

Ephesians 1:1 "I'm Paul. God chose me to take Christ Jesus' message to many people. I'm writing this letter now to the people who trust in Christ Jesus and live in Ephesus.

Ephesians 1:2 I pray that God, who is our Father, and Christ Jesus, who is Lord, will treat you kindly. And I pray that God, who is our Father, and Christ Jesus, who is Lord, will cause you to be peaceful."

Ephesians 1:3 Title: Paul talks about the good things that God does for the people who belong to him. "I praise God, who is Christ Jesus' God. Jesus is our Lord. And I praise God, who is Jesus Christ's Father. God has given us all the things that we need and come from heaven because he unites us with Christ. God gave us these things that we are not able to see to help us.

Ephesians 1:4 Before God started creating the earth, he chose to unite us with Christ. And before God started creating the earth, he chose to make us become his special people. And before God started creating the earth, he chose to treat us like he treats people who are not guilty of doing bad things. He did these things because he loves us.

Ephesians 1:5 Before God started creating the earth, he decided to cause us to become his children. Because of the things that Christ did, he caused us to become his children. And he caused us to become his children because he wanted to cause us to become his children.

Ephesians 1:6 So we should praise God because he has treated us extremely kindly. God treated us kindly through the person that he loves because he is generous.

Ephesians 1:7 God freed us from death and sin because he united us with Christ. God freed us from death and sin by forgiving the bad things that we did. He forgave us because when Christ died on the cross, he gave his blood to him. And God forgave us because he is extremely kind.

Ephesians 1:8 So God treated us extremely kindly. He is extremely wise and knows all things.

Ephesians 1:9 God caused us to know about his plan, which was secret, because he wanted us to know about it. He decided to do through Christ the things that were in his plan.

Ephesians 1:10 God will do all of these things at the right time. God's plan is that the Christ rules all things that God created. God created all things that are in heaven and all things that are on the earth.

Ephesians 1:11 God chose to unite us with Christ. Before God started creating the earth, he decided to unite us with Christ because he wanted to unite us with Christ.

Ephesians 1:12 God decided that we, who trusted in Christ first, will live to praise him, who has a lot of glory.

Ephesians 1:13 And God also decided that you will live to praise him. You believed God's good message, which is true. So God united you with Christ and then caused you to belong to him by causing the Holy Spirit to live in you. This Holy Spirit is the same spirit that God promised you that he would send to his people.

Ephesians 1:14 God proves that you're his children by causing the Holy Spirit to live in you. And you will receive God's good gifts because you're his children like a father's children receive the things that belong to him. When God frees from bad things and death the people who belong to him, you will receive his good gifts. People will praise God, who has a lot of glory, because he does these things."

Ephesians 1:15 Title: Paul prays to God for the people who believe in Jesus and live in Ephesus. "I heard that you're trusting in the Lord Jesus. And I heard that you love all of God's special people.

Ephesians 1:16 Therefore I continue thanking God because of you and continue praying to him for you.

Ephesians 1:17 God is the God of Christ Jesus, who is our Lord. And he is the Father, who has a lot of glory. I pray that God will cause you to be wise. And I pray that God will cause you to know the things that he wants you to know. And I pray that you will know about God.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that you will understand the things that God wants you to know. God called you so that you would be his people. I pray that you will expect your life that is with God to be good. And I pray that you will know that the things that God will give to his special people will have a lot of glory. And I pray that you will know that the things that God will give to his special people will be extremely valuable.

Ephesians 1:19 I pray that you will know that God is extremely powerful. And I pray that you will know that God is able to do powerful things to help you. God is able to use his power to help the people who believe in Christ.

Ephesians 1:20 When God caused Christ to become alive again, he used his power. And when God caused Christ to be with him at the most important place that is in heaven, he used his power.

