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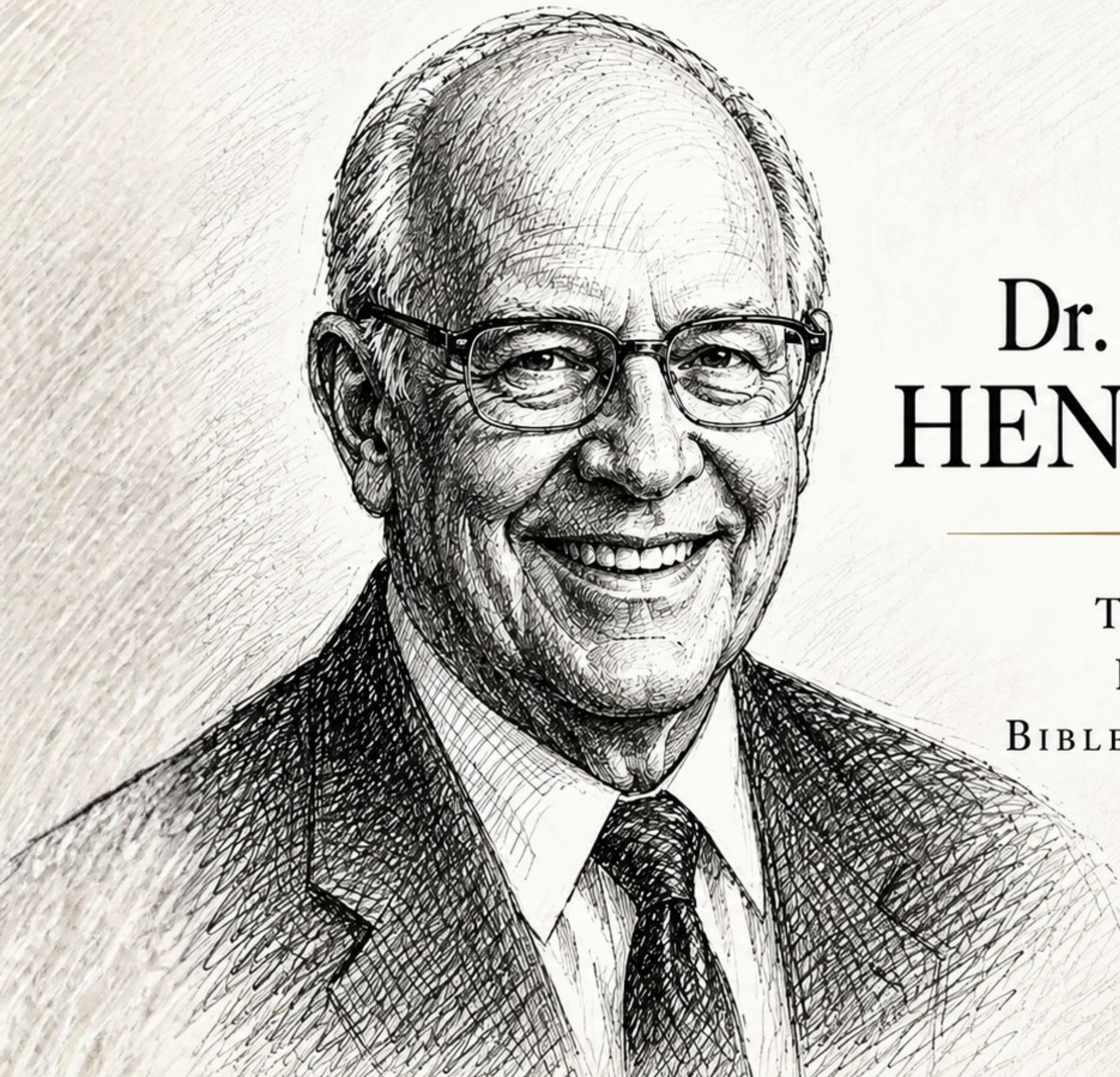
TOGETHER IN CHRIST



