

Knowledge for Maturity

Ephesians 2:10–13 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:2–7 (NKJV)

2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation/stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you, - Gentiles

3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

6 **that the Gentiles** should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His **promise** in Christ through the gospel,

promise: a verbal commitment by one person to another agreeing to do (or not to do) something in the future.

7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

The importance of Paul is only that he is a chosen vessel of God, what's more important is that God is using Paul to reveal God's purpose which He is accomplishing through a fuller knowledge of the Christ

Ephesians 3:16–21 (NKJV)

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

being rooted and grounded in love may be able to grasp what the bible as a whole has to tell us of God's working to bring us to maturity let your knowledge of God be fleshed out by understanding His word

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NKJV)

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in 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 you all.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 **for the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 **till we all come to the unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 **that we should no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—**

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working by which every part** does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:17–24 (NKJV)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 **having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them**, because of the blindness of their heart;

19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

We All Are Your People!

Luke 10:16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”

Matthew 17:5 (NKJV)

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Hear Him!**”

Isaiah 55:3 (NKJV)

3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. **Hear**, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you— The sure mercies of David.

To those who obey to hear, so hearing is really and adherence or conforming, acceptance the gospel have the parable of the sower and the seed, on different soil types most of which didn't bring forth mature plants.

Acts 3:22 (NKJV)

22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

Ephesians 4:17–19 (NKJV)

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Hebrews 1:2 (NKJV)

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Isaiah 64:8–9 (NKJV)

8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; **And all we are the work of Your hand.**

9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look—we all are Your people!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

17 **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;** old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Ephesians 1:3–7 (NKJV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of His grace ...**

2 Peter 1:2–3 (NKJV)

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,** (hear and your soul shall live)

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)

13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

Psalms 148:3–14 (NKJV)

3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.

6 He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth;

12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

14 And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints— Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

Ephesians 1:12–14 (NKJV)

12 that we who first trusted in Christ **should be to the praise of His glory.**

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, **to the praise of His glory.**

Isaiah 65:17–19 (NKJV)

17 **“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.**

18 **But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy.**

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.

Acts 17:23–27 (NKJV)

23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:

24 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

25 Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth,
and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,
27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him,
though He is not far from each one of us;

Psalms 86:8–10 (NKJV)

8 **Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;** Nor are there any works like Your works.

9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall
glorify Your name.

10 For You are great, and do wondrous things; **You alone are God.**

Psalms 103:22 (NKJV)

22 Bless the LORD, **all His works, In all places of His dominion.** Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Exodus 15:11–13 (NKJV)

11 **“Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?”** Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in
praises, doing wonders?

12 You stretched out Your right hand; The earth swallowed them.

13 You in Your mercy have led forth The people whom You have redeemed; You have guided
them in Your strength To Your holy habitation.

Isaiah 64:4 (NKJV)

4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, **Nor has
the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him.**