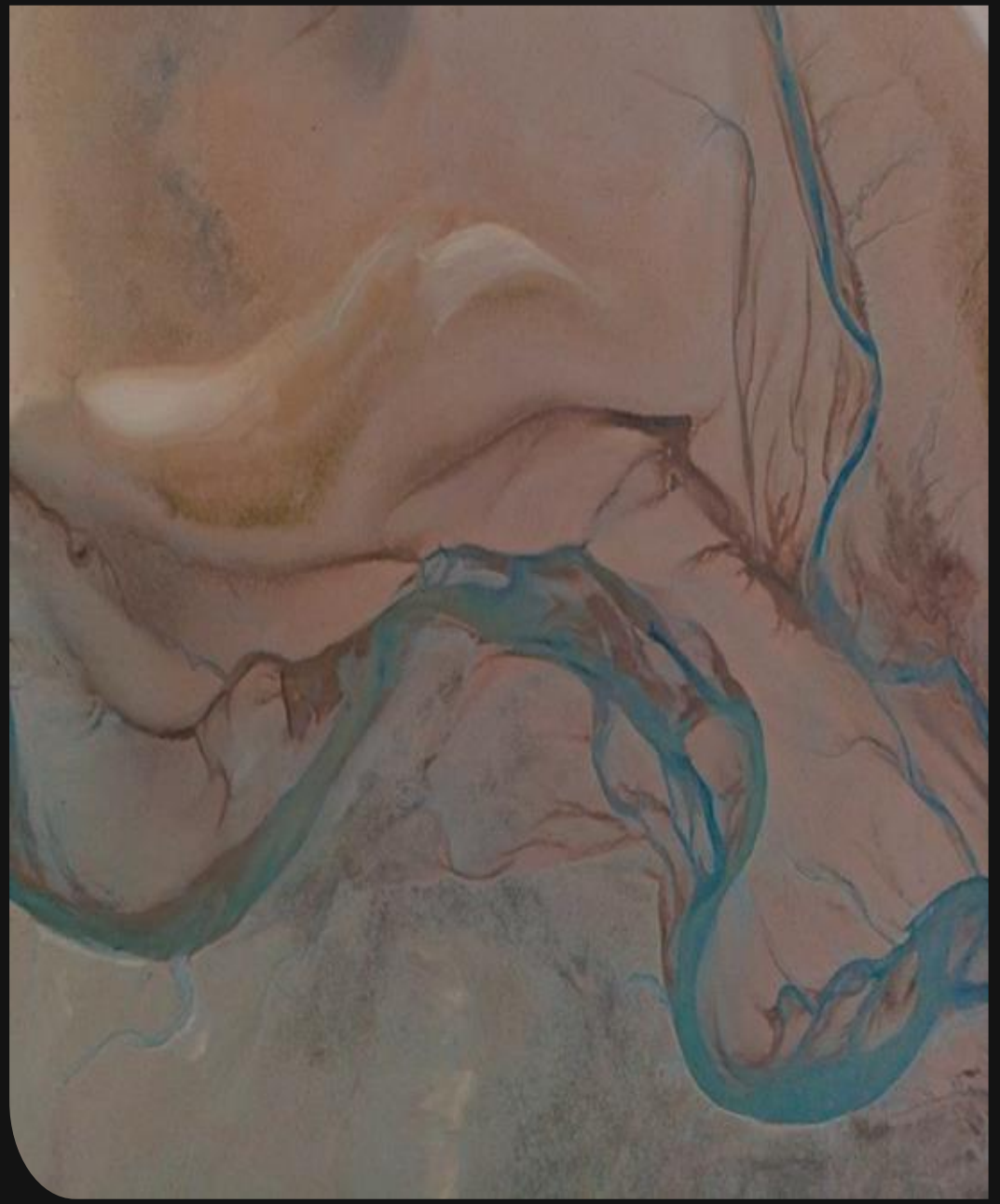
EPHESIANS: ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

