

BOOK: Ephesians	Vertical Chart	NAME: Livé Fuiava
DIVISION: Adopted and heirs in God's family	SEGMENT TITLE: Seated with Christ who's seated above all SEGMENT # 1	SCRIPTURE: 1:1 - 2:10
BUILDS	PARAGRAPH TITLES & PP'S	BUILDS
<p>v.13 Sealed(past tense verb): the verb describes an action taken. That action was “when you heard the word of truth” & “believed” this facilitated being “sealed with the promise of the Holy Spirit.” Paul wanted to give assurance to the believers in Ephesus of their inheritance in the Lord. Unlike the other pagan gods where it was hard to know if they still had favor with them, that’s why earlier in the passage Paul used language like “chose us in him before the foundation of the world” (v.3) to show that God from the beginning to the “fulness of time,” (v.10) has a plan for us to unite all things. Being “sealed” with the Holy Spirit, marked God’s children as His inheritance as much as the believers had shared inheritance in Christ (v.11). Ultimately showing that God’s plan for the Ephesians offered them security and belonging purely based on them hearing the truth of Jesus and believing it (v.13).</p> <p>The Holy Spirit offers security and belonging to all who hear and believe in the gospel.</p> <p>It strikes me to think that I am God’s inheritance and possession. And to prove that, as a believer like the Ephesians, I have the promise of the Holy Spirit in my life. I desire for the Holy Spirit to make it know to those around me that I am God’s son. Knowing that I am in God’s family gives me ultimate security and having the Holy Spirit gives me ultimate belonging.</p>	<p>1:1a – Paul, apostle of Jesus</p> <p>1:1b – To Saints in Ephesus</p> <p>1:2 – Grace from our Father</p> <p>1:3 – Blessed in the Beloved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before foundation of world v.4 • predestined for adoption v.5 • making know mystery v.9 • fulness of time v.10 <p>1:11 – An inheritance in Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtained an inheritance v.11 • predestined v.11 • sealed w/ Holy Spirit v.13 • guarantee of inheritance v.14 <p>1:15 – Christ seated above all</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eyes of the heart enlightened v.18 • glorious inheritance v.18 • immeasurable greatness v.19 • Christ seated at right hand v.20 • Christ is above all v.21 <p>2:1 – Us seated with Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you were dead v.1 • made alive with Christ v.5 • seated with Christ v.6 • we are God’s workmanship v.10 <p><i>SUMMARY:</i> Paul conveys to the Ephesians that Jesus is a gift of life and shares his sonship and inheritance.</p>	<p>v.2:6 seated us with him: the two pronouns, “us” and “him” have a shared position in the verb “seated.”</p> <p>When Paul described that Jesus was seated at the right hand of God in heavenly places (v.20), he then takes that thought further to now place the adopted sons of God (v.2), which was the Ephesian believers and says, “you guys share the power and authority with Jesus.” After he talked about all these amazing things about the immeasurable riches of God and Christ above every authority, Paul says, “now that’s you.” This would have been very hard to truly believe when they had witnessed pagan rituals and worship of over 50 gods in their region.</p> <p>There is no greater power or authority over all creation than God and his family.</p> <p>I have to remember when I start doubting myself that I can stand against bad or emotional situations, that I don’t have to be subject to them. I’m a son of God with access to His heart and His power. I don’t have to fear not being in control of situations. I just want to remember always that everything is subject to God and He takes care of His household, which I’m in!</p>

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DIVISION: Adopted and heirs in God's family	SEGMENT TITLE: Jesus gives access to God's family SEGMENT # 2	SCRIPTURE: 2:11 - 3:21
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<p>v.2:18 we both: The first person plural pronoun “we” connects to another pronoun “both” meaning the “we” includes two parties together “have access” in one Spirit to the Father.</p> <p>Paul was addressing a growing tension between the Jewish and Gentile believers. Jewish believers thought they had a deeper, closer connection with God than with Gentiles because of Jesus being a Jew and their OT given to them. Gentiles may have been ignorant of the heritage of the Jews. Paul was trying to tell both Jews and Gentiles that they were on equal footing and that the Holy Spirit gave equal access to the Father.