Ephesians 1:21 Christ is greater than all angels who rule other angels, all demons who rule other demons, all angels who have authority, all demons who have authority, all angels who are powerful, and all demons who are powerful. Christ's authority is greater than people's authority, angels' authority, and demons' authority. Christ's authority is greater than the authority of people who rule other people now, the authority of angels who rule other angels now, and the authority of demons who rule other demons now. And Christ's authority is greater than the authority of people who will rule other people in the future, the authority of angels who will rule other angels in the future, and the authority of demons who will rule other demons in it.

Ephesians 1:22 God gave authority to Christ so that he could rule all people, all angels, all demons, and all things. And God caused Christ to lead the group of people who believe in him. Christ leads the people who believe in him like a head leads the other parts of the body.

Ephesians 1:23 The group of people who believe in Christ is like him because the people who believe in him are united by God with Christ. Alternate 1: Those other people know about Christ because some people know other people who believe in him. Christ causes all things to exist. And he causes all creatures to live."

Ephesians 2:1 Title: God saves us by treating us kindly. "Before you believed in Christ, your spirits were dead because you did bad things. And your spirits were dead because bad things were in you.

Ephesians 2:2 You did bad things because bad things were in you like people who don't know God do bad things. You followed those people and followed Satan, who rules the demons who are in the sky. Satan tries to cause people who don't obey God to do bad things.

Ephesians 2:3 Before we believed in Christ, we did the bad things that our bodies wanted to do. And we did the bad things that our minds thought about. At that time we deserved to be punished by God like other people deserve to be punished by him.

Ephesians 2:4 But God is extremely merciful and loves us greatly.

Ephesians 2:5 So when our spirits were dead because we did bad things, God caused them to become alive. And he united us with Christ and saved us by treating us kindly.

Ephesians 2:6 And God caused us to be with Christ Jesus, who is in heaven.

Ephesians 2:7 God saved us to show people who will live in the future that he is extremely kind. And he saved us to show people who will live in the future that he treats us, who are united by him with Christ, extremely kindly.

Ephesians 2:8 God saved you by treating you kindly because you trusted in Christ. God didn't save you because you did something. But it is a gift that God gives to you that he saved you.

Ephesians 2:9 God didn't save you because you did good things. So no person should praise himself.

Ephesians 2:10 God caused us to do good things like people who please him do good things. He caused our spirits to become alive by uniting us with Christ so that we could do good things. God already planned for us to do those good things."

Ephesians 2:11 Title: God unites Jews through Christ with people who are not Jews. "Remember that when you were born by your mothers, you were not Jews. The people that other people call the people who don't have foreskins call you the people who still have foreskins.

Ephesians 2:12 At that time you didn't know Christ. You were not Israelites. God didn't promise you that he would do for you the things that he promised his people that he would do for them. And you were not able to hope that God will do good things for you. You lived on the earth without God.

Ephesians 2:13 But you're united by God with Christ now because he gave his blood to God for you. And you have a good relationship with God now.

Ephesians 2:14 Christ gave peace to us and caused Jews and people who are not Jews to become one group of people. He caused Jews and people who are not Jews to stop being enemies by dying for us. He took away the things that separated us from other people like a person takes away a wall that separates people from other people.

Ephesians 2:15 Because of the things that Christ did for us, we don't need to obey the commands that are in the law of religion to have a good relationship with God. Christ caused Jews and people who are not Jews to have peace. He united Jews and people who are not Jews so that Jews and people who are not Jews would be one new group of people. Jews and people who are not Jews are one group of people like the parts of a body are one body.

Ephesians 2:16 Christ united Jews and people who are not Jews with each other by dying on the cross. And he caused this new group of people to be God's friend by dying on the cross. And Christ caused all of these people to stop being enemies by dying on the cross.

Ephesians 2:17 When Christ talked about God to Jews who knew about him, he taught them how to be able to have peace. And when Christ talked about God to people who are not Jews and didn't know about God, he taught them how to be able to have peace.