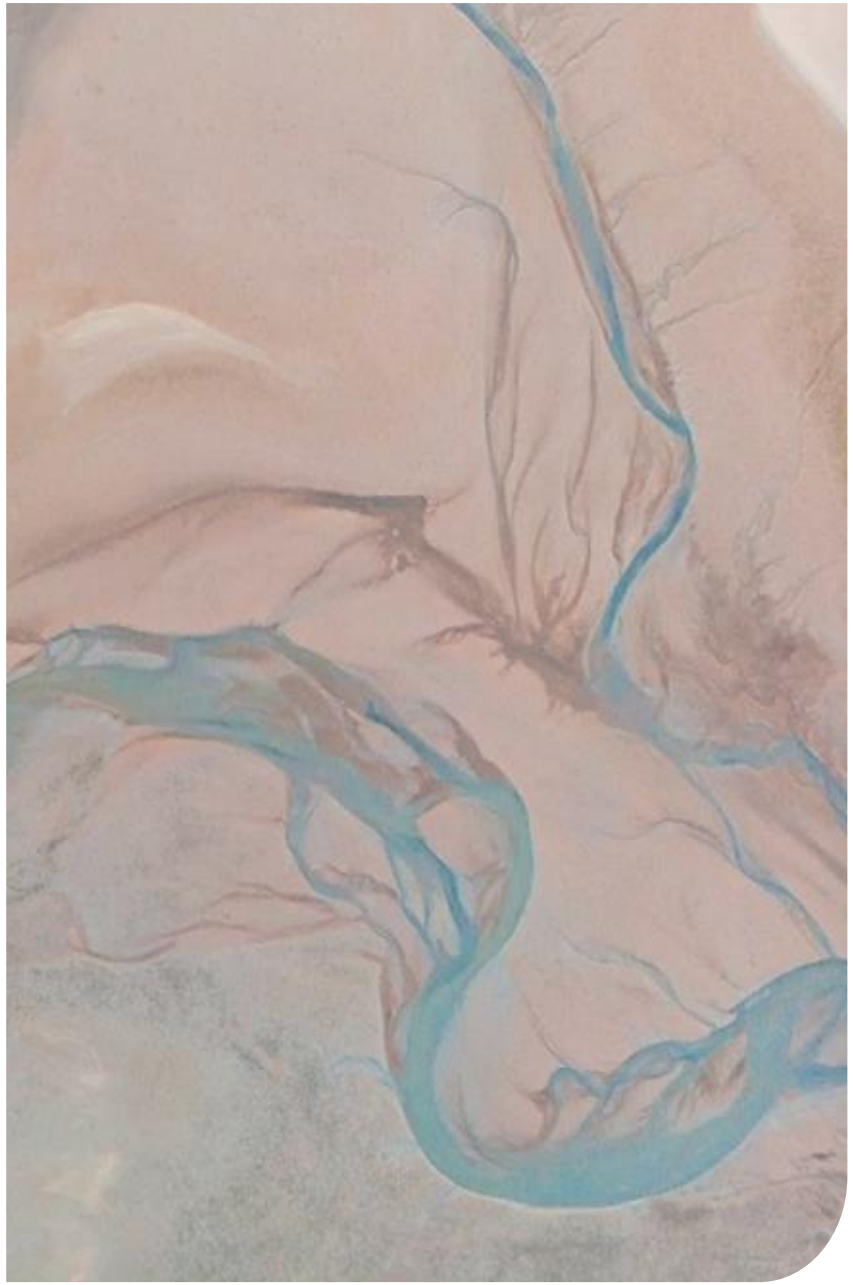
Ephesians 4:11-13



EPHESIANS

- What does someone who has eternal life look like? Do we have a pattern in mind – they used to be bad, now they're better?
- Look at Ephesians 2:3-6.
- Are these people behaving badly?
- Have they stopped behaving badly yet?
- (Possible related passages: Ephesians 4:17, 4:22, 4:25, 4:28, 4:30, etc.) Conclusion?