</p> <p>Everyone can have equal access to God through the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Even though I can hear God for myself, I want to remember that EVERYONE has the ability to converse directly to the Father. No matter how mature or immature someone is in their faith, I want to always encourage them that God wants to speak directly with them. I want humility to come out of my relationship with God to people around me. I wouldn't want anyone to feel like they have to strive or be a Christian for years and years before they feel like they can approach God.</p>	<p>2:11 – Now near to Father</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brought near by Christ v.13 • we both have access to the Father v.18 • fellow citizens and members of God's household v.19 • built together into dwelling place for God v.22 <p>3:1 – Mystery of Christ revealed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mystery was made known v.3 • mystery is Gentiles are fellow heirs v.6 • members of same body v.6 <p>3:7 – God's eternal purpose realized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unsearchable riches of Christ v.8 • bring to light the plan of the mystery v.9 • wisdom of God made known in heavenly places v.10 • eternal purpose realized in Christ v.11 <p>3:14 – Strengthened with His Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened with power through his Spirit v.16 • Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith v.17 • love of Christ surpasses knowledge v.19 <p>3:20 – Glory in Jesus forever</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power at work within us v.20 <p>SUMMARY: God's eternal purpose was realized through Jesus and citizenship to God's kingdom is available to all.</p>	<p>v.3:3-9 mystery: Paul repeats “mystery” 7 times. 4 times it is used in Segment 2:</p> <p>I. the mystery was made known to Paul by revelation (v.3)</p> <p>II. “when you read this” perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ (v.4)</p> <p>III. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs (v.6)</p> <p>IV. bring to light what is the plan of the mystery (v.9)</p> <p>The grouping of the word “mystery” was dense in this section because Paul was emphasizing the importance the revelation that Jesus was revealed as God's ultimate plan to include Gentile believers with Jewish believers. Paul was also using a common word that tied to pagan rituals in mystery cults that granted special powers or favors. Since Gentile believers would have come out of these practices, he was trying to say that total fulfillment of the only mystery that matters was made in Jesus. And God's favor and unsearchable riches (v.8) were completely free unlike pagan mysteries.</p> <p>The riches of God are without measure for free, for anyone.</p> <p>God desires for me and everyone to know of his great love and mercy through Jesus. And he's not selling it to me. The trade-off is unfathomable to my imagination, my life to be a fellow heir? Thousands of years later, and Christ is still a mystery to people. I want to position myself to do what Paul was doing and reveal the mystery of Christ.</p>

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DIVISION: God's family restores and stands strong	SEGMENT TITLE: Maturity builds up and forgives SEGMENT # 3	SCRIPTURE: 4:1 - 5:2
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<p>v.4:1. I therefore, urge you to walk: Paul commands the OR to walk worthy of their calling, in all humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another in love, and unity of the Spirit. He commands this after sharing theological ideas in the previous division.</p> <p>Paul wanted them to understand their value to God so that they would grow into and express that value through their literal households and province. Paul was saying that it wasn't enough for them to simply understand their identity and belonging from the previous half of the letter, but gave these values for them as a way to properly function in their sonship to one another.</p> <p>It is not enough to receive love but to give love also.</p> <p>It's so much easier for me to believe that I'm a valued son of God more than it is for me to show it or express it to my community. "Bearing with one another in love" to me means long-suffering. I want to grow in long-suffering with people around me despite me wanting to withdraw my love from people that are hard to like, let alone love. These virtues are the nature of a son of God and I truly want that to be reality in my life. Help me Holy Spirit!