Ephesians 2:18 The same Holy Spirit lives in us. And the Father hears the prayers of God's people who are Jews and the prayers of his people who are not Jews because the same Holy Spirit lives in all God's people.

Ephesians 2:19 Previously the people who already were God's special people didn't know you like people don't know a foreigner. But you also are God's special people now. And you're with the other people who are God's special people. You're in God's family.

Ephesians 2:20 And God has united you with the group of people who believe in Jesus. You're in the same group of people that has the special leaders who have Jesus' authority. And you're in the same group of people that has the people who tell God's messages to other people. These other people helped the people build the group of people who believed in Jesus. But the most important person who built this group of people is Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus is the most important person like a certain stone is the most important stone that is in the wall of a building.

Ephesians 2:21 God is uniting with each other all the people who believe in Christ so that these people would be his special people because the people who believe in Christ are united by God with Christ. God is uniting these people with each other like a person unites stones with each other to build a building where people will worship him.

Ephesians 2:22 God is uniting you with the other people who believe in Jesus so that you could live with them like a person lives in a building. He lives in this group of people because his Holy Spirit lives in his special people."

Ephesians 3:1 Title: God sent Paul to tell his good message to the people who are not Jews. "I, Paul, am a prisoner now because I'm serving Christ Jesus by telling God's good message to you. I'm telling God's good message to you, who are not Jews, because you also are his special people.

Ephesians 3:2 You probably know that God, who treats people kindly, has chosen me to bring his message to you.

Ephesians 3:3 I already wrote you that God caused me to know his plan that had been secret.

Ephesians 3:4 The things that I wrote will help you understand God's plan. God's plan is about Christ. And God explained this plan to me.

Ephesians 3:5 God didn't explain his plan to people who earlier lived. But he explained his plan now through the Holy Spirit to the people that God chose to take his good message to many people. And God also explained his plan to the people who told his messages to other people.

Ephesians 3:6 God planned for some people who are not Jews to become his children. Those people will become God's children by believing in his good message. Then those people will be God's children like the Jews who believe in his good message are his children. And those people will receive the same good things that God's children who are Jews will receive. These things include all the good things that God promised his people that he would give to them. And those people and all the other Christians will be one group of people like all the parts of a body are one body.

Ephesians 3:7 God treated me kindly and is powerful. God was able to cause me to become his servant so that I could tell this message to people.

Ephesians 3:8 I'm the least important person who is in the group of God's special people. But God treated me kindly and caused me to tell people who are not Jews about the extremely great things that Christ gives to us. People are not able to completely understand these things because they are too great.

Ephesians 3:9 Previously God didn't explain to a person how he'll cause his plan to happen. God's plan was a secret. But God caused me to explain to people how he'll cause his plan to happen now.

Ephesians 3:10 God is causing angels and demons through the group of people who believe in Jesus to understand his plan now. Then angels and demons will know that God is extremely wise.

Ephesians 3:11 God decided before the time when he created the earth to do through Christ the thing that he planned to do.

Ephesians 3:12 God united us with Christ now. And we trust in Christ. So we are not afraid of God and able to pray to him. And we are able to worship God.

Ephesians 3:13 So although I'm suffering for you, continue being brave. Be proud because I'm suffering for you."

Ephesians 3:14 Title: Paul prays again for the people who believe in Jesus and who live in Ephesus. "Because of all of these kind things that God did for us, I kneel. And I pray to the Father.

Ephesians 3:15 All of God's people who are in heaven and all of his people who are on the earth are in his family. And God is our Father.

Ephesians 3:16 God is extremely great and gives great things to his people. I pray that God will cause you through the Holy Spirit to be always able to trust in him. And I pray that God will cause you through the Holy Spirit to be always able to follow him.

Ephesians 3:17 And I pray that Christ will live inside you because you believe in him. I pray that you will always love God and other people. When you love God and other people, you will be like a tree that has long roots. And when you love God and other people, you will be like a building that is on strong stones.

Ephesians 3:18 We don't completely understand that God loves us extremely greatly. But I pray that you and all the other people who are God's special people will understand that Christ loves us extremely greatly.

Ephesians 3:19 And I pray that God will be in you extremely much. Alternate 1: And I pray that God will be in you so that you could have the characteristics that he has.

Ephesians 3:20 We ask God to do certain things. But God is able to do things that are much greater than those things. And we think about certain things. But God is able to do things that are much greater than those things. He does these things through his power that is in us.

Ephesians 3:21 So we should praise God. Because of the things that God has done through the people who believe in Jesus, we should praise him. And because of the things that God has done through Christ Jesus, we should praise him. We should praise God forever. I pray that all of these things will happen."

Ephesians 4:1 Title: God unites people who believe in Jesus. "God caused you to be his special people. I, who am a prisoner because I belong to the Lord, encourage you to act like God wants you to act.

Ephesians 4:2 Be always humble and be gentle. And don't become angry with other people quickly and love each other. And forgive each other.

Ephesians 4:3 The Holy Spirit unites us. So agree with each other and treat each other kindly. A body consists of different parts. But that body is one body. And many people believe in Jesus. But those people are one group of people. And the same Holy Spirit lives in all of those people.

Ephesians 4:4 God caused us to become his special people. And we hope that God will give the same things to us.

Ephesians 4:5 There is one Lord. We believe the same things and were put into water by a person for a short time like all other people who believe in Jesus were put into water by a person for a short time.

Ephesians 4:6 There is one God and he is our Father. God rules all people. He works through all of his people and lives in all of them.

Ephesians 4:7 God wants us to do certain things for him. And Christ causes us to be able to do those things.

Ephesians 4:8 Previously a person wrote in God's book that the ruler went to a high place. And that ruler brought prisoners with him. Then he gave gifts to people.

Ephesians 4:9 Think about the thing that this person wrote. Earlier if Christ goes to a high place, he was at a low place. He was at the low part of the earth.

Ephesians 4:10 Christ, who went to this low part of the earth, also went to the highest place. He went to heaven to rule all people, all angels, and all demons. And he went to heaven to live in all of God's people.

Ephesians 4:11 Christ chose some people to be special leaders. He gave his authority to those people. He chose other people to tell God's good message to many people. And he chose other people to tell God's other messages to people. And he chose other people to take care of God's people. And he chose other people to teach God's people about him.

Ephesians 4:12 These leaders help God's special people serve him. These leaders help God's special people always trust in him. And these leaders help God's special people always love each other.

Ephesians 4:13 God did these things to unite us. He wants us to trust in his Son with each other. And God wants us to completely know his Son with each other. When we do these things, we will be wise. And we will have many characteristics that Christ, who is perfect, has. Alternate 1: And we will be like Christ, who is perfect. Alternate 2: And we will be perfect like Christ is perfect.

Ephesians 4:14 Then we won't be like children. Children believe all the things that people tell them about. And when there is a storm, we won't be like little boats. When there is a storm, the wind blows a little boat to the place where it is blowing. We won't be influenced by clever people who deceive other people by telling false things to them.

Ephesians 4:15 But we should say to each other things that are true because we love each other. When we say to each other things that are true, God unites us with Christ. Christ rules the people who believe in him like the head rules the other parts of the body.

Ephesians 4:16 Christ unites us with each other like ligaments join our bones to other bones. Then when we do the things that we should do, we help people love God and other people."

Ephesians 4:17 Title: We should do the things that God wants us to do. "I'm speaking to you using the Lord's authority. Stop acting like people who don't know God act. The thoughts that those people have are not valuable.

Ephesians 4:18 Those people are not able to understand things that are true. Those people don't know God because they have decided to not think about different thoughts. And those people are separated from God by the bad things that are in them because they don't know him.

Ephesians 4:19 When those people do bad things, they are not ashamed. Those people always do the bad things that they want to do. Those people sleep often with people that they are not married to. And those people always want to do more bad things.

Ephesians 4:20 But the people who taught you about Christ told you to not do those things.

Ephesians 4:21 If God united you with Christ, you heard about him. And people taught you about the true things that are in Christ. Alternate 1: And people taught you about the true things that are about Christ.

Ephesians 4:22 So stop doing the things that earlier you did. You wanted to do those things. But those things were causing you to think that false things were true. And those things were destroying you.

Ephesians 4:23 Allow God to change your minds so that you could think different thoughts.

Ephesians 4:24 And do the things that God wants you to do. God gave you a new life that truly is good. And he caused you to truly become his special people.

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore stop lying to each other. But say to each other things that are true. We were united by God like the parts of a body are one body.

Ephesians 4:26 When you're very angry, don't do bad things. And don't continue being very angry for more than one day.

Ephesians 4:27 Don't allow the devil to start influencing you.

Ephesians 4:28 Perhaps earlier you stole things. But don't continue stealing things. Instead work hard so that you could have food and other things. Then you will be able to share things with other people who need things.

Ephesians 4:29 Don't say bad things. But say things that other people need to hear so that you could help them.

Ephesians 4:30 Don't cause God's Holy Spirit to become sad. God showed people that you belong to him by causing the Holy Spirit to live in you. And in the future God will free you from bad things and death because you belong to him.

Ephesians 4:31 Don't continue being angry with other people because you think that they didn't treat you fairly. Don't become very angry with other people. Don't shout things because you're angry. And don't say false things about other people because you're angry. Don't do bad things.

Ephesians 4:32 But be always kind to each other. Love each other and be merciful to each other. Forgive each other like God forgave you by uniting you with Christ.

Ephesians 5:1 You're God's children that he loves. So act like God acts.

Ephesians 5:2 Christ gave his body to God for us like a person gives an animal to God so that the priest could kill that animal. And when Christ gave his body to God, Christ pleased God greatly. Christ showed you that he loved you. So love God and other people.

Ephesians 5:3 Don't think about sleeping with a person that you're not married to because you're God's special people. And don't think about doing similar things because you should be ashamed of those things. Don't want another person's wife, another person's husband, or another person's things.

Ephesians 5:4 Some jokes are about bad things. You should be ashamed of those things. Don't tell those jokes to other people and don't say bad words. And don't say stupid things. But tell people about the good things that God did for you.

Ephesians 5:5 When a person always wants more things than he needs, he is worshiping them. I want you to know this thing that I tell to you now. No person who regularly sleeps with people that he is not married to will enter the place that Christ and God rule. And no person who regularly does similar things will enter the place that Christ and God rule. And no person who always wants more things than that person needs will enter the place that Christ and God rule. And the people who regularly do these things won't receive the good things that God will give to them there.

Ephesians 5:6 Don't allow a person to deceive you by saying things that are false. The people who don't obey God by regularly doing these things will be punished by him.

Ephesians 5:7 Therefore don't join those people by doing the things that they do.

Ephesians 5:8 Earlier you were bad and did bad things. But you're good now because God united you with the Lord. You're God's children now. So act like God's children should act.

Ephesians 5:9 Good people do many good things. These people are honest. And the things that these people do please God.

Ephesians 5:10 Learn how to do these things that please God.

Ephesians 5:11 Don't join other people by doing bad things. Those things are not valuable. And don't help other people do those things. And don't encourage other people to do those things. But tell other people that those things are bad.

Ephesians 5:12 People who talk about the bad things that they do when people are not watching them, should be ashamed.

Ephesians 5:13 When something is in darkness, people are not able to see it. But when light shines on something, people are able to see it. Similarly when people say about bad things things that are true, other people understand that they are bad.

