that, to remind us of those issues for which prayer needs to be offered. *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit*, the glorious help of the Spirit in our prayer life.
- **Let us try to learn how to pray 'in the Spirit'**. Ask the *Holy Spirit* to direct your *prayers*! Once you have known it you will be content with nothing less, you will feel that everything else is a failure and has fallen short. To be taken up by *the Spirit*, to know He is **illuminating your mind and moving your heart**, giving you **freedom of utterance, liberty of expression, understanding of things in the spiritual realm**, is what we need. As we have it, we will not only fight our spiritual foes, but we shall be *more than conquerors*.
- **Praying to overcome dullness of spirit!** One day you read the Scriptures and it seems you understand everything! The next you seem to have a total dullness of spirit. You are lifeless and almost asleep as you are reading it! What do you do? The great antidote for dullness of spirit is prayer! Prayer enlivens! You may even need to enliven yourself to pray. In those instances, immediately turn to God in prayer! You say my armor isn't bright at this point. I can't be able to use the word of God, if I'm like this. So you turn to God and you pray to Him, asking Him to enliven you, to rouse you, to take away this dullness and lethargy. You ask Him to quicken your spirit and He will do it! When feeling lethargic in prayer, get down on your knees, struggle, agonize, don't give yourself this rest or peace until you've found this. That's the value of prayer! We must never be content with a lifeless attitude toward any part of this armor of God! My faith must be living and active. I must be rejoicing in the Lord. I must be experiencing the peace. That is how the men of faith and the men of prayer have always lived!
- **Praying always!** Does that exhortation resonate well, with regard to your own personal prayer life?

*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful to this end with all perseverance** and supplication for all the saints —(Mat*

*26:41) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

- **being watchful to this end with all perseverance**; Persevering in **prayer**. Many times, we fail to persevere. In, *(Dan 10:12-13) Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. [13] But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.* What if Daniel had not persevered in **prayer**, if he had stopped and said, well, I guess God's not going to answer?
- **The Parable of the Persistent Widow: (Luk 18:1-8) Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart (faint, give up), [2] saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. [3] Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' [4] And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, [5] yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "** [6] Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. [7] And shall God not avenge His

*own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? [8] I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

- **Keep on at it; always, at every time, on every occasion, at all seasons. *Pray without ceasing*** he says to the Thessalonians. That is what he is saying here to the Ephesians—and to us! ***‘Praying always’!*** Not now and again, not simply when we are in trouble, not only when things are going wrong. ***Always!*** Always watching! Do not fall asleep, keep awake, be attentive, be vigilant, never be listless, rouse yourself, do not be slack. If you find you are neglecting ***prayer*** take yourself to task. Do this— ***watchful to this end with all perseverance. Pray*** through to victory! Be unremitting and unrelenting! Keep on and go on, never quit, never cease ***praying:*** ‘Men ought always to ***pray***, and not to faint’. Make ***prayer*** come alive! Let it burst into flame! Let your knowledge be illuminated. Let the Spirit lead to a knowledge of God that is indescribable because of its glory. Persevering in prayer with supplication for all the saints. ***Praying*** for another, bearing one another’s burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ. ***Praying always in the Spirit!*** How strong is the characteristic of ***perseverance*** in your daily prayer life?
- ***Praying always as Jesus prayed!*** Look at Him! Look at the nights He spent in prayer, sometimes ***persevering*** all night! Look at His knowledge of the Word of God, at the way in which He exercised His senses. All who follow Him have done the same; they are all imitators of Him. We must become imitators of Him. We must look beyond men, we must look to the Son of God and what He had done in order *to save us out of this present evil world*, and to introduce us to the glory that awaits us with God.
- **Perseverance used to draw out our faith -The Faith of a Canaanite Woman - (Mat 15:21-28)** *Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. [22] And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." [23] But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." [24] But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [25] Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" [26] But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." [27] And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." [28] Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance — and supplication for all the saints - (Php 1:4)*  
*always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,*

- ***Pray for one another and to make supplication for all the saints.*** Apart from anything else, it is foolish not to ***pray*** for all the saints. Nothing happens to them, but that it affects you; therefore, says Paul, remember the whole line of battle. Do not be always be looking at yourself and concentrating on yourself; consider the whole position and ***pray*** that every man may ***stand*** in his position. You must not only ***stand*** yourself! Your neighbor must ***stand***, and the next, and the next. ***Pray*** that they all may ***stand*** in order that this great Crusade of God may go forward. This is the way to avoid discouragement even for yourself. This is the way to have the assurance that you belong to a victorious army, and that nothing can possibly defeat the cause to which you belong.
- ***Some saints are in positions of persecution*** and trial and stress and strain and trouble. Their countries are passing through a period of transition, of uncertainty and of readjustment, and the whole position is as black and as terrible as it can be for many of them. How often do we think of them? They are brothers and sisters, in positions of such acute strain stress that they can scarcely ***pray*** for themselves at all. How often do we remember them and ***pray*** for them? Do not always be thinking of yourself, remember these others. Make supplication for them, ***pray*** for them.

