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**WELCOME TO THE PASSAGES CLASS!**

**A WALK THROUGH EPHESIANS**

*“When you read the letter of Ephesians, you are looking through both*

*a telescope and a microscope.” (Rev. Rupert Charkham, Chaplain to King Charles)*

**EPHESIANS 4:1-7, 11-16**

**I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: 4**there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, **5**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6**one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**7But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift**.

**11**Jesus himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers **12**to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.** **14**We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; **15**but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16**from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, **as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.**

**4 *1-3****In light of all this, here’s what I want you to do. While I’m locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. (The Message, Eugene Peterson)*

**EPHESIANS 5:21-6:9**

**….being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ**.Wives, be subjectto your husbands as to the Lord, **23**for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.**24**Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

**25Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her** **26**in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, **27**so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish. **28In the same way, husbands should love their wives** as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29**For no one ever hates his own flesh, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, **30**because we are members of his body. **31**“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **32This is a great mystery, but I am speaking about Christ and the church**. 33Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respecther husband.

**6 Children,** obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2“Honor your father and mother”—**this is the first commandment with a promise**— **3**“so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” **4**And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**5Slaves**, obey your earthly masters with respectand trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ, **6**not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul. **7**Render service with enthusiasm, as for the Lord and not for humans, **8**knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are enslaved or free. **9**And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, **for you know that both of you have the same Lord in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.**