

**Outline of  
the Messages for the Full-time Training  
in the Spring Term of 2025**

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**GENERAL SUBJECT:  
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—  
EPHESIANS**

Message Two

**The Economy of God Revealed in the Book of Ephesians**

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:17; 2:22; 3:5, 16; 4:23; 5:18; 6:18

**Eph. 1:17**—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

**Eph. 2:22**—In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

**Eph. 3:5**—Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,

**Eph. 3:16**—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

**Eph. 4:23**—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

**Eph. 5:18**—And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

**Eph. 6:18**—By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

- I. The economy of God (His household administration according to His heart's desire) revealed in the book of Ephesians is accomplished by the exercise of our mingled spirit for the dispensing of the Triune God into us unto the building up of the church as the Body of Christ—1 Tim. 1:3-6; Eph. 1:4-5, 17; 3:8-10; 1:10; 3:2; cf. 1 Tim. 3:9; Col. 2:2; Eph. 3:4; 5:32.**

**1 Tim. 1:3-6**—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things <sup>4</sup>Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith. <sup>5</sup>But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and *out of* a good conscience and *out of* unfeigned faith; <sup>6</sup>From which things some, having misaimed, have turned aside to vain talking,

**Eph. 1:4-5**—Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

**Eph. 1:17**—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

**Eph. 3:8-10**—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel <sup>9</sup>And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

**Eph. 1:10**—Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

**Eph. 3:2**—If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

**cf. 1 Tim. 3:9**—Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

**cf. Col. 2:2**—That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

**cf. Eph. 3:4**—By which, in reading *it*, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

**cf. Eph. 5:32**—This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

**II. Each chapter of Ephesians reveals the mingled spirit (our human spirit regenerated and indwelt by the compound, all-inclusive, consummated Spirit); when we turn to our spirit and exercise our spirit, we touch the Body, because the Body is in our spirit:**

A. Ephesians 1:17 reveals that we must pray for a spirit of wisdom and revelation to see the mystery of God's economy, which is to dispense Christ as the mystery of God into God's chosen people to make them the reality of the Body of Christ as the mystery of Christ—v. 18; 3:9; 5:32; 6:19; Col. 2:2.

**Eph. 1:17**—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,

**Eph. 1:18**—The eyes of your heart having been 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 saints,

**Eph. 3:9**—And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

**Eph. 5:32**—This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

**Eph. 6:19**—And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,

**Col. 2:2**—That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

B. Ephesians 2:22 reveals that our spirit is the dwelling place of God; we are “being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.”

**Eph. 2:22**—In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

- C. Ephesians 3:5 reveals that the mingled spirit is the means by which the revelation of Christ and the church is revealed to the apostles and prophets.

**Eph. 3:5**—Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,

- D. Ephesians 3:16 reveals that our spirit is our inner man, our new person, our new spirit, our new man; we need to pray to be strengthened with power into the inner man for the reality of the Body life, which is the inner experience of the indwelling Christ as life for God's glory in the church—vv. 16-21.

**Eph. 3:16**—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

**Eph. 3:16-21**—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, <sup>17</sup>That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are <sup>19</sup>And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us, <sup>21</sup>To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

- E. Ephesians 4:23 reveals that we must allow the renewing Spirit mingled with our regenerated spirit to become the spirit of our mind so that we can be renewed day by day to become as new as the New Jerusalem for the reality of the Body of Christ as the new man—v. 24; Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 4:16; Col. 3:10-11.

**Eph. 4:23**—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

**Eph. 4:24**—And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

**Titus 3:5**—Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

**2 Cor. 4:16**—Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner *man* is being renewed day by day.

**Col. 3:10-11**—And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, <sup>11</sup>Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

- F. Ephesians 5:18 reveals that we must be filled with the beautifying, bride-preparing Spirit mingled with our spirit so that we can be prepared to be Christ's glorious church, His beautiful bride and the house of God's beauty, for God's expression—vv. 26-27; Isa. 60:7, 19; 62:3; Gen. 1:26.

**Eph. 5:18**—And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

**Eph. 5:26-27**—That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, <sup>27</sup>That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

**Isa. 60:7**—All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you; The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up acceptably upon My altar, And I will beautify the house of My beauty.

**Isa. 60:19**—You will no longer have the sun for *your* light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But Jehovah will be an eternal light to you, And your God your beauty.

**Isa. 62:3**—You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, And a royal turban in the palm of your God.

**Gen. 1:26**—And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

- G. Ephesians 6:18 reveals that we must pray at every time in our spirit in order to experience the slaying Spirit mingled with our spirit; in this way everything of God's adversary can be killed within us, enabling us to rule in the divine life of the Spirit over Satan, sin, and death for God's dominion—vv. 17-18.