</p>	<p>4:1 – Mature to fulness, Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walk worthy of the calling v.1 • one God and Father of all v.6 • measure of stature of the fullness of Christ v.13 • no longer be children v.14 <hr/> <p>4:17 – Put off & put on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hardness of heart v.18 • put off your old self v.22 • be renewed in the spirit of your minds v.23 • put on the new self, created after the likeness of God v.24 <hr/> <p>4:25 – Building up and forgiving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • give no opportunity to the devil v.27 • doing honest work v.28 • do not grieve Holy Spirit v.30 • forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you v.31 <hr/> <p>5:1 – Walk in love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be imitators of God as beloved children v.1 • walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us v.2 <hr/> <p><i>SUMMARY:</i> Paul was pointing the way to spiritual maturity and walking out God's sacrificial love towards each other.</p>	<p>v.4:31-5:2: Paul commands the Ephesians to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another like Christ forgave them. He commands further to be imitators of God. Following these verses are warnings of what not to do.</p> <p>This was so important for the Ephesians to understand. As they were putting off their old nature of "deceitful desires," (v.22) he's reminding them to act and be like their loving Father. He wanted their hearts to be prepared to love sacrificially towards each other. As "beloved children" Jesus, the Son, gave himself up for them. Jesus was the model to them for how to imitate the Father. When Paul tells them to forgive as God forgave them (v.32), he's reminding them that they were reconciled and forgiven through the cross of Jesus, thus "killing hostility" between them and God (2:16). Being able to forgive anyone for anything done to you imitates God's love.</p> <p>In the last couple years I have noticed that I have held onto negative things that people have done to me longer than I used to. I think it came through a time when I allowed my heart to harden by harboring bitterness and giving myself over to anger over things. I recognize God's re-tenderizing my heart and I still forgive, it's just not happening as fast as it used to and I want it to so that I can truly imitate my Father.</p>

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DIVISION: God's family restores and stands strong	SEGMENT TITLE: Walk with Christ, the head of the church SEGMENT # 4	SCRIPTURE: 5:3 - 6:20
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<p>v.5:3-6 But: Paul connects the previous command of imitating God to warnings of what not to do with the conjunction “But.” Paul addresses the household later in this chapter and the next (5:22-6:9). Paul warns that there is no “inheritance” in the kingdom if these are practiced: sexual immorality, all impurity, covetousness.</p> <p>The gnarly emphasis that Paul uses to convey just how bad sexual immorality, covetousness, and impurity was to say they would have no inheritance in the kingdom of God! That's why Paul encourages them to discern what is pleasing to the Lord (v.10). This was just after Paul commands the Ephesians to have sacrificial love like Jesus. The audience he addressed afterward was the typical household of husbands, wives, fathers, children, slaves, and masters. I imagine that slaves might covet their masters possessions. And for Paul to equate covetousness with idolatry is worth noting.</p> <p>Pleasing God prevents unfruitful living.</p> <p>I've struggled with all these things and I've suffered the twisting effects these things had in my life. What's helped me turn from it is realizing how much I want to please God, which comes after knowing His love for me more and more. If I don't have sacrificial love, I have self serving love and that will shipwreck my faith.</p>	<p>5:3 – Walk in light</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sexual immorality and all impurity must not be among you v.3 • no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ v.4 • walk as children of light v.8 • discern what is pleasing v.10 	<p>v.5:22-6:9 Theme: Paul addresses the whole household in these verses. He gives commands to wives, husbands, fathers, children, slaves and masters. The commands he gives to the household members he refers to Christ and the church (v.5:32) and God as a their Master (v.6:9).</p> <p>It was quite common that in civil address towards the denizens of Ephesus, when addressing households, they would address in them in the same manner as Paul does here. Paul takes on an ambassadorial role on behalf of God's kingdom to describe what a household of God looks like. A common belief in the time of this writing was that if the head of the household was managed in a healthy manner, then the city would be prosperous. It's also interesting that the same person received 3 sets of commands: the husband, father, and Master. Depending on the welfare of the household it seems there would be a higher responsibility and even legally obligated to fulfill that responsibility.</p> <p>Jesus will nourish and cherish the Father's household.</p> <p>As my family grows, I want to be able to express the sacrificial love of Christ to them. I want to be more vigilant with how I treat my family. I want to build them up with encouragement and by being present in their lives as much as possible.</p>
