

# The letter to the EPHESIANS

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<sup>1</sup> I am Paul. God <sup>a</sup>chose me to be an <sup>b</sup>apostle of \*Christ Jesus. I am <sup>c</sup>writing this <sup>d</sup>letter to the <sup>e</sup>believers who live in the city of Ephesus and who are <sup>f</sup>faithful <sup>g</sup>followers of Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> I <sup>h</sup>pray that God our Father and the \*Lord Jesus \*Christ will give you <sup>i</sup>grace and <sup>j</sup>peace.

### God has <sup>k</sup>chosen us

<sup>3</sup> We <sup>l</sup>praise God the Father of our \*Lord Jesus \*Christ, because He is very good to us. We <sup>m</sup>belong to Christ and the <sup>n</sup>Holy\_Spirit has given us

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<sup>a</sup>**chose:** today I \*choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I \*chose.

<sup>b</sup>**apostle:** one of the first \*leaders of the \*church who has seen and learned from Jesus.

<sup>c</sup>**write:** to take a pen and put words into a book or onto something. [\*drawing # 47]

<sup>d</sup>**letter:** a \*message that a person \*writes and sends to someone \*else. [\*drawing # 13]

<sup>e</sup>**believers:** people who \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God who \*saves them. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>f</sup>**faithful:** to keep on \*serving God and not \*sin or \*worship \*idols.

<sup>g</sup>**follower:** a person who \*believes in Jesus and \*follows Him.

<sup>h</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>i</sup>**grace:** the love of God for \*sinful people who do not \*deserve his love.

<sup>j</sup>**peace:** to feel near God when He takes away all your \*sins and worries.

<sup>k</sup>**chosen:** after I \*choose and take the one that I want, I have chosen it.

<sup>l</sup>**praise:** to tell God how wonderful and good He is and to \*worship Him.  
[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>m</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>n</sup>**Holy\_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to \*know his \*truth, you can not see Him.

all the good things in <sup>o</sup>heaven. <sup>4</sup> God has <sup>p</sup>chosen us to <sup>q</sup>belong to \*Christ. Yes, before God made the world, He chose us to be <sup>r</sup>holy and full of love and without <sup>s</sup>fault when He looks at us. <sup>5</sup> Before God made the world, He <sup>t</sup>decided that we \*would be his children. He sent Jesus \*Christ to the world so that we \*could become God's children. This is what He wanted to do. <sup>6</sup> So we <sup>u</sup>praise God for the wonderful <sup>v</sup>grace that He has given us because we <sup>w</sup>belong to his <sup>x</sup>Son, whom He loves very much. <sup>7-8</sup> \*Christ gave his blood and his <sup>y</sup>life. He died for us and that is how God has <sup>z</sup>forgiven our <sup>a</sup>sins and made us free. This is how God has shown us how wonderful his <sup>b</sup>grace is. Yes, He has shown his grace in many ways, and He has given us his <sup>c</sup>wisdom to understand his love.

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<sup>o</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>p</sup>**chosen:** after I \*choose and take the one that I want, I have chosen it.

<sup>q</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>r</sup>**holy:** someone or something that \*belongs only to God, He can use it in a \*special way.

<sup>s</sup>**fault:** something that is wrong.

<sup>t</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>u</sup>**praise:** to tell God how wonderful and good He is and to \*worship Him.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>v</sup>**grace:** the love of God for \*sinful people who do not \*deserve his love.

<sup>w</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>x</sup>**Son of God:** the Boy Child of God the Father, the Son is also God.

<sup>y</sup>**life:** the time that you live on \*earth, from your \*birth \*until you die.

<sup>z</sup>**forgive:** when God \*decides not to \*punish people for the \*sins that they have done.

<sup>a</sup>**sins:** bad things that people do \*which God hates.

<sup>b</sup>**grace:** the love of God for \*sinful people who do not \*deserve his love.

