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To the Ephesians

Chapter One

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by Godde's will, to the holy ones who are in Ephesus and are trustworthy in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace from Godde our Mother and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the Godde and Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ, ⁴just as she chose us in him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without fault before her. In love ⁵she determined beforehand to adopt us as her children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the good pleasure of her will, ⁶to the praise of her glorious grace, which she freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, in accordance with the riches of her grace ⁸that she lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹she made known to us the mystery of her will, in accordance with her good pleasure that she offered in him ¹⁰to manage in the fullness of time – to sum up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on the earth. In him ¹¹too we were chosen. She determined this beforehand in accordance with her purpose. She does everything in accordance with the counsel of her will, ¹²so that we who first hoped in Christ should praise her glory. ¹³In him you too – when you heard the message of truth, the good news of your life, and trusted in him – were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a pledge of our inheritance until the redemption of those who are Godde's. Praise her glory!

¹⁵For this reason, since I've heard of your trust in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the holy ones, ¹⁶I haven't stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the Godde of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mother of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in her knowledge. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope to which you've been called, what are the riches of the glory of her inheritance in the holy ones, ¹⁹and what is the incomparable greatness of her power toward us who trust, in accordance with the working of the might of her strength. ²⁰She worked this power in Christ when she raised him from the dead and seated him at her right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name being invoked, not only in this age, but in the age to come too. ²²She put all things under his feet and appointed him head over all things for the community, ²³which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

Chapter Two

You were dead in your wrongdoings and offenses ²in which you once lived when you followed the ways of this world, in accordance with the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now at work in the children who are disobedient. ³All of us too once lived among them in the desire of our flesh, doing the will of our flesh and minds. By nature we deserved punishment, just like everyone else. ⁴But because of her great love for us, Godde, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive together with Christ even when we were dead through our wrongdoings – by grace you have been given life – ⁶raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages she might show the incomparable riches of her grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸By grace you have been given life through trust, and this isn't your doing; it's Godde's gift – ⁹not of deeds, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰We are her handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good deeds, which Godde prepared beforehand so that we would live in them.

¹¹So remember that formerly you who are Gentiles in the flesh, called "uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" – which is done in the flesh by human hands – ¹²remember that you

were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel and foreigners from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without Godde in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who were formerly far off have been brought near by Christ's blood.

¹⁴He's our peace; in his flesh he's made the two into one and has broken down the barrier of hostility's divisive wall. ¹⁵He's abolished the Torah of precepts and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile the two to Godde in one body through the cross, having killed that hostility. ¹⁷He came and announced the good news of peace to you who were far off and to those who were near, ¹⁸because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Mother. ¹⁹So then you're no longer foreigners and aliens, but you're fellow citizens with the holy ones, members of Godde's household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you're also spiritually built together into a dwelling place for Godde.

Chapter Three

For this reason I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles. ²Surely you've heard of the stewardship of Godde's grace that was given to me for you, ³and that by revelation the mystery was made known to me. I've written briefly about this. ⁴By reading it, you can perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ, ⁵which in other generations wasn't made known to people as it has now been revealed to Godde's holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: ⁶that the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, sharing in the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news. ⁷I became made a minister of this good news in accordance with the gift of Godde's grace that was given me by the working of her power. ⁸To me, the least of all the holy ones, this grace was given to announce to the Gentiles the good news of the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to enlighten everyone about the stewardship of the mystery hidden for ages in Godde who created all things. ¹⁰Her intent was that now, through the community, Godde's multi-faceted wisdom might be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹in accordance with the eternal plan she achieved in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through our trust in him we have courage and confident access. ¹³So I ask that you don't lose heart over my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

¹⁴For this reason, I bow my knees to the Mother, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that, in accordance with the riches of her glory, she may strengthen you with power through her Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through trust, having been rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may be able to grasp with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know Christ's love which surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all Godde's fullness.

²⁰Now to the one who's able to do so much more than all we ask or imagine, in accordance with the power at work in us, ²¹to her be the glory in the community and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Chapter Four

So, as a prisoner for the Lord, I urge you to live a life worthy of your calling. ²Be completely humble and gentle, patiently bearing with each other in love. ³Be eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one Godde and Mother of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But grace has been given to each one of us in accordance with the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸So it says:

“When he went up on high,
he led captivity captive,
and gave gifts to people.”

⁹Now when it says, “He went up,” what does it mean but that he also went down into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰The one who went down is the same one who went up far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, to build up of the body of Christ. ¹³And so we’ll all reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of Godde, attaining maturity to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴Then we won’t be children any longer, tossed back and forth and blown around with every wind of teaching by people’s crafty trickery in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we should grow up in all things into him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament as each part contributes and does its part, grows and builds itself up in love.

