

## Ephesians Personalized from Amplified Bible

### Ephesians 1: 3-8

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed me in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. NIV

<sup>4</sup> Even as [in His love] He chose me [actually picked me out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that I should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, *even* above reproach, before Him in love.

<sup>5</sup> For He foreordained me (destined me, planned in love for me) to be adopted (revealed) as His own child through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [<sup>1</sup>because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—

<sup>6</sup> [So that I might be] to the praise *and* the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on me in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In Him I have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of my offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches *and* the generosity of His gracious favor,

<sup>8</sup> Which He lavished upon me in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence)

### Ephesians 2:3-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>3</sup> Among these I once lived *and* conducted myself in the passions of my flesh [my behavior governed by my corrupt and sensual nature], obeying the impulses of the flesh and the thoughts of the mind [my cravings dictated by my senses and my dark imaginings]. I was then by nature a child of [God's] wrath *and* heir of [His] indignation, like the rest of mankind.

<sup>4</sup> But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of *and* in order to satisfy **the great *and* wonderful *and* intense love** with which He loved me,

<sup>5</sup> Even when I was dead (slain) by [our my] shortcomings *and* trespasses, He made me alive together in fellowship *and* in union with Christ; [He gave me the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which I did not deserve) that I am saved (<sup>1</sup>delivered from judgment and made partaker of Christ's salvation).

<sup>6</sup> And He raised me up together with Him and made me sit down together [giving me joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of my being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

<sup>7</sup> He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness *and* goodness of heart toward me in Christ Jesus.

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<sup>8</sup> For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that I am saved (<sup>l</sup>delivered from judgment *and* made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [my] faith. And this [salvation] is not of myself [of my own doing, it came not through my own striving], but it is the gift of God;

<sup>9</sup> Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

<sup>10</sup> For I am God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that I may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for me [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that I should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for me to live].

### *Personalized*

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made this sinless man (Jesus) be a sin offering on my behalf, so that in union with him I might fully share in God's righteousness."

2 Corinthians 5:21 Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make me acceptable to God.