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1. God's Enduring Testimony
2. God's Mighty Power
3. God was in Christ
4. God's Good Gifts
5. God's Loving Care

## EPHESIANS 3.14-21

- Strengthened with power in our inner being
- Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith
- Rooted and established in love
- Grasping the extent of the love of Christ
- Knowing the love of Christ
- Filled to the measure of all the fullness of God

## EPHESIANS 2.19-22

In him you also are being built with all the others into a spiritual dwelling for God

## EPHESIANS 4.3-6

## Paul's prayers for the Ephesians

I pray that  
you may  
know God  
better  
(1.17)

Be strong  
in the Lord  
(6.10)

Don't live  
as the  
Gentiles  
do (4.17)

## The divine purpose and outcome of God's gifts in Acts

The power to make effective witness  
(1.8)

Enabled to speak the word of God boldly  
(4.31)

The church grew in numbers  
(9.31)



'The Son ... rules and guides the  
saints he ransomed'

'O meet with us; reveal Thy power,  
send down Thy blessing from above'

'O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control'

'Fill Thou my life, O Lord, my God,  
in every part with praise'

'Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide'

'His strength when I am weak, his courage when  
I fear; His righteousness I seek; I need him ever  
near. Within my heart I pray he'll be;  
the hope of glory – Christ in me'

## ACTS 20.32

“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”



## PHILIPPIANS 2.12-13

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ (1.27)

Contend for the faith of the Gospel (1.27)

Be like minded, have the same love, be one in spirit and purpose (2.2)

Don't act selfishly (2.3-4)

Follow the example of Christ Jesus who humbled himself and was exalted by God (2.5-11)

## ROMANS 8: the Flesh and the Spirit

Those who live on the level of the old nature have their outlook formed by it, and that spells death; but those who live on the level of the spirit have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace (verses 5-6).

It follows, my friends, that our old nature has no claim on us; we are not obliged to live in that way. If you do so, you must die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the base pursuits of the body, then you will live (verses 12-13).

## The 'Power' of the Spirit of God

- Salvation (Rom 1.16)
- Hearts and minds opened that we might have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2.16)
- Having everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1.3)
- Joy and peace and overflowing hope (Rom 15.13)
- The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor 4.6)



# GALATIANS 5



**“I WANT TO, AND I CAN, BUT I WON’T”**



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## Translations of *parakletos*

Version	John's Gospel	1 <sup>st</sup> John
KJV	Comforter	advocate (RV Advocate)
REB	Advocate	one who will plead our cause
NASB	Helper	Advocate
NIV	Counsellor	one who speaks in our defence

## 2 CORINTHIANS 1.3-7

# JOHN 14



## JOHN 14

- ... The Father will give you another Counsellor ... the Spirit of truth (v16)
- ... you know him, for he lives with you ... (v17)
- I will come to you ... you will see me (v18-19)
- On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you (v20)
- My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him (v23)

1 JOHN 2.1-2

- The voice in the wilderness cried 'comfort, comfort'  
Isaiah 40.1-2

- Simeon looked for the comfort of Israel  
Luke 2.25-30

- we receive comfort from the love of Christ  
Philippians 2.1; 12-13

- we have eternal comfort from God  
2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

## MATTHEW 28.18-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptising them  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them  
to obey everything I have commanded you.  
And surely I am with you always,  
to the very end of the age.

May the **grace** of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the **love** of God,  
and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.



2 Corinthians 13.14