¹⁷So I tell you this and testify in the Lady: you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸Their minds are in the dark, alienated from Godde’s life because of their ignorance and closed minds. ¹⁹They’ve lost their shame and given themselves over to lewdness, greedy to practice every kind of corruption. ²⁰But you didn’t learn Christ that way! ²¹Surely you heard him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, the old self which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be renewed in the spirit of your mind; ²⁴and to put on the new self which has been created to be like Godde in justice and holiness of the truth.

²⁵So, putting aside falsehood, we should speak truthfully to our neighbors, because we’re members of each other. ²⁶“Be angry and don’t do wrong.” Don’t let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷and don’t make room for the devil. ²⁸The one who steals shouldn’t steal any longer, but should labor and work with their own hands to do something useful, that they may be able to share with the one who’s in need. ²⁹No corrupt speech should come out of your mouth, but only what’s useful for building up as needed, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰Don’t grieve Godde’s Holy Spirit, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, anger, fury, clamor, and slander, along with every kind of evil. ³²Be kind and compassionate to each other, forgiving each other, just as Godde in Christ forgave you too.

Chapter Five

So be like Godde, as beloved children. ²Live in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as an offering and sacrifice to Godde for a sweet-smelling fragrance. ³Since you’re holy ones, it’s not right even to mention among yourselves promiscuity or any kind of corruption or greed. ⁴There shouldn’t be any indecency, or foolish talk or sneering, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵Be assured that no promiscuous, corrupt, or greedy person – such a person is an idolater – has any inheritance in the reign of Christ and of Godde.

⁶Don’t let anyone deceive you with empty words. Because of these things, Godde will punish those who are disobedient. ⁷So don’t be associated with them, ⁸because once you were darkness, but are now light in the Lady. Live as children of light, ⁹because the fruit of the light is found in every kind of goodness and justice and truth. ¹⁰Learn what is well pleasing to the Lady. ¹¹Don’t have anything to do with the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It’s shameful even to speak of the things they do in secret. ¹³But everything that’s exposed by the light becomes visible. ¹⁴So it says:

“Get up, sleeper!
Arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵So watch carefully how you live – not as unwise, but as wise, ¹⁶making good use of your time, because these are evil days. ¹⁷Don't be foolish, then, but understand what the Lady's will is. ¹⁸Don't get drunk on wine, which leads to getting wild, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to each other in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Make music and sing to the Lady from your hearts. ²⁰Always thank Godde the Mother for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹Defer to each other out of reverence for Christ; ²²partners, to each other, as to the Lady. ²³Partners are inseparable from each other, just as Christ is inseparable from the community, being himself the Life-Giver of the body. ²⁴Partners should defer to each other in everything just as the community defers to Christ.

²⁵Partners, love each other just as Christ loved the community and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a glorious community, not having stain or wrinkle or anything like that; but that she would be holy and without fault. ²⁸In the same way, partners should love each other as their own selves. The one who loves their own partner loves themself. ²⁹No one ever hated their own flesh. They nourish and cherish it, just as Christ does the community – ³⁰because we're members of his body.

³¹"This is why a man will leave his father and mother,
and will join his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

³²This mystery is great, but I'm talking about Christ and the community. ³³And it applies to you too: Everyone should also love their own partner as themself, and each partner should respect the other.

Chapter Six

Children, obey your parents in the Lady, because it's the right thing to do. ²"Honor your father and mother" is the first precept with a promise: ³"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

⁴Parents, don't make your children resentful, but nurture them in the instruction and admonition of the Lady.

⁵Bondservants, in all things heed your earthly masters and mistresses, with reverence, awe, and singleness of your heart, as you would Christ; ⁶not just when they are looking, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing Godde's will from the heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as you would for the Lady and not for women or men, ⁸knowing that whatever good is done by each one – whether they're bound or free – they'll receive the same again from the Lady.

⁹Masters and mistresses, treat them the same way. Don't threaten them, knowing that the one who's both their Mistress and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with her.

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lady and in her mighty strength. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of Godde, so that you may be able to withstand the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle isn't against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the worldly powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³So take up the whole armor of Godde, so that you may be able to hold your ground in the evil day, and after you've done everything, to stay firm. ¹⁴So stay firm, dressed for action with the belt of truth, the breastplate of justice, ¹⁵and the shoes of the good news of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of trust, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of life and the sword of the Spirit, which is Godde's word. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit all the time with every prayer and request. To this end, watch and persevere in prayer for all the holy ones. ¹⁹Pray for me, so that whenever I open my mouth a message may be given to me to make known with courage the mystery of the good news, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak courageously, as I should.

²¹Now so that you'll know how I'm doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and trustworthy minister in the Lady, will tell you everything. ²²I am sending him to you for this very reason, so that he may tell you about us and comfort your hearts.

²³Peace to the sisters and brothers, and love with trust from Godde the Mother and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with immortal love.