- **Such is the background of this particular exhortation of the Apostle. He gives us remarkable teaching about *prayer* as one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith. *Prayer* does make a difference! *Prayer* does help! God Himself who bids us *pray*. To us is given the great privilege of making supplication for other believers, of holding them up before God, of asking God to look upon them and to bless them, knowing that God is ready to hear us.**
- ***Prayer* is the sovereign remedy** for many of the ills and diseases of the soul that tend to defeat us all. It is the sovereign remedy for introspection, for unhealthy self-concern. We sit thinking of ourselves and what is going to happen to us, what the effect of something will be upon us. We turn in upon ourselves and pity ourselves and are sorry for ourselves, and spend our time commiserating with ourselves. One of the best ways of getting rid of such a condition is to *pray* for other people. Lift up your heads, look away from yourself, realize the whole position, and as you do so you will forget yourself.
- ***For all the saints:*** We can battle spiritually not only on our own behalf, but also on the behalf of others. The soldier isn't concerned only for his or her own safety. They feel an instinct to protect and battle on behalf of others. We are not in this battle alone! How common is interceding for others in your prayer life?

***Eph 6:19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly (with clarity) to make known the mystery of the gospel, (Col 4:3) meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,***

- ***And for me, that utterance may be given to me:*** After bringing up the idea that spiritual warfare can be waged on behalf of others, Paul asks his readers to *pray* for him. Although Paul was a Roman prisoner, he does not ask them to *pray* that he may be set free from prison. He was a sick man, but he does not ask them to *pray* that he might be healed. Paul never considered himself primarily. He was always thinking of others. It is not a purely personal or human request that he makes of them. He is interested in one thing only, the thing that had always interested him since he had met Christ on the road to Damascus, namely, the preaching of the ***Gospel!*** This ***mystery of the Gospel!*** The ***mystery*** that had now been revealed! This message, this glorious Gospel of Christ! The ***unsearchable riches of Christ!*** It is these matters that Paul is concerned about. And what he desires the Christians to *pray* for is the preaching of the ***Gospel*** and the spread of the kingdom of God.
- ***First, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly (parrhēsia – noun form, with clarity).*** *Pray* for me, that I may have ***power*** of speech and freedom of utterance when I have an opportunity of speaking. The Apostle Paul was not a good natural speaker. Certain people at Corinth had taunted him, saying, 'his presence is weak, and his speech contemptible'. Apollos was the orator. Paul was not, and so he urged these Christians—***Pray*** for me ***that utterance*** (clear speaking) ***may be given to me, that*** when I get an opportunity of speaking I may have the words, that I may have the liberty, that I may be able to take advantage of the opportunity.
- ***Pray, he says, that my tongue may be unloosed, that I may speak with freedom, speaking clearly and with a fearless power!*** It is most interesting to observe that this mighty man of God, realizing his own deficiencies and imperfections, pleads with these Ephesians to *pray* for him that he may be able to speak freely, fluently, without halting and without stumbling.

***Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly (courageously), as I ought to speak. (2Co 5:20) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be***

reconciled to God.

- ***I am an ambassador in chains***, which at that time meant a prisoner's shackles. But it could also be used for the gold adornment worn around the neck and wrists of the wealthy and powerful, such as an ***ambassador*** for a king or for a nation. Paul considers his prisoner's chains to actually be the glorious adornment of an ***ambassador*** of Jesus Christ.
- ***that in it I may speak boldly*** (*parrhēsiazo*mai – verb form, with courage - The word originally denoted the democratic freedom of speech enjoyed by Greek citizens. It then came to mean 'outspokenness, frankness, plainness of speech, that conceals nothing and passes over nothing', together with 'courage, confidence, boldness, fearlessness, especially in the presence of persons of high rank'), ***as I ought to speak***. But his desire was to speak ***boldly*** the things that he ought to speak. This is second time he asks for prayer for boldness! This is a good ***prayer!*** God help us that we might ***speak boldly***, that we might not cringe, but speak ***boldly*** the things that we ought to be speaking. That we might speak up—speak ***boldly!*** This is most important at the present time. Do you ***pray*** for the preachers of the Gospel? Do you realize what happens every time a man enters a pulpit—frail, fallible, weak, and yet called of God to be His representative, and an exponent of His glorious ***truth?*** Do you ***pray*** for preachers of the Gospel? And do you ***pray*** in particular that they may ***speak boldly?***
- ***We do not pray today that preachers may speak boldly***. We prefer that they should speak diplomatically. We are so much afraid of offending people that we tend to hold back the ***truth***; resulting in the Christian faith being in jeopardy at this hour. ***Boldly***, says Paul, that is, without qualification. ***Pray*** that I may be honest, ***pray*** that I may be true, ***pray*** that I may deliver the message that has been delivered to me, that I shall not be concerned about anything but to please God and to be faithful to His Word.
- ***Paul asks, pray that I may be delivered from the fear of man, and of the learning of man and his supposed wisdom***. The Apostle reminds us that he had become '*a fool for Christ's sake*'. The philosophers in Corinth were laughing at him and jeering at him. Look at that man, they said, always saying the same thing, just that simple message about what he calls the 'Cross' (***1Co 2:2***) *For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified*. He does not argue, he does not reason out the great philosophies, he does not give us mighty disquisitions; the man is a fool. All right, says Paul, '*I am become a fool for Christ's sake*'.
- ***We need to pray for preachers today that they may preach in that same manner***. ***Pray***, says the Apostle, that the ***Lord's*** servants may be enabled to go on preaching ***boldly***, come what may, relying upon the living God, not upon any man. ***Pray*** for ***boldness***, honesty, assurance, and certainty, in spite of men and their ***power***, be it ever so great.
- ***Why should we contend for the truth?*** Because it is the only thing that can save men! Let us therefore look beyond men to their lost souls and let us be concerned about nothing but the glory of God and the salvation of men and women. The Apostle exhorts us ***to pray with all perseverance and supplication in the Spirit for all saints***, for all preachers of the Gospel whatever their circumstances and conditions, that they may speak the ***mystery*** of Christ ***boldly***, as they ought to speak.