- What is the “big pivot” of Ephesians? What is it a pivot from, to what?



- This is Pumpkin Key in the Florida Keys, currently for sale for $70,000,000. Can any of you buy it?
- If I deposited a hundred billion dollars into your bank account and told you to buy it, would you do so?

EPHEISANS: THE TRANSITION

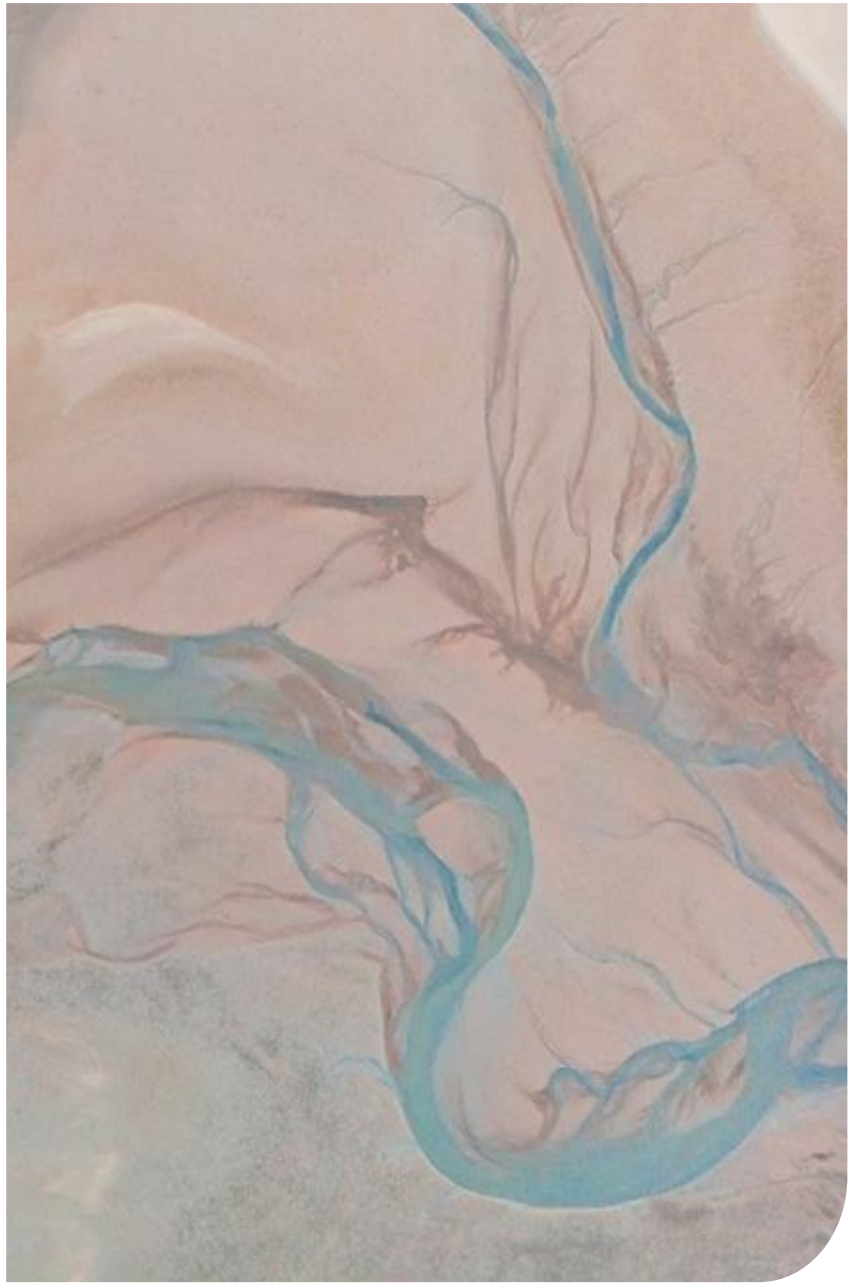
"THEREFORE"

Before the Therefore:

