

Ephesians 6 Summarized

6:1, children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

6:2-3, "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

6:4, and you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

6:5-8, bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

6:9, and you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

6:10-11, finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

6:12, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

6:13, 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.

6:14-16, stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

6:17-20, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

6:21-22, but that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may comfort your hearts.

6:23, peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

6:24, grace *be* with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Paragraphs

6:1-4, [Imitating God the Father and Son in family relationships means that] children will obey their parents; they'll honor them as the commandment says and be blessed with a long, successful life. Parents won't provoke their kids to anger, instead they'll raise them with the Lord's wisdom which will equip them for life; they'll know how to avoid heartache and misery and how to make wise, godly decisions.

6:5-9, [Imitating God the Father and Son in work relationships means that] slaves obey their masters with utter devotion, sincerity and respect and not with pretense. They serve as individuals who are working for Christ Himself not men. They care deeply about their work, knowing that the Lord will reward their good service whether they're slaves or free. And masters would do likewise, i.e., they would care about their slaves and not mistreat them, knowing that their Master is also in heaven and is One who doesn't play favorites.

6:10-20, finally, the Ephesians must do what the entire letter has told them already: they must allow their position in Christ, the power of His might to strengthen them, i.e., they must put on God's full armor so that they can withstand and stand against Satan's schemes every day because their enemy is not made of flesh and blood. Therefore, they must stand having put on truth, righteousness, the Gospel which produces peace, faith which will stop all of Satan's fiery arrows, salvation, and the Word of God. The Lord's Spirit will lead them to constantly communicate with Him about their needs and worries for themselves, others, and for Paul so that God will give him the courage and words to communicate the mystery of the Gospel as he ought to.

6:21-22, Paul is sending Tychicus, a beloved brother who faithfully walks in the Lord's strength, to comfort the Ephesians by informing them on all that's going on with Paul and his team.

6:23-24, Paul closes the letter by sending them God the Father's and the Lord Jesus Christ's peace and love. He wants God's grace to be with all those who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Whole Chapter

[Since God deserves the Ephesians' eternal praise for blessing them so incredibly by placing them in a never-ending relationship with His Son, their lives should reflect it. That is, God took their death and estrangement away. They are no longer His enemies; they are His beloved children who have access to His love and unimaginable power. Their lives should constantly be driven by His love and might. They should no longer be blinded by or serve their previous satanic ways. Instead, as beloved children they must imitate God their Father and His Son in everything they do: in the way they talk, in the way they deal with their anger, possessions, negative emotions, and forgiveness. As they walk by His Spirit, they will be willing to die for others, as Jesus died for them, especially those under their authority: wives will respect their husbands, husbands will put their wives before themselves] children will obey their parents as ones who are inextricably connected to Christ, parents will refuse to provoke their kids to anger, instead, they'll raise them with the Lord's wisdom (showing them how to avoid misery and instead make wise and godly decisions), slaves will obey their masters with absolute sincerity and respect as if they were serving Christ Himself, and masters will care about their slaves and refuse to mistreat them. Therefore, the Ephesians must allow their permanent union with Christ to strengthen them; they must walk in His power, i.e., they must clothe themselves with God's truth, righteousness, Gospel, faith, salvation, and Word. This will enable them to withstand and stand against all of Satan's schemes as the Lord's Spirit leads them to constantly communicate with Him about their needs and worries for themselves, others, and for Paul so that God will give Paul the courage and words to communicate the Gospel as he ought to. Paul comforts the Ephesians by sending Tychicus, who faithfully walks in the Lord's strength, to inform them about everything that's going on with Paul and his team. He closes the letter by sending them God the Father's and the Lord Jesus Christ's peace, love, and grace.