

Ephesians Chapters 1 & 2

[Ephesians 1:1-2](#) Paul, an emissary of Messiah{"Messiah" means "Anointed One" and is translated "Christ" in most Bible translations.} Yeshua{"Jesus", in most translations} through the will of God, to the holy ones who are at Ephesus, and the faithful in Messiah Yeshua: **2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah.**{similar salutations in 11 other books written by Paul}

[Ephesians 1:3](#) Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah**, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah,

- **Who** did Paul just say **is the God of Jesus?** More about that here => <http://sidnash.org/t/TheGodOfJesus.html>

[Ephesians 1:4-5](#) even as he[Father] **chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without defect before him in love, 5** having **predestined us for adoption as children through Yeshua** the Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire,

- [2 Timothy 1:9](#) who saved us and **called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given to us in Messiah Yeshua before times eternal,
- [Romans 8:28-29](#) We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For **whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son...**

[Ephesians 1:6-7](#) to the praise of the glory of his grace, by which **he[Father] freely gave us favor** in the Beloved[Yeshua]. **7** In him **we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace

- [Acts 2:38](#) "Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the **remission of sins** , and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

[Ephesians 1:8-14](#) which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure** which he purposed in him **10** to an administration of the fullness of the times, to sum up all things in Messiah, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in him. **11 We were also assigned an inheritance in him[Yeshua]**, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who does all things after the counsel of his will, **12** to the end that we should be to the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Messiah. **13** In him you also, having heard the word of the truth, **the Good News of your salvation—in whom, having also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14** who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory.

- [Ephesians 4:30](#) Don't grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom **you were sealed for the day of redemption.**
- [2 Corinthians 1:21](#) Now he who establishes us with you in Messiah and anointed us is God, **22 who also sealed us and gave us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts.**
- [2 Timothy 2:19](#) However, God's firm foundation stands, **having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," depart from unrighteousness."**

[Ephesians 1:15-17](#) For this cause I also, having heard of **the faith in the Lord Yeshua which is among you** and the love which you have toward all the holy ones, **16** don't cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, **17** that **the God of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, the Father of glory**, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him,

- There it is again => **notice who the God of Yeshua is...**

[Ephesians 1:18](#) **having the eyes of your hearts**{sometimes translated "understanding"} **enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the holy ones,**

- Regarding "**the hope of his calling**" =>
 - [Colossians 1:26-28](#) the mystery which has been hidden for ages and generations. But now it has been revealed to his holy ones, 27 to whom God was pleased to make known what are the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles, **which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory.** 28 We proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Messiah Yeshua;
- With Christ(Messiah) in us, **we have the hope of glorification** when He returns and **be with Him forever!** =>
 - [John 14:3](#) If I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.**
 - [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#) then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. **So we will be with the Lord forever.**
- **More about Christ in us** => <http://sidnash.org/docs/InTheFlesh.html>

[Ephesians 1:19-23](#) and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might **20** which **he worked in Messiah when he[Father] raised him[Jesus] from the dead and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. 22** He put **all things in subjection under his feet**, and gave him to be **head over all things for the assembly, 23 which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- Regarding Jesus at the "**right hand**" of His Father, see the first part of this study => <http://sidnash.org/docs/Col3-4.html> ([Colossians 3:1](#))
- For more about all the God gave to His Son, our Messiah, see [Hebrews 1:1-14](#) .

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#) **You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, 2 in which you once walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. **3** We also all once lived among them in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind{Greek thoughts.}, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **4** But **God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua, 7** that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Messiah Yeshua; **8** for **by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works**, that no one would boast. **10** For **we are his workmanship**, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them.

- [Colossians 2:13](#) You were dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh. **He made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,**
- [Colossians 3:1-4](#) If then you were raised together with Messiah, seek the things that are above, where Messiah is, seated on the right hand of God. **2 Set your mind on the things that are above**, not on the things that are on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in God. **4** **When Messiah, our life, is revealed, then you will also be revealed with him in glory.**

- [Romans 8:2](#) For the law of the Spirit of life in **Messiah Yeshua made me free** from the law of sin and of death.
- [John 11:25-26](#) Yeshua said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies. 26 Whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** Do you believe this?"

[Ephesians 2:11-12](#) Don't forget that **you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12** In those days **you were living apart from Christ.** You were **excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel,** and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. **You lived in this world without God and without hope.**

- In verse 11, we see that Paul is speaking to the Gentiles(non-Jews). In [Romans 1:3-7](#), Paul writes about his ministry to the Gentiles, stating that God has appointed him as an apostle to not only the Jews, but also to the Gentiles ([Romans 1:5](#)).

[Ephesians 2:13-17](#) But now **you have been united with Messiah Yeshua. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Messiah. 14** For Messiah himself has brought peace to us. **He united Jews and Gentiles into one people** when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. **15 He abolished** in his flesh **the hostility - the law of commandments contained in ordinances**{Greek: "**dógma**" - likely, the dogma of the Rabbi's requirements}. **He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16** Together as one body, **Messiah reconciled both groups to God** by means of his death on the cross, and our **hostility** toward each other was put to death. **17 He brought this Good News(Gospel) of peace to you Gentiles** who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near.

- [Acts 10:36](#) **This is the message of Good News...** that there is **peace with God through Jesus Christ,** who is Lord of all.
- [Romans 5:1](#) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, **we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.**

[Ephesians 2:18](#) For **through him[Messiah] we both(Jews and Gentiles) have our access in one Spirit to the Father.**

- [John 14:6](#) **Yeshua said...** "I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father, except through me.**
- [1 Timothy 2:5](#) **For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Messiah Yeshua,** 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all...

[Ephesians 2:19-22](#) So now **you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people.** You are **members of God's family. 20** Together, **we are his house,** built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. **And the cornerstone is Messiah Yeshua himself. 21** We are carefully joined together in him, becoming **a holy temple for the Lord. 22** Through him **you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.**

- [Galatians 3:26-29](#) For **you are all children of God through faith in Messiah Yeshua. 27** For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah. **28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Messiah Yeshua. 29** If you are Messiah's, then **you are Abraham's offspring and heirs** according to promise.