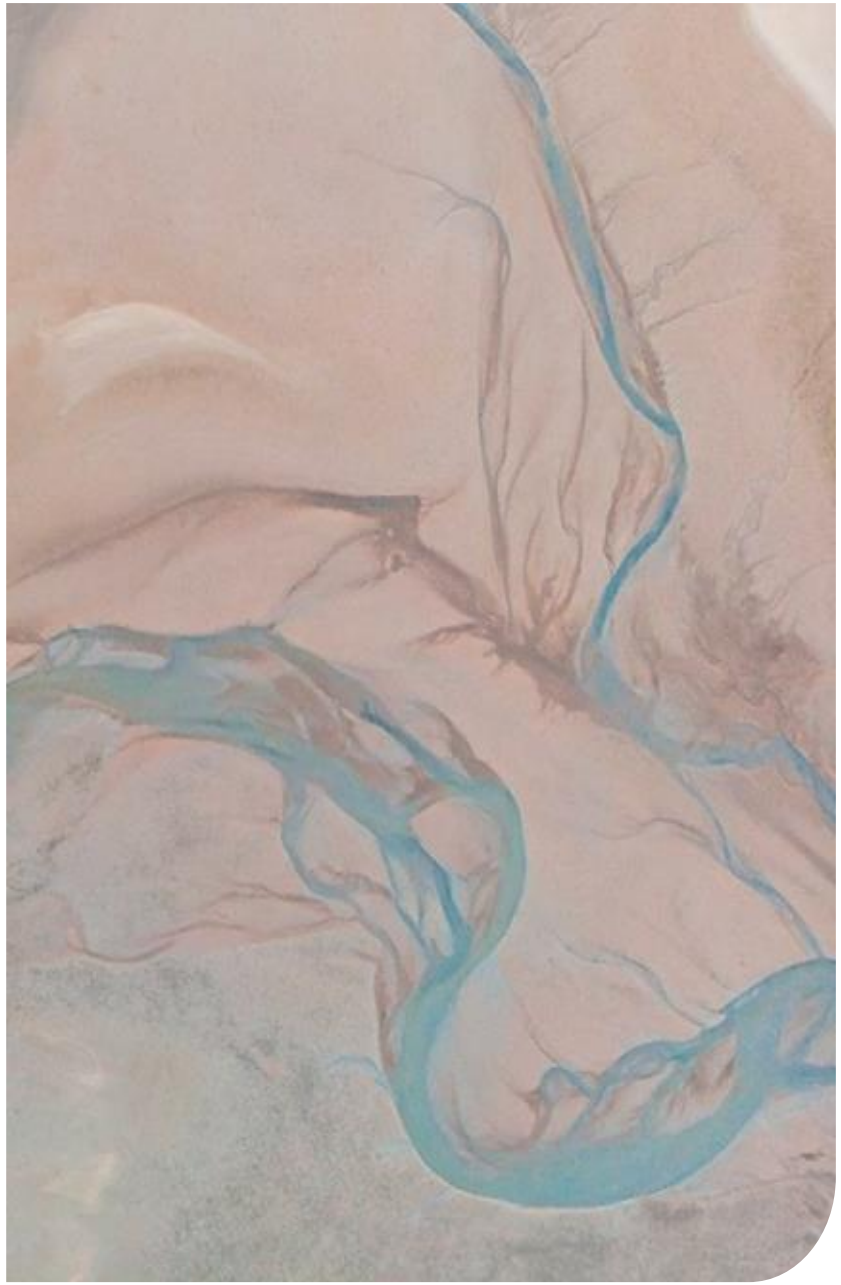
- **God blessed us**
- **God predestined us**
- **God redeemed us**
- **God forgave us**
- **God made us alive**
- **God brought us near...**

After the Therefore:

- **Speak the truth in love**
- **Put off lying**
- **Do not steal; work!**
- **Put on the new self**
- **Be kind**
- **Be imitators of God**
- **Submit to one another....**