**Eph. 6:18**—By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**Eph. 6:17-18**—And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**III. Each chapter of Ephesians reveals that the producing, existing, growing, building up, and fighting of the church as the Body of Christ is composed of the divine economy, which is carried out by the dispensing of the Triune God into the members of the Body of Christ:**

- A. Ephesians 1 unveils that God the Father chose and predestinated these members in eternity (vv. 3-6), that God the Son redeemed them (vv. 7-12), and that God the Spirit, as a pledge, sealed them (vv. 13-14), thus imparting Himself into His believers for the formation of the church, which is the Body of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all in all (vv. 18-23).

**Eph. 1:3-6**—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, <sup>4</sup>Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

**Eph. 1:7-12**—In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup>Which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup>Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup>Unto the economy of the fullness of the

times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him; <sup>11</sup>In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>That we would be to the praise of His glory who have first hoped in Christ,

**Eph. 1:13-14**—In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise, <sup>14</sup>Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Eph. 1:18-23**—The eyes of your heart having been 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 saints, <sup>19</sup>And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength, <sup>20</sup>Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, <sup>21</sup>Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <sup>22</sup>And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

- B. Ephesians 2 shows us that in the Divine Trinity all the believers, both Jewish and Gentile, have access unto God the Father, through God the Son, in God the Spirit (v. 18); this indicates that the three coexist and coinhere simultaneously, even after all the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection.

**Eph. 2:18**—For through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father.

- C. Ephesians 3 speaks of the apostle's prayer that God the Father would grant the believers to be strengthened through God the Spirit into their inner man, that Christ, God the Son, may make His home in their hearts, that is, occupy their entire inner being, that they may be filled unto all the fullness of God (vv. 14-19); this is the climax of the believers' experience of and participation in God in His Divine Trinity.

**Eph. 3:14-19**—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, <sup>15</sup>Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, <sup>17</sup>That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are <sup>19</sup>And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

- D. Ephesians 4 portrays how the processed God as the Spirit, the Lord, and the Father is mingled with the Body of Christ (vv. 4-6) so that all the members may experience the Divine Trinity.

**Eph. 4:4-6**—One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- E. Ephesians 5 exhorts the believers to praise the Lord, God the Son, with the songs of God the Spirit and to give thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son, to God the Father (vv. 19-20); this is to praise and thank the processed God in His Divine Trinity for our enjoyment of Him as the Triune God.

**Eph. 5:19-20**—Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming with your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup>Giving thanks at all times for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* God and Father,

- F. Ephesians 6 instructs us to fight the spiritual warfare by being empowered in the Lord, God the Son, putting on the whole armor of God the Father, and wielding the sword of God the Spirit; this is our experience and enjoyment of the Triune God even in spiritual warfare—vv. 10-11, 17.

**Eph. 6:10-11**—Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,

**Eph. 6:17**—And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God,

#### **IV. Each chapter of the book of Ephesians unveils the mystery of the Body of Christ as the organism of the Triune God from a particular point of view:**

- A. Ephesians 1 reveals that the Body of Christ is the issue of the dispensing of the processed Trinity and the transmitting of the transcending Christ—vv. 17-23:

**Eph. 1:17-23**—That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup>The eyes of your heart having been 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 saints, <sup>19</sup>And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength, <sup>20</sup>Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, <sup>21</sup>Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <sup>22</sup>And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

1. The Father's dispensing in His choosing and predestinating issues in His many sons as His house in sanctification—vv. 3-6.

**Eph. 1:3-6**—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ, <sup>4</sup>Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He graced us in the Beloved;

2. The Son's dispensing in His redeeming and saving issues in the believers as God's inheritance in His transformation—vv. 7-12.

**Eph. 1:7-12**—In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup>Which He caused to abound to us in all wisdom and prudence, <sup>9</sup>Making known to us the mystery of His will according to

His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup>Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him; <sup>11</sup>In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>That we would be to the praise of His glory who have first hoped in Christ,

3. The Spirit's dispensing in His sealing and pledging issues in God as the believers' inheritance unto their perfection—vv. 13-14.

**Eph. 1:13-14**—In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise, <sup>14</sup>Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

4. The transcending Christ's transmitting in His rising and ascending issues in His Body as His expression unto the believers' consummation—vv. 19-23.

**Eph. 1:19-23**—And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the operation of the might of His strength, <sup>20</sup>Which He caused to operate in Christ in raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, <sup>21</sup>Far above all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only in this age but also in that which is to come; <sup>22</sup>And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

- B. Ephesians 2 reveals that the Body of Christ is the masterpiece of the Triune God as the new man—vv. 10, 15-16:

**Eph. 2:10**—For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.

**Eph. 2:15-16**—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace*, <sup>16</sup>And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

1. On the cross Christ created the new man in Himself by abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, all the forms or ways of living and worship that divide mankind—vv. 14-15.

**Eph. 2:14-15**—For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity, <sup>15</sup>Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, *so making peace*,

2. The worldly people regard cultural differences as a source of prestige, but in the Body of Christ as the one new man we have lost this prestige; now our only prestige is Christ and the genuine oneness—4:3-4a.