***Eph 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;***

***Eph 6:22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and that he may comfort your hearts.*** (*Act 20:4*) *And Sopater of Berea accompanied him to Asia—also Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. (1Co 4:1-2) Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. [2] Moreover it is required in stewards*



*that one be found faithful.*

- ***Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister:*** *Tychicus*, a convert from where this epistle was written. He accompanied Paul in taking an offering to the church in Jerusalem (**Act 20:4-6**) and was sent by him on several missions (**2Ti 4:12-** to Ephesus; **Tit 3:12** – to Nicopolis).
- ***that you may know our affairs.*** *Tychicus is a faithful, beloved brother, a faithful minister in the Lord.* In Colossians, Paul calls him, *a fellow servant.* He'll let you know how things are going. He will give you an update on what's happening here in Rome
- ***That he may comfort your hearts:*** Paul wanted Tychicus to comfort the Ephesians (and everyone else who read the letter) about Paul's condition during his imprisonment in Rome.

***Eph 6:23 Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***

***Eph 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.***

- ***Peace to the brethren . . . Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus:*** Paul concludes the letter as he began it, with reference to ***peace*** and ***grace***, two essential cornerstones for the Christian life.
- ***Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity:*** Paul ends by pronouncing a blessing - his way of helping the Ephesians to walk in (***Eph 1:3***) *every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*
- ***All those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity:*** ***In sincerity*** is literally “in uncorruptness.” The idea may well be with an undying love. Our love for the ***Lord*** should be undying.
- ***What a blessing to us are these prison epistles of Paul!*** God was working even in the hardships that are brought to Paul, and yet God was wanting to bless all of us. So, He allowed Paul the hardship of prison in order to bless us even today with the clarity of doctrine that is given to us in these epistles.

**Closing Prayer:** Father, we give thanks to You for these epistles of Paul, and for the strength and the help and the understanding that they give to us concerning our Christian walk and our Christian life. Lord, help us to stand in these evil days against the many and varied attacks of the enemies, the subtleties with which he comes against us. Lord, may we just be thoroughly armed with the spiritual armament that we might see Your victories in this spiritual conflict in which we are engaged. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **Review of Ephesians:**

- **Divided into three main sections: first, chapters 1, 2 and 3**, where Paul lays down the great doctrine of salvation; then, in **chapters 4, 5 and 6**, we have the more practical section, the outworking of the doctrines in our daily lives and conduct and experience, and in all the contacts of life.
  - ***Eph. 1:1-2*** – Greetings
  - ***Eph. 1:3-14*** – Redemption in Christ
  - ***Eph. 1:15-23*** – Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom
  - ***Eph. 2:1-10*** – By Grace Through Faith

- ***Eph. 2:11-13*** – Brought Near by His Blood
- ***Eph. 2:14-18*** – Christ Our Peace
- ***Eph. 2:19-22*** – Christ Our Cornerstone
- ***Eph. 3:1-7*** – The Mystery Revealed
- ***Eph. 3:8-13*** – Purpose of the Mystery
- ***Eph. 3:14-21*** – Appreciation of the Mystery
- ***Eph. 4:1-6*** – Walk in Unity
- ***Eph. 4:7-16*** – Spiritual Gifts
- ***Eph. 4:17-24*** – The New Man
- ***Eph. 4:25-32*** - Do not Grieve the Holy Spirit
- ***Eph. 5:1-7*** – Walk in Love
- ***Eph. 5:8-14*** – Walk in Light
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