<sup>c</sup>**wisdom:** to \*know what God wants and love doing what He says. [\*drawing #

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<sup>9</sup>No one before <sup>d</sup>knew what God had <sup>e</sup>decided about \*Christ, but now God has told us this <sup>f</sup>secret. This is how God wanted to <sup>g</sup>save us. <sup>10</sup>He <sup>h</sup>decided when it \*would be the right time for \*Christ to bring everything in <sup>i</sup>heaven and on <sup>j</sup>earth together to <sup>k</sup>belong to Him.

<sup>11</sup>God <sup>l</sup>chose us long ago to <sup>m</sup>belong to Him and to get all his <sup>n</sup>blessings. That is why He sent \*Christ to the world to do what He had planned. <sup>12</sup>God did this because He wanted us to <sup>o</sup>praise Him, the <sup>p</sup>King. This <sup>q</sup>means those of us who were the first to <sup>r</sup>believe and who \*know that \*Christ will <sup>s</sup>save us. <sup>13</sup>You in Ephesus also <sup>t</sup>belong to \*Christ, because someone has told you the <sup>u</sup>true <sup>v</sup>Good\_News that God wants to

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<sup>d</sup>**knew:** today I \*know, I have seen it or learned about it, yesterday I knew.

<sup>e</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>f</sup>**secret:** something that most people do not \*know, only a few people know about it.

<sup>g</sup>**save:** when God \*forgives people's \*sins and gives them \*eternal\_life.

<sup>h</sup>**decide:** to think about what you want to do and \*choose to do it. [\*drawing # 41]

<sup>i</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>j</sup>**earth:** the world, the \*land and sea. [\*drawing # 172]

<sup>k</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>l</sup>**chose:** today I \*choose and take the one that I want, yesterday I \*chose.

<sup>m</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>n</sup>**blessing:** something good that God gives to some people when He helps them.

<sup>o</sup>**praise:** to tell God how wonderful and good He is and to \*worship Him.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>p</sup>**King:** God is King over all, everyone must \*serve and \*worship Him.

<sup>q</sup>**mean:** what people must understand by what you say.

<sup>r</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you.

[\*drawing # 16]

<sup>s</sup>**save:** when God takes all the \*believers to \*heaven to be with Him \*forever.

<sup>t</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>u</sup>**true:** something that God says is right or \*real, it is not a \*lie.

<sup>v</sup>**Good\_News:** the \*message that God loves all people and that Jesus died to \*forgive their \*sins.

<sup>w</sup>save you, and you <sup>x</sup>believe it. God gave you the <sup>y</sup>Holy\_Spirit, that He <sup>z</sup>promised to give to us, to show everyone that you <sup>a</sup>belong to Him.

<sup>14</sup> God gave us his <sup>b</sup>Holy\_Spirit. This was his first <sup>c</sup>blessing to us and now we <sup>\*</sup>know that He will also give us everything that He has <sup>d</sup>promised and He will free us so that we will <sup>e</sup>belong only to Him. This is why we <sup>f</sup>praise our God and our <sup>g</sup>King.

### Paul <sup>h</sup>prays that God will help all the <sup>i</sup>believers

<sup>15</sup> Someone has told me that you <sup>j</sup>believe in the <sup>\*</sup>Lord Jesus and that you love everyone who <sup>k</sup>belongs to God. <sup>16</sup> That is why, when I <sup>l</sup>pray, I always thank God for you and I think of you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I also ask

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<sup>w</sup>**save:** when God <sup>\*</sup>forgives people's <sup>\*</sup>sins and gives them <sup>\*</sup>eternal\_life.

<sup>x</sup>**believe:** to think that someone is telling the <sup>\*</sup>truth and not <sup>\*</sup>lying.

<sup>y</sup>**Holy\_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to <sup>\*</sup>know his <sup>\*</sup>truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>z</sup>**promise:** when God said He <sup>\*</sup>would do something for someone.

<sup>a</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who <sup>\*</sup>serve Him.

<sup>b</sup>**Holy\_Spirit:** God who talks to people and helps them to <sup>\*</sup>know his <sup>\*</sup>truth, you can not see Him.