**Eph. 4:3-4**—Being diligent to keep the oneness of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace: <sup>4</sup>One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling;

- C. Ephesians 3 reveals that the Body of Christ is the fullness of the Triune God by our being supplied with the riches of Christ and by Christ's making His home in our hearts—vv. 8, 14-19:

**Eph. 3:8**—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

**Eph. 3:14-19**—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, <sup>15</sup>Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, <sup>17</sup>That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are <sup>19</sup>And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

1. God has an economy to distribute the unsearchable riches of Christ into our being so that we become His fullness, His expression—vv. 2, 7-9, 19.

**Eph. 3:2**—If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

**Eph. 3:7-9**—Of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God which was given to me according to the operation of His power. <sup>8</sup>To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel <sup>9</sup>And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

**Eph. 3:19**—And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

2. We need to pray daily to be strengthened into our inner man so that the Triune God may carry out His unique work to build Himself in Christ into our hearts for Him to become our intrinsic constitution for the mutual abode of God and man—vv. 16-17; John 14:23.

**Eph. 3:16-17**—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, <sup>17</sup>That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**John 14:23**—Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

- D. Ephesians 4 reveals that the Body of Christ is the mingling of the processed Triune God with the regenerated believers and that this one Body is built up by the one ministry:

1. The one Spirit, one Lord, and one God the Father are mingled together with the believers into one entity to be the organic Body of Christ—vv. 4-6.

**Eph. 4:4-6**—One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup>One Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



2. The Body of Christ is built up by the one ministry, which perfects us to grow up into Christ, the Head, in all things and to function out from Him in order to supply the Body for its building up in love—vv. 11-16.

**Eph. 4:11-16**—And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, at a full-grown man, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error, <sup>15</sup>But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ, <sup>16</sup>Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and *through* the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

- E. Ephesians 5 reveals that the Body of Christ is composed of the children of light to be the bride of Christ for the satisfaction of Christ:

1. We were once not only dark but darkness itself because we were one with Satan; now we are not only the children of light but light itself because we are one with God in the Lord—v. 8; Matt. 5:14.

**Eph. 5:8**—For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

**Matt. 5:14**—You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.

2. As children of light, walking in love and light, we will be prepared to be Christ's glorious bride by the life-giving Spirit's sanctifying us, cleansing us by the washing of the water in the word—Eph. 5:2, 8, 18, 26-27.

**Eph. 5:2**—And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

**Eph. 5:8**—For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

**Eph. 5:18**—And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissoluteness, but be filled in spirit,

**Eph. 5:26-27**—That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, <sup>27</sup>That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

- F. Ephesians 6 reveals that the Body of Christ is the corporate warrior of the Triune God for the defeating of God's enemy:

1. Spiritual warfare is not an individual matter but a matter of the Body; the church as the Body is a corporate warrior, and only the corporate warrior can wear the whole armor of God—vv. 10-20; cf. Matt. 16:18.

**Eph. 6:10-20**—Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the

stratagems of the devil, <sup>12</sup>For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of evil in the heavenlies. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup>And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which *Spirit* is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints, <sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

**cf. Matt. 16:18**—And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

2. Prayer is the unique and vital means by which we apply the whole armor of God, making every item of the armor of God available to us—Eph. 6:18.

**Eph. 6:18**—By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

**V. Thus, the economy of God revealed in Ephesians is seen in each of its six chapters by three major points—(1) the exercise of our mingled spirit; (2) the divine dispensing for the divine economy; and (3) the mystery of the organic Body of Christ (1 Tim. 1:3-6; Eph. 1:4-5; 3:8-10; 1:10; 3:2; cf. 1 Tim. 3:9; Col. 2:2; Eph. 3:4; 5:32); this consummates in the ultimate union, mingling, and incorporation of the Triune God with the regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite man (Rev. 21:2, 9b-11) so that we may be the New Jerusalem for God’s glory and beauty (Isa. 60:19, 21; 43:7).**

**1 Tim. 1:3-6**—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things <sup>4</sup>Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God’s economy, which is in faith. <sup>5</sup>But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and *out of* a good conscience and *out of* unfeigned faith; <sup>6</sup>From which things some, having misaimed, have turned aside to vain talking,

**Eph. 1:4-5**—Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

**Eph. 3:8-10**—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel <sup>9</sup>And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

**Eph. 1:10**—Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

**Eph. 3:2**—If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

**cf. 1 Tim. 3:9**—Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

**cf. Col. 2:2**—That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

**cf. Eph. 3:4**—By which, in reading *it*, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

**cf. Eph. 5:32**—This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

**Rev. 21:2**—And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev. 21:9-11**—And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb. <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

**Isa. 60:19**—You will no longer have the sun for *your* light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But Jehovah will be an eternal light to you, And your God your beauty.

**Isa. 60:21**—Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be beautified.

**Isa. 43:7**—Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created, formed, and even made for My glory.