

***Ephesians 1:22-23 (NLT)***  
***God has put all things***  
***under the authority of***  
***Christ and has made Him***  
***head over all things for***  
***the benefit of the church.***



***23 And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.***



# ***Ephesians 2 (NLT)***

***1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins.***



***2 You used to live in sin,  
just like the rest of the  
world, obeying the devil—  
the commander of the  
powers in the unseen  
world.***



***He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.<sup>3</sup> All of us used to live that way,***



***following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.***



***4 But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins,***



***He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)***





***6 For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.***



***7 So God can point to us  
in all future ages as  
examples of the  
incredible wealth of His  
grace and kindness  
toward us,***



***as shown in all He has  
done for us who are  
united with Christ Jesus.***



***8 God saved you by His  
grace when you believed.  
And you can't take credit  
for this; it is a gift from  
God.***



***9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.***



***10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.***



***11 Don't forget that you  
Gentiles used to be  
outsiders. You were  
called "uncircumcised  
heathens" by the Jews,***



***who were proud of their  
circumcision, even  
though it affected only  
their bodies and not their  
hearts.***





***12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel,***



***and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.***



***13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to Him through the blood of Christ.***



***14 For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when,***



***in His own body on the  
cross, He broke down the  
wall of hostility that  
separated us.***



***15 He did this by ending  
the system of law with its  
commandments and  
regulations.***



***He made peace between  
Jews and Gentiles by  
creating in Himself one  
new people from the two  
groups.***



***One new people (NLT)***  
***One new humanity (NIV)***  
***One new man (NKJV)***  
***One new person (NASV)***





# ***John 17:20-21 (NLT)***

***20 "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in Me through their message.***



***21 I pray that they will all  
be one, just as you and I  
are one—as You are in  
Me, Father, and I am in  
You***



***And may they be in us so  
that the world will  
believe You sent Me.***



***16 Together as one body,  
Christ reconciled both  
groups to God by means  
of His death on the cross,  
and our hostility toward  
each other was put to  
death.***



***17 He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from Him, and peace to the Jews who were near.***



***18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us.***



***Sin entered the world through  
one man (v3)***

***Sin is eradicated by one Man (v5)***

***Unified by one Spirit (v18)***

***We are saved for one purpose  
v10***



***19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.***





***20 Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.***



***21 We are carefully joined  
together in Him,  
becoming a holy temple  
for the Lord.***



***22 Through Him you  
Gentiles are also being  
made part of this  
dwelling where God lives  
by His Spirit.***



***10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.***



***Isaiah 64:8***

***And yet, O Lord, You are  
our Father. We are the  
clay, and You are the  
potter. We all are formed  
by Your hand.***



***God isn't interested in  
ornaments!***



***Where does God want to  
use you to bring oneness  
into someone's life this  
holiday season?***