<sup>c</sup>**blessing:** something good that God gives to some people when He helps them.

<sup>d</sup>**promise:** when God said He <sup>\*</sup>would do something for someone.

<sup>e</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who <sup>\*</sup>serve Him.

<sup>f</sup>**praise:** to tell God how wonderful and good He is and to <sup>\*</sup>worship Him.

[<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>g</sup>**King:** God is King over all, everyone must <sup>\*</sup>serve and <sup>\*</sup>worship Him.

<sup>h</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>i</sup>**believers:** people who <sup>\*</sup>know Jesus, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God who <sup>\*</sup>saves them. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>j</sup>**believe:** to <sup>\*</sup>know Jesus, the <sup>\*</sup>Son of God, and <sup>\*</sup>trust Him to <sup>\*</sup>save you. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

<sup>k</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who <sup>\*</sup>serve Him.

<sup>l</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [<sup>\*</sup>drawing # 16]

the God of our \*Lord Jesus \*Christ, God the Father who is <sup>m</sup>King, to give you <sup>n</sup>spiritual <sup>o</sup>wisdom and show you how you can get to <sup>p</sup>know Him better. <sup>18</sup> I <sup>q</sup>pray that God will help you <sup>r</sup>really to \*know what He has <sup>s</sup>promised to give you and everything you can <sup>t</sup>hope to get, because He has <sup>u</sup>chosen you to <sup>v</sup>belong to Him.

<sup>19</sup> I <sup>w</sup>pray that you will \*know how strong God's power is in the lives of those of us who <sup>x</sup>believe in Him. <sup>20</sup> This is the same power that God used when He made \*Christ live again and let Him sit in the most <sup>y</sup>important place next to Him in <sup>z</sup>heaven. <sup>21</sup> \*Christ is more <sup>a</sup>important than everyone and everything that wants to <sup>b</sup>rule over this world and more important than anyone we can think of, now and in the time to come.

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<sup>m</sup>**King:** God is King over all, everyone must \*serve and \*worship Him.

<sup>n</sup>**spiritual:** things that are \*important to God and not \*important to your body or this world.

<sup>o</sup>**wisdom:** to \*know what God wants and love doing what He says. [\*drawing # 175]

<sup>p</sup>**know God:** to \*believe in God, to be sure that He will \*save and help you.

<sup>q</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>r</sup>**really:** \*true, not a \*lie, more than others.

<sup>s</sup>**promise:** when God said He \*would do something for someone.

<sup>t</sup>**hope:** to wait for the things that God has \*promised, that will come.

<sup>u</sup>**chosen:** after I \*choose and take the one that I want, I have chosen it.

<sup>v</sup>**belong:** to be the people of God or part of the people who \*serve Him.

<sup>w</sup>**pray:** talk to God and ask Him for help. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>x</sup>**believe:** to \*know Jesus, the \*Son of God, and \*trust Him to \*save you. [\*drawing # 16]

<sup>y</sup>**important:** something or someone that you think about all the time and don't forget.

<sup>z</sup>**heaven:** where the \*throne of God is, where his \*angels \*worship Him.

<sup>a</sup>**important:** a person who can tell other people what they must do.

<sup>b</sup>**rule:** when a \*king or \*leader tells his people what they must do. [\*drawing # 27]

<sup>22-23</sup> God made \*Christ <sup>c</sup>defeat all his <sup>d</sup>enemies and made Him the <sup>e</sup>Head of everything to help the <sup>f</sup>church. The church is the body of Christ. He makes the church live and gives <sup>g</sup>true\_life to the church and to all.

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<sup>c</sup>**defeat:** when God wins \*against his \*enemies.

<sup>d</sup>**enemies:** people who hate you or fight \*against you.

<sup>e</sup>**head:** \*leader, first, most \*important. [\*drawing # 120]

<sup>f</sup>**church:** all the people who \*believe in Jesus and \*worship Him.

<sup>g</sup>**true\_life:** to live with God \*forever, it will never stop.