

The Jesus that won
Paul's Heart 3



Acts 23:31-35

58AD From Caesarea
to the churches in
the East.

Letter to the
'Ephesians'



Ephesians 1:3-8

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
blessing us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
for he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love,
destining us for adoption as sons for himself through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved
in whom we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
that he lavished on us
with all wisdom and insight

making known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he determined in himself,
as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ,
things in heaven and things on earth,
as those who are God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

in him in whom we have also obtained an inheritance,
having been destined according to the purpose of him
who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,
so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ,
might live for the praise of his glory

in whom you also, hearing the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation, and believing in him,
were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit,
who is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption
as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:17-19

‘I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.’

Ephesians 1:22-23

‘God has given him who is the head of all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who is in everything and fills everything.’

‘Even when we were dead through our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ
- by grace you have been saved -
and raised us up together and seated us together
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
so that in the ages to come he might show
the immeasurable riches of his grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus’(Ephesians 2:5-7).

‘We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life’(Ephesians 2:10).

‘In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

He is our peace;
in his flesh he has made both groups into one
and has broken down the dividing wall,
that is, the hostility between us.

He has abolished the law
with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new humanity
in place of the two, thus making peace’ (Ephesians 2:13-15).

‘I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love,
that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth
– to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge –
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God’(Ephesians 3:17-19).

‘Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God’(Ephesians 5:2).

‘Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you’(Ephesians 5:14).

‘Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ’
(Ephesians 6:24).



Acts 27:1-2; 28:16

Philippians 1:1

62AD

‘Paul and Timothy,
slaves of Christ Jesus,
to all the saints
in Christ Jesus
who are in Philippi,
with the bishops and
deacons.’

Visits to Philippi

50AD (Acts 16; 1 Thess
2:2)

55AD (Acts 20:2)

57AD (Acts 20:6)



‘God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion (σπλάγχνοις) of Christ Jesus’(Philippians 1:8).

‘For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain’(Philippians 1:21).

‘If then there is any appeal in Christ,
any consolation from love,
any communion in the Spirit,
any movements of compassion (σπλάγχνα)
and feelings of love (οἰκτιρμοί),
make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love,
being of one soul and of one mind.
Do nothing from selfish ambition.
Do not strive after or seek to find your value
in things that are worthless,
but in humility regard others above yourselves,
so that not everyone is focused on themselves,
but each is looking to the interests of others.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.’

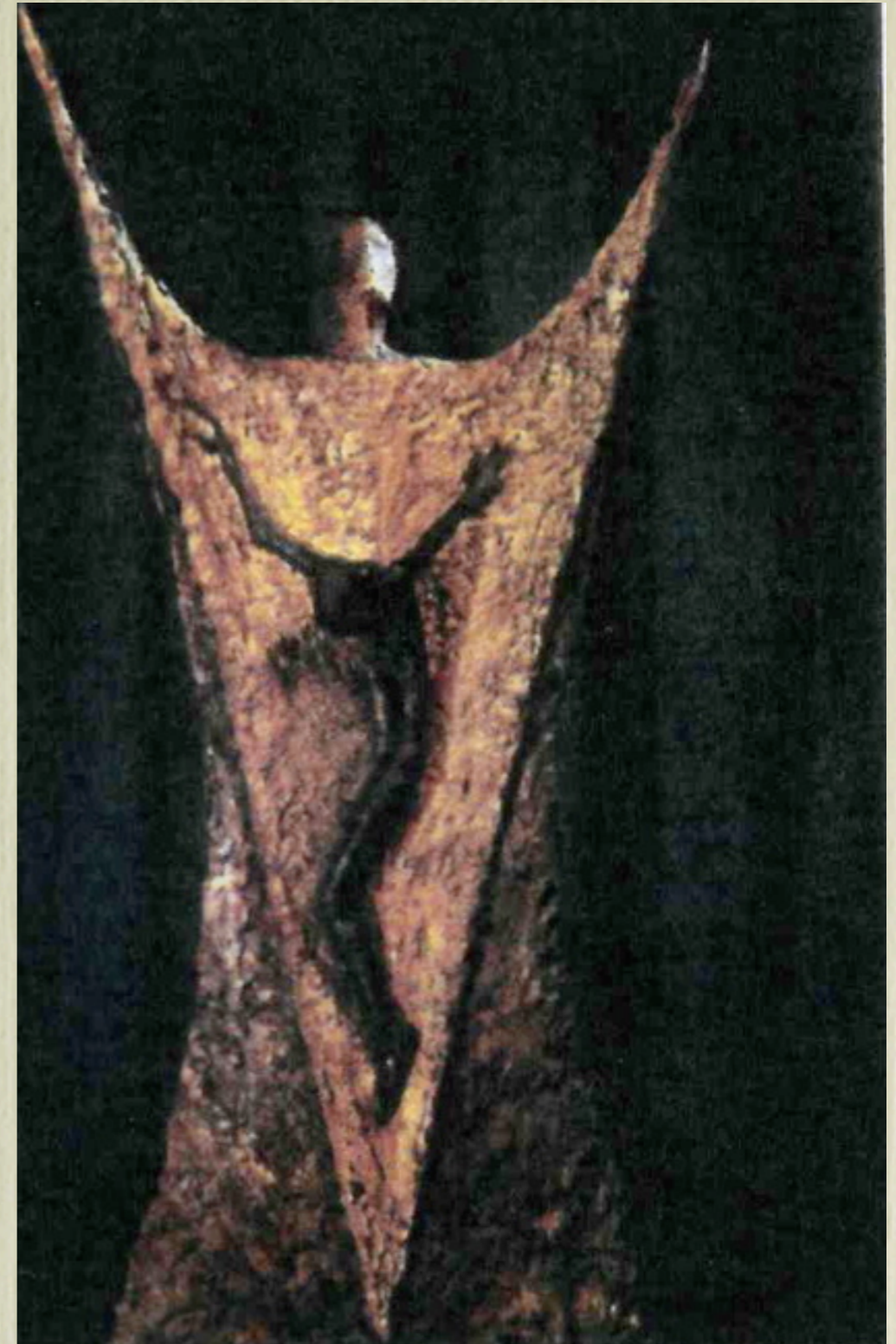
Philippians 2:6-9

‘Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father’(John 14:8-9).

‘Being in the form of God,
Jesus did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

Being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him.’



Philippians 3:8-12

‘I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through the faith of Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.’