

# Ephesians Series Week 3

## Scriptures

**Colossians 1:18–19 TPT:** “He is the Head of his body, which is the church. And since he is the beginning and the firstborn heir in resurrection, he is the most exalted One, holding first place in everything. 19 For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ.

**1 John 2:5 AMP** But whoever habitually keeps His word and obeys His precepts [and treasures His message in **its entirety**], in him the love of God has truly been perfected [it is completed and has reached maturity]. By this we know [for certain] that we are in Him:

**Romans 5:2-5 CSB** We have also **obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, 4 endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. 5 This hope will not disappoint us, because **God’s love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 TPT**

1 If I were to speak with eloquence in earth’s many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet **I didn’t express myself with love**, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I were to have the gift of prophecy with a profound understanding of God’s hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, **but have never learned to love, then I am nothing.**

3 And if I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, and to offer my body to be burned as a martyr, **without the pure motive of love, I would gain nothing of value.**

**Psalms 103:9 TPT** You don’t look at us only to find our faults, just so that you can hold a grudge against us.

### **Colossians 1: 3-14 TPT**

3 Every time we pray for you our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to Father God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we have heard of your devoted lives of faith in Christ Jesus and your tender love toward all his holy believers. 5 Your faith and love rise within you as you access all the treasures of your inheritance stored up in the heavenly realm. For the revelation of the true gospel is as real today as the day you first heard of our glorious hope, now that you have believed in the truth of the gospel.

6 *This is the wonderful message that is being spread everywhere, powerfully changing hearts throughout the earth, just like it has changed you!* Every believer of this good news bears the fruit of eternal life as they experience the reality of God’s grace.

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7 Our beloved coworker, Epaphras, was there from the beginning to thoroughly teach you the astonishing revelation of the gospel, and he serves you faithfully as Christ's representative. 8 He's informed us of the many wonderful ways love is being demonstrated through your lives by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

9 Since we first heard about you, we've kept you always in our prayers that you would receive the perfect knowledge of God's pleasure over your lives, making you reservoirs of every kind of wisdom and spiritual understanding. 10 We pray that you would walk in the ways of true righteousness, pleasing God in every good thing you do. Then you'll become fruit-bearing branches, yielding to his life, and maturing in the rich experience of knowing God in his fullness! 11 And we pray that you would be energized with all his explosive power from the realm of his magnificent glory, filling you with great hope.

12 *Your hearts can soar with joyful gratitude* when you think of how God made you worthy to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light. 13 He has rescued us completely from the tyrannical rule of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of his beloved Son. 14 For in the Son all our sins are canceled and we have the release of redemption through his very blood.

#### 1 John 2:5-6 TPT

5 But the love of God will be perfected within the one who obeys God's Word.

6 We can be sure that we've truly come to live in intimacy with God, not just by saying, "I am intimate with God," but by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

**1 John 2:5-6 CSB** But whoever keeps his word, truly **in him the love of God is made complete**. This is how we know we are in him: 6 The one who says he remains in him should walk just as he walked.

#### Romans 5:5 CSB

This hope will not disappoint us, because **God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us**.

#### Ephesians 5:1 CSB

Therefore, be imitators of God, as dearly loved children, and walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God.

#### 1 John 3:2-3 CSB

Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.

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#### **Ephesians 2:10 CSB**

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

#### **Ephesians 4:11-13 CSB**

And **he himself gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, **12 to equip the saints** for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, **13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ's fullness.**

#### **Colossians 3:5-11 TPT**

Live as one who has died to every form of sexual sin and impurity. Live as one who died to diseases, and desires for forbidden things, including the desire for wealth, which is the essence of idol worship. **6** When you live in these vices you ignite the anger of God against these acts of disobedience.

**7-8** That's how you once behaved, characterized by your evil deeds. But now it's time to eliminate them from your lives once and for all—anger, fits of rage, all forms of hatred, cursing, filthy speech, **9** and lying. Lay aside your old Adam-self with its masquerade and disguise.

**10** For you have acquired new creation life which is continually being renewed into the likeness of the One who created you; giving you the full revelation of God. **11** In this new creation life, your nationality makes no difference, or your ethnicity, education, or economic status—they matter nothing. For it is Christ that means everything as he lives in every one of us!

#### **Colossians 3:12-17 TPT**

**12** You are always and dearly loved by God! So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others. **13** Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them. **14** For love is supreme and must flow through each of these virtues. Love becomes the mark of true maturity.

**15** Let your heart be always guided by the peace of the Anointed One, who called you to peace as part of his one body. And always be thankful.

**16** Let the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with all wisdom. Apply the Scriptures as you teach and instruct one another with the Psalms, and with festive praises, and with prophetic songs given to you spontaneously by the Spirit, so sing to God with all your hearts!

**17** Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father because of what Christ has done for you!

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#### **Colossians 4:2-6 TPT**

2 Be faithful to pray as intercessors who are fully alert and giving thanks to God. 3 And please pray for me, that God will open a door of opportunity for us to preach the revelation of the mystery of Christ, for whose sake I am imprisoned. 4 Pray that I would unfold and reveal fully this mystery, for that is my delightful assignment.

5 Walk in the wisdom of God as you live before the unbelievers, and make it your duty to make him known. 6 Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. For then you will be prepared to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith.