



THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE
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STARTING IN CHAPTER FOUR

the strange mistake we, as believers, often make



The Mystery of the Work Glove

What makes that thing actually function?

The Amazing Stuff Found in Ephesians Chapter 4 and Beyond

1. Walk worthy of the calling you received (4:1)
2. Walk with lowliness (4:2)
3. Walk with gentleness (4:2)
4. Walk with long-suffering (4:2)
5. Walk bearing with one another in love (4:2)
6. Walk endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (4:3)
7. Put off the old man (4:22)
8. Put on the new man (4:24)
9. Put away lying (4:25)
10. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath (4:26)
11. Do not give place to the devil (4:27)
12. Stop stealing (4:28)
13. Do not speak corrupt words (4:29)
14. Speak only that which builds up others (4:29)
15. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (4:30)
16. Put away bitterness (4:31)
17. Put away wrath (4:31)
18. Put away anger (4:31)
19. Put away clamor (4:31)
20. Put away evil speaking (4:31)
21. Put away all malice (4:31)
22. Be kind to one another (4:32)
23. Be tenderhearted toward one another (4:32)
24. Forgive one another even as Christ forgave you (4:32)
25. Be imitators of God (5:1)
26. Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us (5:2)
27. Do not let fornication be named among you (5:3)
28. Do not let uncleanness be named among you (5:3)
29. Do not let covetousness be named among you (5:3)
30. Do not let filthiness be named among you (5:4)
31. Do not let foolish talking be named among you (5:4)
32. Do not let coarse jesting be named among you (5:4)
33. Replace all these behaviors with the giving of thanks (5:4)

34. Do not be deceived with empty words (5:6)
35. Do not participate with disobedient people (5:6)
36. Walk as children of light (5:8)
37. Have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness (5:11)
38. Expose unfruitful works of darkness (5:11)
39. Walk circumspectly (5:15)
40. Walk with wisdom, do not be unwise (5:16,17)
41. Walk, redeeming the time (5:16)
42. Understand what the will of the Lord is (5:17)
43. Do not be drunk with wine (5:18)
44. Be filled with the Spirit (5:18)
45. Speak to one another in psalms (5:19)
46. Speak to one another in hymns (5:19)
47. Speak to one another in spiritual songs (5:19)
48. Sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord (5:19)
49. Give thanks always for all things (5:20)
50. Submit to one another in the fear of God (5:21)
51. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord (5:22)
52. Wives, be subject to your husbands in everything (5:24)
53. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her (5:25)
54. Husbands should love their own wives as their own bodies (5:28)
55. Husbands, love your own wife as you love yourself (5:33)
56. Wives, respect your husbands (5:33)
57. Children, obey your parents in the Lord (6:1)
58. Honor your father and mother (6:2)
59. Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath (6:4)
60. Fathers, bring up your children in the training and admonition of the Lord (6:4)
61. Bondservants, be obedient with fear and trembling to those who are your masters (6:5)
62. Bondservants, be obedient in sincerity of heart, as to Christ (6:5)
63. Masters, treat your bondservants as if you were serving Christ (6:9)
64. Masters, give up threatening your bondservants (6:9)
65. Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might (6:10)
66. Put on the whole armor of God (6:11)
67. Take up the whole armor of God (6:13)
68. Stand with your waist belted with truth (6:14)
69. Stand with the breastplate of righteousness put on (6:14)
70. Stand with your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (6:15)
71. Stand with the shield of faith in hand (6:16)
72. Stand having taken the helmet of salvation (6:17)
73. Stand having taken the sword of the Spirit (6:17)
74. Stand praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit (6:18)

The Testimony of Triumph Throughout the Ages

George Mueller, at more than ninety years of age, in an address to ministers and other Christian workers, said, "I was converted in November 1825, but I didn't come to the point of total surrender of my heart until four years later, in July 1829. It was then I realized my love for money, prominence, position, power, and worldly pleasure was gone. God, and He alone, became my all in all. In Him I found everything I needed, and I

desired nothing else. By God’s grace, my understanding of His sufficiency has remained to this day, making me an exceedingly happy man. It has led me to care only about the things of God. And so, dear believers, I kindly ask if you have totally surrendered your heart to God, or is there something in your life you refuse to release, in spite of God’s call?

“Before the point at which I surrendered my life, I read a little of the Scriptures but preferred other books. Yet since that time, the truth He has revealed to me of Himself has become an inexpressible blessing. Now I can honestly say from the depth of my heart that God is an infinitely wonderful Being.

“Please, never be satisfied until you too can express from your innermost soul, ‘God is an infinitely wonderful Being!’”

Streams in the Desert
pages 266-267

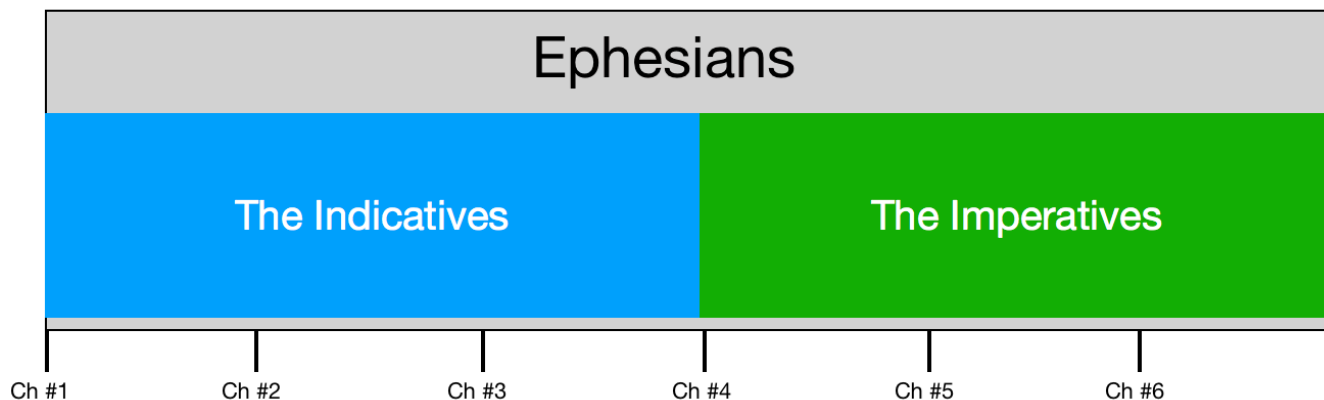
The Incredulity Creeps In

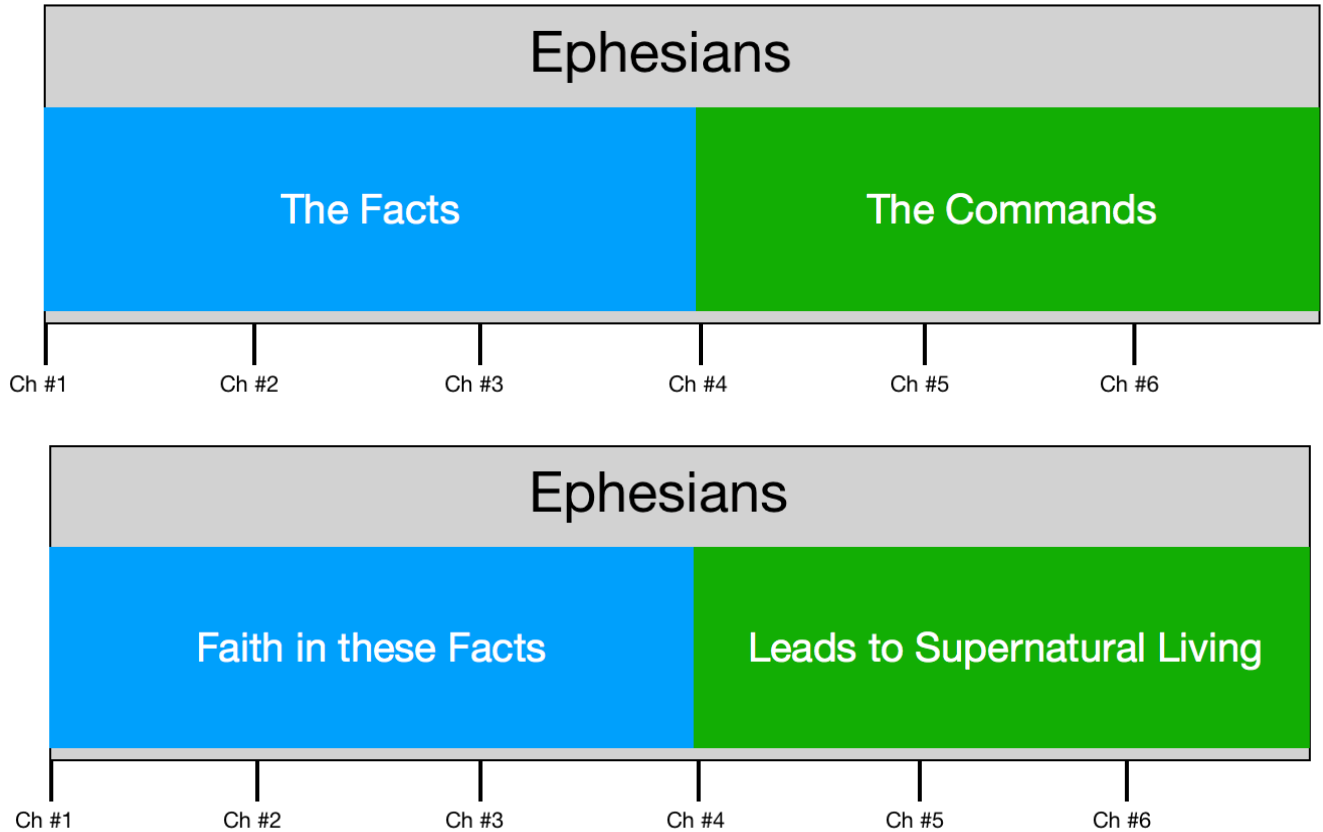
But, I’ve never experienced this!

Many Trip at the Threshold when entering the House of Triumph

What’s Our Issue?

Simply put: We started at Chapter Four





When you follow “The Law” instead of “The Gospel” . . .

It really messes up your Christianity

Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— "Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle," which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians 2:20-23

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:5

The Seed and its Two Parts

The External Shell and the Internal Pith

A Practice Run in Dividing the External Husk from the Internal Life

You must not sin (1 John 3:9) | *He conquered Sin (1 Peter 2:24)*

You must be righteous (Deut 18:13) | *He is, indeed, our Righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

You must be holy just as God is holy (1 Peter 1:15) | *The Holy Spirit has been given you (Romans 5:5)*

You must love just as God loves (John 13:34) | *God is love and He will love in and through you (1 John 4:16)*

A Very Quick Lesson in Reckoning Truth

40 Gospel Indicatives found in Ephesians 1 & 2

1. We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (1:3)
2. He chose us IN Christ before the foundation of the world (1:4)
3. He chose us IN Christ to be holy (1:4)
4. He chose us IN Christ to be blameless before Him in love (1:4)
5. He predestined us to adoption as sons (1:5)
6. He made us accepted in the beloved (1:6)
7. In Him we have redemption through His blood (1:7)
8. In Him we have the forgiveness of sins (1:7)
9. In Him the riches of His grace abound toward us in wisdom (1:8)
10. In Him the riches of His grace abound toward us in prudence (1:8)
11. In Him the mystery of His will is made known to us (1:9)
12. In Him we have obtained an inheritance (1:11)
13. In Him we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (1:13)
14. We may receive wisdom and knowledge of Christ (1:17)
15. The eyes of our understanding can be enlightened to know:
 - The hope of our calling (1:18)
 - the riches of the glory of His inheritance (1:18)
 - the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe (1:19)
 - the power of Christ's resurrection (1:20)
 - The present, preeminent position and authority of Christ Jesus enthroned in the heavenly places (1:20-23)
16. He has quickened us, made us alive (2:1)
17. He has made us alive together with Christ (2:5)
18. He has saved us by grace (2:5)
19. He has raised us up together with Him to Heavenly places (2:6)
20. He has made us to sit together with Him in Heavenly places (2:6)
21. We are saved by grace through faith (2:8)
22. We were not saved by ourselves, by any of our works (2:8,9)
23. We were saved by the Gift of God (2:8)

24. We are His workmanship (2:10)
25. We are created in Christ Jesus (2:10)
26. We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works (2:10)
27. God has works for us to walk in, that He ordained long ago (2:10)
28. IN Christ, we, who were far off, have been brought near to God by the blood of Jesus (2:13)
29. Christ is our peace (2:14)
30. Christ has made us one with God (2:14)
31. Christ has broken down the middle wall of partition between us (2:14)
32. Christ has reconciled us unto God (2:16)
33. We have access by one Spirit unto the Father (2:18)
34. We are no longer strangers and foreigners to the household of God (2:19)
35. We are fellow-citizens with the saints (2:19)
36. We are now of the household of God (2:19)
37. We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (2:20)
38. We are built upon Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone (2:20)
39. In Christ we are being built and growing unto a holy temple (2:21)
40. In Christ we are being built as a dwelling place of God though the Spirit (2:22)

Let's Yield to the Almighty Hand!

I'm unwanted | *He predestined us to adoption as sons (1:5); He made us accepted in the beloved (1:6)*

I'm unforgivable | *In Him we have the forgiveness of sins (1:7)*

I'm undesirable | *He chose us IN Christ before the foundation of the world (1:4); IN Christ, we, who were far off, have been brought near to God by the blood of Jesus (2:13)*

I'm cut off | *We are no longer strangers and foreigners to the household of God (2:19); We are fellow-citizens with the saints (2:19); We are now of the household of God (2:19)*

I'm dead in my sin, I'm powerless to live | *He has quickened us, made us alive (2:1); He has made us alive together with Christ (2:5)*

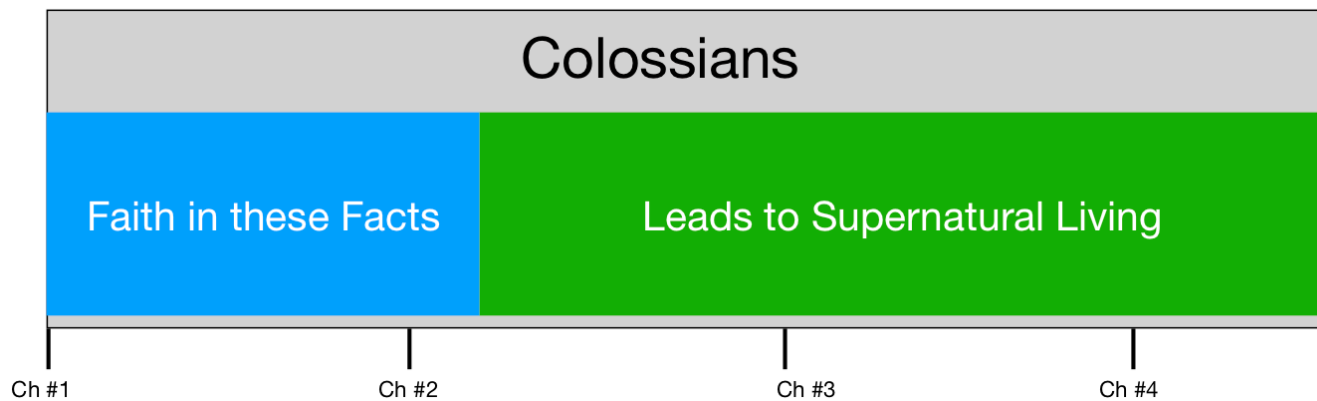
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I must show the behavior of God (5:1) | *He chose us IN Christ to be holy (1:4); In Him the mystery of His will is made known to us (1:9)*

I must forgive others, even as Christ forgave me (4:32) | *In Him we have the forgiveness of sins (1:7)*

I need help living this out | *In Him we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (1:13); He has raised us up together with Him to Heavenly places (2:6); He has made us to sit together with Him in Heavenly places (2:6); We are saved by grace through faith (2:8); We were not saved by ourselves, by any of our works (2:8,9); We were saved by the Gift of God (2:8)*

Alternate Title: *Starting at Chapter Two verse Six*



As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

Walk Worthy! (Ephesians 4:1)

The Solution: Walk in Him! (Colossians 2:6)