Ephesians 5:14 When light shines on something, it becomes bright. Alternate 1: When God causes a person to know the truth, that person becomes bright. Therefore God's book says, "The person who is sleeping should wake up. And the person who is dead should become alive. And Christ will cause God's light to shine on you. Alternate 1: And Christ will cause you to be bright. Alternate 2: And Christ will cause you to know God's truth."

Ephesians 5:15 So be careful so that you act well. Don't act like people who are not wise. Instead act like people who are wise.

Ephesians 5:16 Many other people are doing bad things. But when you're able to do good things, do them.

Ephesians 5:17 Therefore don't be foolish. But understand the things that the Lord wants to happen.

Ephesians 5:18 And don't become drunk by drinking too much wine. You might do foolish things that destroy your lives while you're drunk. Instead allow God to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:19 Speak to each other by singing scripture songs, songs that help you praise God, and other songs that people who believe in Jesus sing. Sing songs to God and praise him.

Ephesians 5:20 Always thank God through Christ Jesus, who is our Lord. God is our Father. Always thank God because he gives all good things to us."

Ephesians 5:21 Title: Paul advises husbands and wives. "Honor each other because you honor Christ. And do the things that other people who believe in Jesus want you to do.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, allow your husband to lead your family because the Lord wants you to do this thing. Alternate 1: Wives, allow your husband to lead your family like you follow the Lord.

Ephesians 5:23 The husband leads the family like Christ leads the group of people that he saves.

Ephesians 5:24 And all the wives always should allow their husbands to lead their families like the group of people who believe in Christ allows him to lead them.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives like Christ loves the group of people who believe in him. Christ died for that group of people.

Ephesians 5:26 Christ caused that group of people to become God's special people. And he takes bad things away from us. He did these things by causing people to put us into water for a short time. And he did these things by causing other people to teach us about God's message.

Ephesians 5:27 Christ did these things so that this group of people could be with him. And he did these things so that this group of people could please him. This group of people won't have a characteristic that causes Christ to not like them. This group of people will be God's special people. And Christ won't accuse this group of people of doing a bad thing.

Ephesians 5:28 Similarly each husband should love his wife. He should love his wife like a person loves his body. A husband who loves his wife also loves himself.

Ephesians 5:29 No person hates his body. But people take care of their bodies and think that they are very valuable. Similarly Christ takes care of the group of people who believe in him. And he thinks that that group of people is very valuable.

Ephesians 5:30 God united us with Christ like the head and the other parts of the body are one body.

Ephesians 5:31 Therefore after a man marries a woman, he leaves his father and his mother. And the man joins his wife. And the man's body and the woman's body will become one body.

Ephesians 5:32 God caused a person to write these words in his book. But previously people didn't understand the meaning of these words. God was thinking about Christ and the group of people who believed in him.

Ephesians 5:33 But God also was thinking about husbands and wives. Each husband should love his wife. And each wife should respect her husband."

Ephesians 6:1 Title: Paul advises children and parents. "Children, obey your parents because God united you with the Lord. It is good that you obey your parents.

Ephesians 6:2 And honor your parents. This command is in God's book. This command is the first command that includes a promise.

Ephesians 6:3 If you honor your parents, good things will happen to you. And if you honor your parents, you will live on the earth for a long time.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, don't cause your children to become extremely angry. The Lord wants your children to know certain things. So teach your children about those things. And the Lord doesn't want your children to do certain things. So warn your children that they must not do those things."

Ephesians 6:5 Title: Paul advises slaves and masters. "Slaves, obey the person who owns you on the earth. Truly respect your master. Obey your master like you obey Christ. Alternate 1: Obey your master to serve Christ.

Ephesians 6:6 Don't pretend to respect your master to cause him to treat you well. But obey your master because you serve Christ to please God.

Ephesians 6:7 Serve your master well to help him. Don't work like you're serving only a person. But work like you're serving the Lord.