EPHESIANS 1:1–14

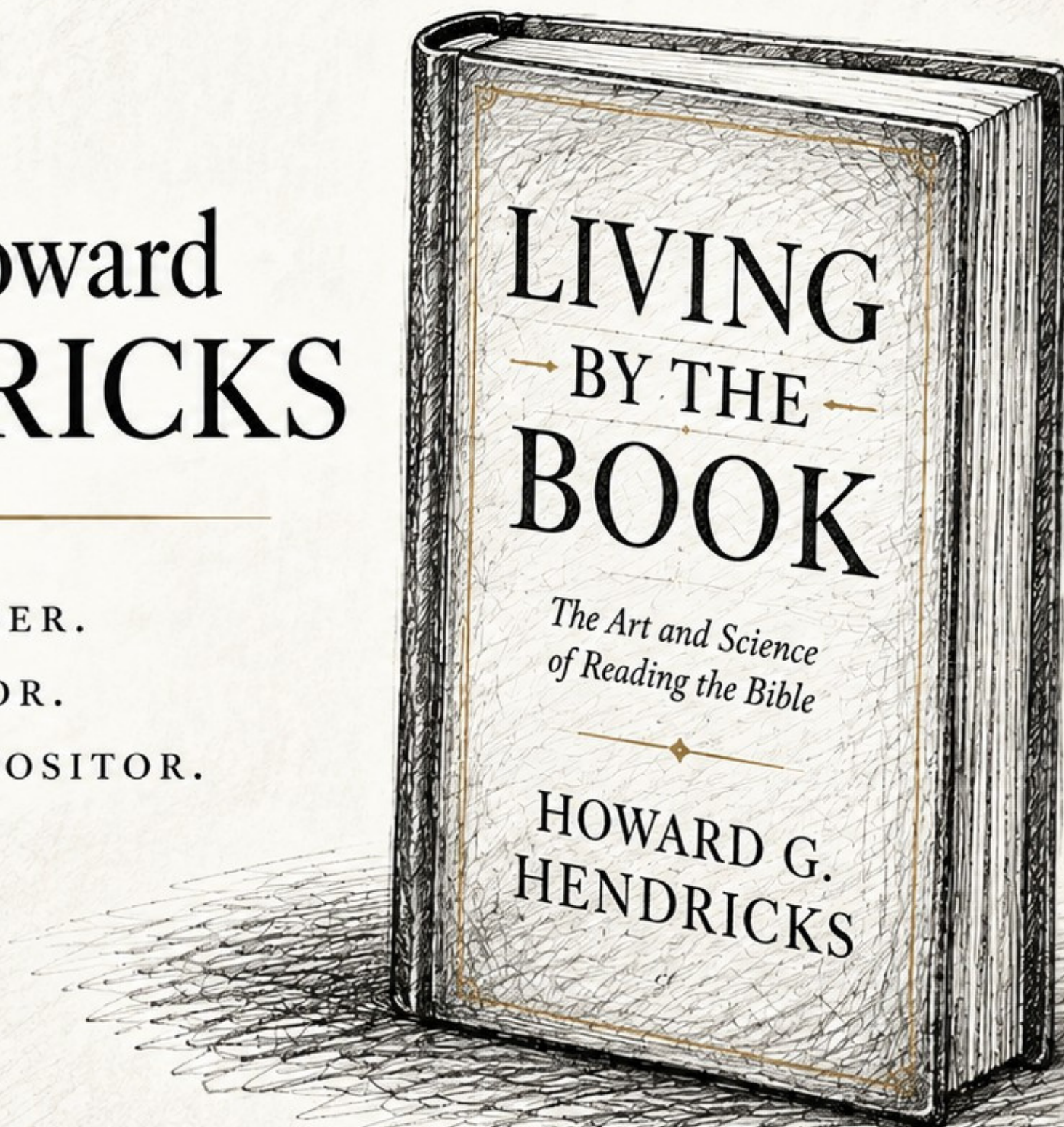
1. Every spiritual blessing of salvation belongs to believers because they are **united to Christ**.
2. Salvation originates in God's eternal purpose and is accomplished by **the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**.
3. God's salvation of individuals is part of his larger purpose to **bring all things together under Christ**.

