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# Unto the Perfect Day

## Work of the Church

## Ephesians 1

- 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing 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, even as ye are 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.
- 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
- 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
- 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)
- 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12 For the <u>perfecting (q2677 empowering)</u> of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- 13 **Till** we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:
- 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted (q4822 to unite, teach) by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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# The Man of Sin

- 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 speaks of the man of sin being revealed before the second coming of Christ:
- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

If we believe we are living in the last days, and that Christ could come at any moment, then we must be able to identify the man of sin Paul speaks of. I have stated before, I believe the man of sin is first seen in the Papacy.

#### 2 Thessalonians 2

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now <u>letteth (g2722 – restrains)</u> will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, **whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth,** and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

## Jeremiah 5

3 O Lord, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; **thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction**: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

The Lord will consume the false teachings of Catholicism out of us if would only allow Him the opportunity.

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## **New Wine**

## Luke 5

36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

## Revelation 12

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation**, and <u>strength (g1411 – ability)</u>, and the **kingdom of our God**, and the **power (g1839 – authority)** of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Blood of the Lamb = understanding and knowing the meaning of the death of Christ Word of their testimony = A sharing of the faith they are receiving The death = Allowing death to self when we are corrected

#### Proverbs 4

18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

## 1Corinthians 13

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.