	<p>5:15 – Walk wise, giving thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but wise v.15 • don't be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is v.17 • giving thanks always v.20 	
	<p>5:22 – Christ, head of church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wives submit to husbands v.22 • Christ is head of church and its Savior v.23 	
	<p>5:25 – Christ nourishes, cherishes church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • husbands love wives as Christ loved the church v.25 • nourishes and cherishes v.29 • this mystery, refers to Christ and church v.32 	
	<p>6:1 – Father's bring instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children obey parents v.1 • fathers do not provoke your children v.4 • bring up in discipline & instruction v.4 	
	<p>6:5 – Christ, master in heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • slaves, obey your masters v.5 • good will as to the Lord v.7 	
	<p><i>SUMMARY:</i> Paul is commanding the Ephesians to walk in the light and reflect the love of Christ in their homes and church.</p>	

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<p>v.6:11 that you may: Before Paul elaborates on the whole armor of God (v.13-18) he states the purpose after introducing the idea of the armor of God (v.11) with a logical purpose, "to stand against the schemes of the devil." Paul was using an illustration connected to war and telling the Ephesians to gear up! He uses this picture so that they would be ready to encounter resistance against schemes of the devil. The church was already familiar with the supernatural and magic and occult arts that most of them would have been a part of before receiving the gospel. He was forewarning that spiritual forces of darkness had an assignment to destroy God's people. Paul also uses the illustration of wrestling to show the directness of their struggle (v.12). He also gives location of these spiritual forces of evil and they are located in the exact same place that Jesus has total dominion over (I suppose that's every place) and which Paul already says they are seated with him in the heavenly places (v.2:6). There is no chance to prevail against spiritual evil without the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. I have to remember that the schemes of the devil for my life and family is real. That I will need to be vigilant and ready to throw down with prayer.</p>	<p>6:10 – Stand firm in Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be strong in the Lord v.10 • put on whole armor of God to stand against the devil v.11 • we do not wrestle against flesh, but against spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places v.12 • take up the whole armor of God to stand firm v.13 • praying at all times in the Spirit v.18 • keep alert and persevere v.18 <p>6:21 – Tychicus sent to encourage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister v.21 <p>6:23 – Peace from the Father</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • peace and love from the Father and the Lord Jesus v.23 • grace be with all who love Jesus Christ with love incorruptible v.24 <p>SUMMARY: Paul encourages the church to stand strong against spiritual evil and to prepare to welcome Tychicus.</p>	<p>v.6:21 Tychicus: Paul shares that he is a prisoner and unable to visit them in person. He informs the Ephesians that he will be sending Tychicus. He is described as a beloved brother and faithful minister. Paul gives 2 reasons for sending Tychicus: to give them an update of Paul and the ministry and to encourage their hearts. Tychicus was a chosen delegate from the province of Asia by the churches to go with Paul (Acts 20:4-6; 2 Cor. 8:19-20). Not only was he delivering the letter to the Ephesians but also to the Colossians! While he was traveling, he had the slave Onesimus with him so that he could take him back to his master in Colosse. Tychicus returned to Paul and was once more sent back to Ephesus to minister to the churches once more (2 Tim. 4:12). It's very clear that Tychicus was a man that must have been a very close friend to Paul. These are crazy journeys! He didn't just hop on a plane, he trekked for many months back and forth and demonstrated true sacrifice for the building up of the churches in Ephesus and Colosse. Friendships in the Lord can advance God's kingdom. I see this relationship and they're not just co workers in ministry but friends in ministry. I probably have a small handful of loyal, Spirit filled friends like this. It makes me want to be a better friend to my missionary friends. How much more fruit can come out of that friendship? This is inspiring to me.</p>