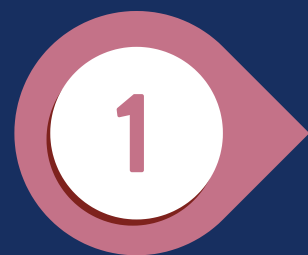
Live from your identity in Christ!



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OBSERVATION

WHAT DO I SEE?

OBSERVE

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1. Things that are repeated
2. Things that are emphasized
3. Things that are related
4. Things that are alike
5. Things that are unlike
6. Things that are true to life

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OBSERVATIONS:

- Paul's knowledge of the Ephesians' faith and love came through what he had **heard**.
- The Ephesians' **faith** was in Christ, while their **love** was expressed toward all the saints.
- Paul **continually gave thanks** for the Ephesians, remembering them in his prayers.

EPHESIANS 1:15–16 | THANKSGIVING

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OBSERVATIONS:

- Paul asks the Father to give them wisdom and revelation.
- Paul identifies the Father as the giver of wisdom and revelation.
- Paul prays that the Ephesians would know:
 - the hope of God's calling
 - the riches of His inheritance
 - the greatness of His power toward believers

EPHESIANS 1:17–19 | INTERCESSION

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

OBSERVATIONS:

- God is the **primary actor** throughout the passage.
- Paul emphasizes Christ's **authority and position.**
- Paul connects God's power toward believers to Christ's resurrection, exaltation, and rule over all things.
- Paul describes the **church** as **Christ's body.**

