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Christ's Gifts to the Church

Ephesians 4:7–9



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THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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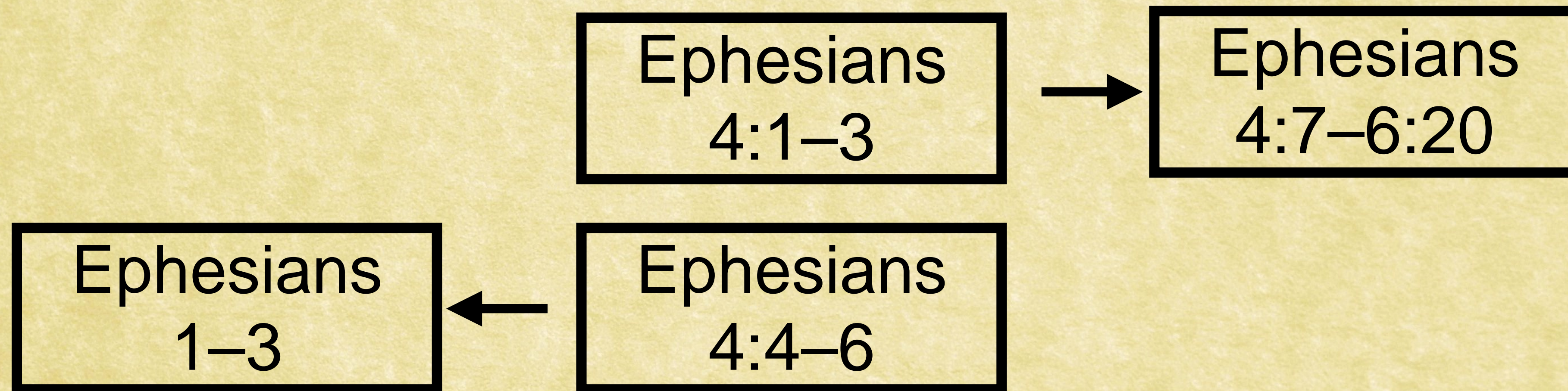
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sing pres act indic to
urge, exhort, comfort**

**περιπατέω *peripateō*
aor act infin to walk, walk
around, figurative for the
Christian way of life**

**ἀξίως *axiōs* adverb: in a
worthy manner; worthily,
in a manner worthy of,
suitably**

**3. “The noun κλησις ‘calling’ refers to the position of status, honor, and responsibility that God has entrusted to his saints. This calling is the same for all saints, despite the diversity of the spiritual gifts they are given, therefore in biblical diction this noun is never used in the plural.”
~M. Barth, Ephesians.**

1 Cor. 7:20, “Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.”

“Likewise, a Christian’s vocational situation is a matter of little consequence (if status can be changed, well and good; if not, it is not a matter for worry). What matters is that every Christian should realize he is Christ’s slave and needs to render obedience to Him.”

~David Lowery, “1 Corinthians,” *Bible Knowledge Commentary*

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**“Grace” is
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for *charisma*)**

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Contextually we see the following without the parenthesis:

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Examples of an appositional genitive

- 1) “the land of Egypt” (category–example) the land, which is Egypt**
- 2) “the sign of circumcision” (ambiguity–clarification) the sign, which is circumcision**
- 3) “the breastplate of righteousness” (metaphor–meaning), the breastplate, which is righteousness**

Luke 22:1, “Now the Feast WHICH IS Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover.”

John 2:21, “But He was speaking of the temple WHICH IS His body.”

Rom. 4:11, “And he received the sign WHICH IS circumcision,”

2 Pet. 2:6, “and turning the cities WHICH ARE Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;”

Rev. 1:3, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words WHICH ARE this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Col. 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, WHICH IS the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”