



From Poverty to Prosperity

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THE ENDLESS SACRIFICE OF REPENTANCE AND WEAK PROMISES

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

Hebrews. 10:11

GOD IS NOT MOVED BY YOUR SACRIFICES AND WEAK PROMISES

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,... with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased

Hebrews. 10:5-6

GOD IS NOT MOVED BECAUSE THESE PROMISES DO NOT WORK

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason **it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect** those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But **those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

Hebrews. 10:1-4

The Law had one purpose:

To show mankind its need for a savior- Jesus

SALVATION COMES THROUGH CHRIST ALONE- NOT BY FOLLOWING THE LAW

First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. **Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will."** He sets aside the first to establish the **second**. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.

Hebrews. 10:8-10

CHRIST SINGLE SACRIFICE PERFECT AND SUFFICIENT FOR MANKIND

But when Christ had offered **for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by **a single offering** he has **perfected for all time** those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews. 10:12-14

Repentance is not a **sacrifice** that “brings God back”.

Repentance is the **evidence** that God is very near- working in you!

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EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1

GOD'S PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR MANKIND FROM THE BEGINNING

For **he chose us** in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. **In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ**, in accordance with his pleasure and will — to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians. 1:4-6

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1

GOD PLANNED FOR OUR DEBT OF SIN TO BE CLEARED COMPLETELY

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, **which he purposed in Christ**, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—**to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.**

Ephesians. 1:7-10

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 1

PRAYER OF PAUL: THAT WE KNOW AND ACCESS THE INHERITANCE

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

Ephesians. 1:15-20

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2

HOW GOD'S PLAN WORKED: YOUR PAST

As for you, you **were** dead in your transgressions and sins, in which **you used to** live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also **lived among them at one time**, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, **we were** by nature deserving of wrath.

Ephesians. 2:1-3

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2

HOW GOD'S PLAN WORKED: THE PROCESS OF REDEMPTION

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is **by grace** you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **not by works**, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians. 2:4-9

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 2

HOW GOD'S PLAN WORKED: THE WHOLE PURPOSE

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians. 2:10

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 3

GOD'S PLAN THROUGH THE CHURCH

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, **this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery,** which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the **church,** the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.**

Ephesians. 3:7-12

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4

LIVE LIKE SOMEONE WHO HAS ACCESS TO AN INHERITANCE

As a prisoner for the Lord, **then**, I urge you to **live a life worthy of the calling you have received.**

Ephesians. 4:1

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4

CHURCH IS TO HELP WITH ACCESSING THE INHERITANCE

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **to equip his people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, **attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

Ephesians. 4:11-13

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 4

HOW INDIVIDUALS LIVE IN THIS INHERITANCE

OLD + POOR	NEW + RICH
LIES	TRUTH
ANGER	PEACE
THEFT	GENEROSITY
GOSSIP	ENCOURAGEMENT
REVENGE	FORGIVENESS
PROMISCUITY	SELF-CONTROL
DRUNK	LED BY THE SPIRIT

Ephesians. 4:17-31

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

INVEST YOUR INHERITANCE IN GOOD WORKS

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

Ephesians. 5:8-11

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

BE WISE WITH YOUR LIFE AND INHERITANCE

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Ephesians. 5:15-17

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6

GUARD THIS INHERITANCE, STAND FIRM ON THIS GOSPEL

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians. 6:10-11

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6

GUARD THIS INHERITANCE AS A COMMUNITY

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians. 6:18-20

LETTER OF EPHESIANS

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