Ephesians 6:8 Slaves, I want you to know that each person who does a good thing will receive a reward from God. If that person is a slave, he'll receive that reward. And if that person is not a slave, he'll receive that reward.

Ephesians 6:9 Masters, treat your slaves well. Don't tell your slaves that you will hurt them. I want you to know that the Lord, who is in heaven, is your master. And the Lord also is your slaves' master and will treat you like he treats them."

Ephesians 6:10 Title: Paul explains to the people who believe in Jesus how they fight Satan. "I'll tell the last thing that I'll tell to you today to you. The Lord is extremely strong and able to cause you to become strong because God united you with him. Allow the Lord to cause you to become strong.

Ephesians 6:11 The devil is plotting against you. So prepare to fight the devil. God caused you to be able to have certain characteristics. Use these characteristics to fight the devil. Then you will be like soldiers. Before a soldier fights an enemy, he gets the special clothes that he'll wear and the weapons that he'll carry.

Ephesians 6:12 We don't fight people. But we fight demons. Some demons rule other demons. And some demons have great authority. And some demons are extremely powerful. These demons don't have bodies. But these demons are spirits. These demons are extremely bad and are in the sky.

Ephesians 6:13 The characteristics that God gave to you're like the special clothes that soldiers wear and the weapons that soldiers carry. So use these characteristics that God gave to you to fight the devil and demons. When these spirits attack you, they won't defeat you. And you won't run from your enemies.

Ephesians 6:14 So don't run from your enemies. A soldier wears a belt. That belt helps the soldier do the things that he should do. Think about things that are true. And say things that are true. Then you will be able to do the things that you should do. A soldier wears metal that covers his chest. Be just. When you're just, God protects you like that metal protects the soldier.

Ephesians 6:15 A soldier wears shoes. Then he is ready to walk to places that are far from the place where he is. Similarly be ready to go to people who are far from the place where you are. And be ready to tell God's good message that is about peace to those people.

Ephesians 6:16 A soldier carries a shield. When the soldier uses that shield, he is able to prevent arrows that are burning from hurting him. Trust in the Lord. The Lord is like a shield. When you trust in the Lord, you will be able to prevent Satan from doing bad things to you.

Ephesians 6:17 A soldier wears a hard hat on his head. And when an enemy hits that soldier's head with a weapon, that hard hat prevents him from dying. Jesus is like a hard hat. Trust in Jesus so that he could save you from bad things and death. And a soldier carries a sword to attack an enemy. The words that God gave to us through the Holy Spirit are like a sword. Use those words to attack Satan and his demons.

Ephesians 6:18 And do all of these things by praying. Always pray about all the things that you need. The Holy Spirit will show you how to pray. Be always ready to pray. And continue praying. Pray for all of God's special people.

Ephesians 6:19 And pray for me. Pray that God will help me speak to people. And pray that I'll be able to bravely tell those people about God's good message. Previously God's good message was a secret.

Ephesians 6:20 I'm Christ's representative and am a prisoner now because I tell God's good message to people. Pray that I'll be brave because I need to tell God's good message to people."

Ephesians 6:21 Title: Paul prays for the people who believe in Jesus. "I want you to know about the things that are happening to me. And I want you to know about the things that I'm doing. Tychicus will tell you about all of these things. He, whom we love, faithfully serves the Lord.

Ephesians 6:22 So I'm sending Tychicus to you so that he could tell you about these things. And I'm sending Tychicus to you so that he could comfort you. Alternate 1: And I'm sending Tychicus to you so that he could cause you to trust in God.

Ephesians 6:23 I pray to God, who is our Father, and Christ Jesus, who is our Lord, for you. I pray that God and Christ Jesus will cause you to be peaceful. And I pray that God and Christ Jesus will cause you to love each other. And I pray that God and Christ Jesus will cause you to trust in God.

Ephesians 6:24 I pray that God will treat kindly all the people who always continue loving Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus is our Lord.