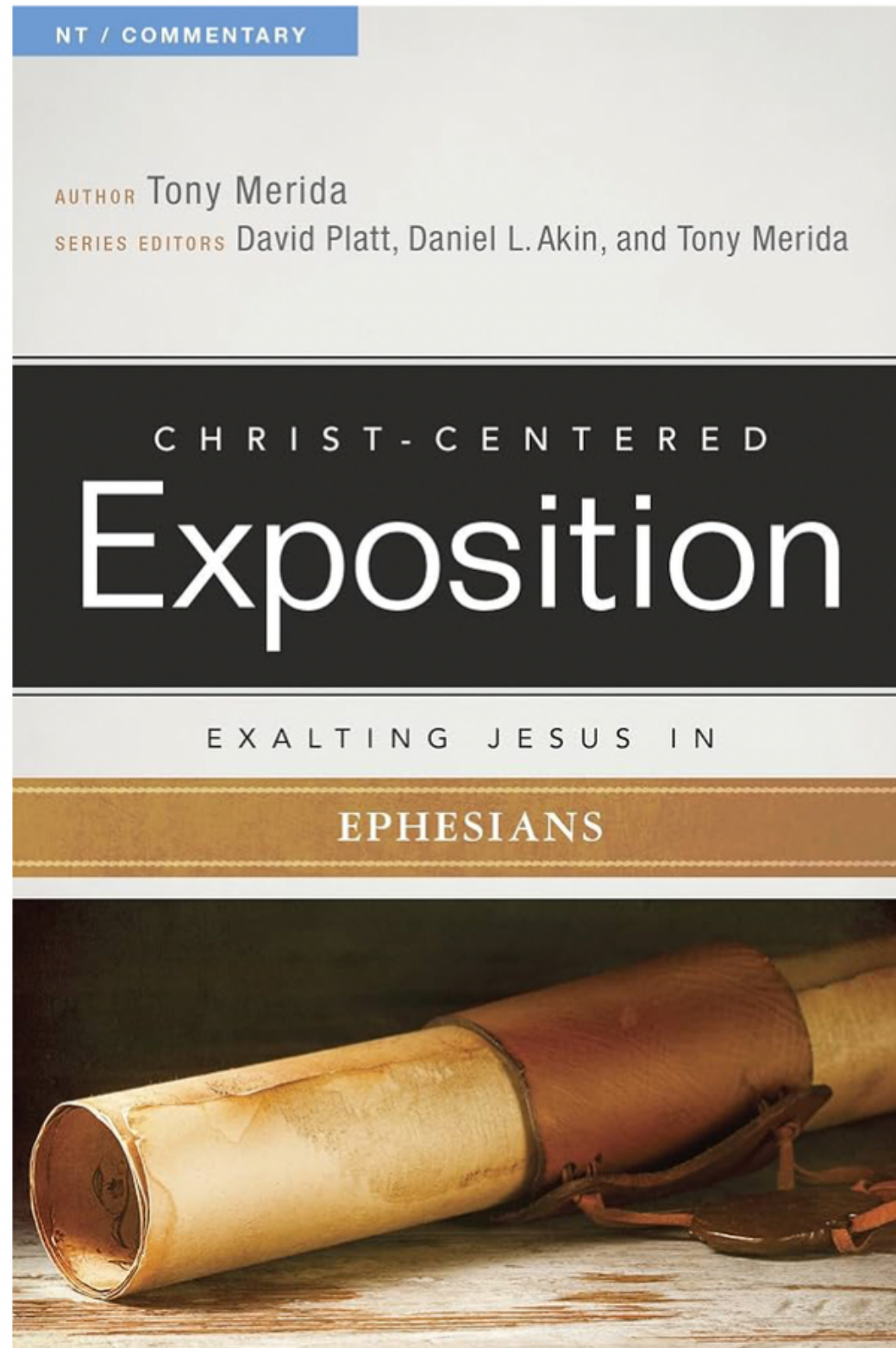
EPHESIANS 1:20–23 | PRAISE

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INTERPRETATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



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BY TONY MERIDA

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

1. What does this word or phrase mean here?
2. How does the context help us understand it?
3. How does this paragraph relate to what comes before and after?
4. What did Paul intend his original readers to understand?
5. What does this teach us about God, Christ, salvation, the church, or the Christian life?
6. How does the rest of Scripture help clarify this passage?

EPHESIANS:

**UNITY IN DIVERSITY AS A
WITNESS TO THE “POWERS”**

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2. God gives His people **divine illumination** to know Him more fully and understand the blessings of the gospel.
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INTERPRETATIONS:

- **v15–16: Thanksgiving**
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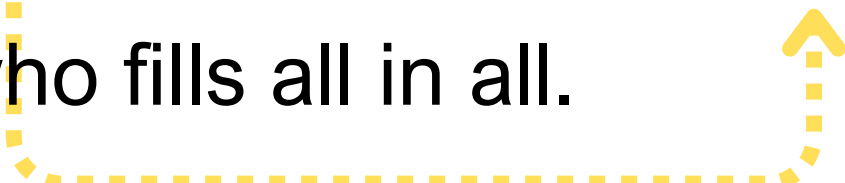
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HOW DOES IT WORK?

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How should I respond?

1. Is there an example for me to follow?
2. Is there a sin to avoid?
3. Is there a promise to claim?
4. Is there a prayer to repeat?
5. Is there a command to obey?
6. Is there a condition to meet?
7. Is there a verse to memorize?
8. Is there an error in my life to mark?
9. Is there a challenge to face?

APPLICATION

Know God & know what we have in Him!

- *Do I ask God to illuminate His Word and open the eyes of my heart to understand it?*
- *Do I live in such a way, united with my sisters in Christ, that our lives together display the supremacy of Christ to others around us?*