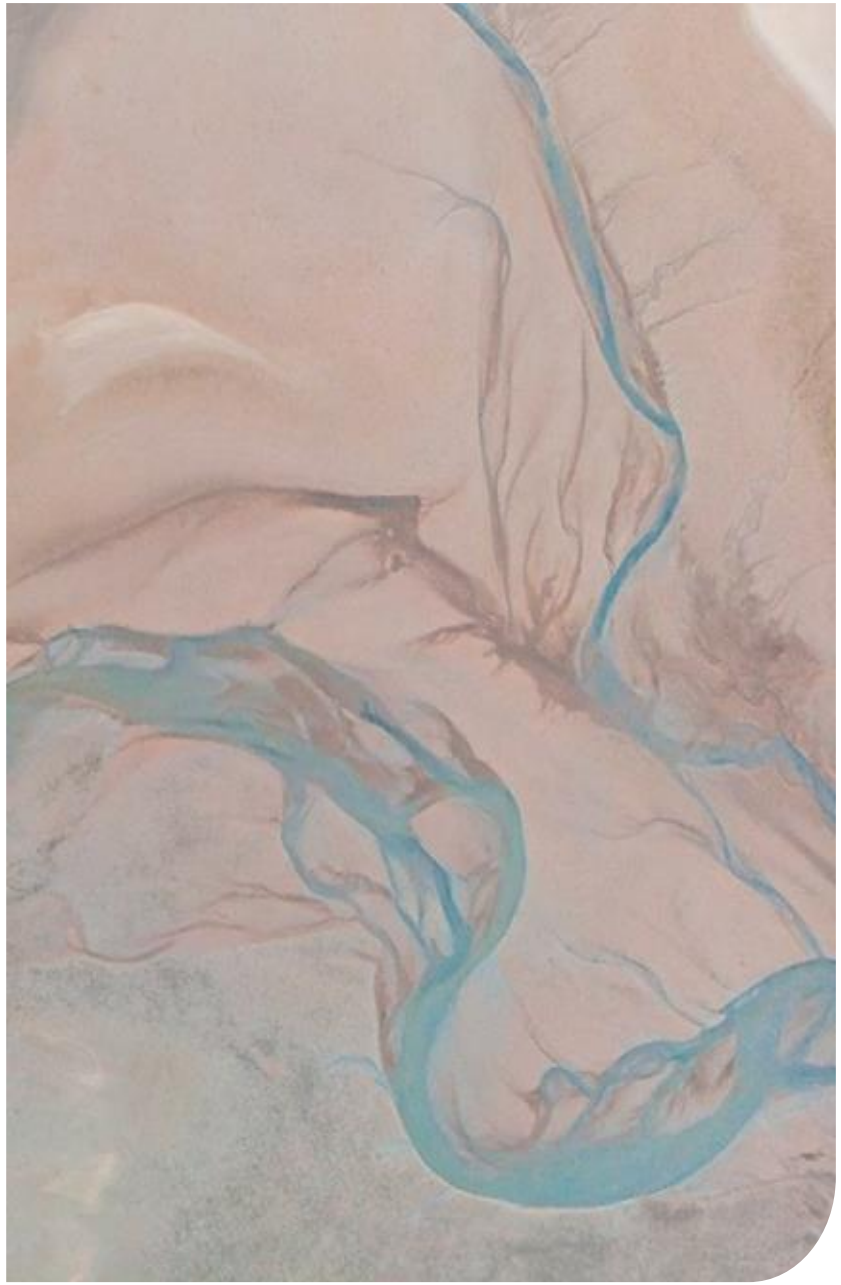
- Before Paul tells us to spend, he tells us how we have been enriched.
- We can no longer say “I cannot.” Paul has thoroughly explained how we have been empowered to do everything he now tells us to do.
- The prior things definitely happened. The subsequent things might definitely not happen. They are not a necessary outcome of new spiritual life, or Paul would not implore us to do them.



EPHESIANS 4:10-13

Let’s read it!

11 And He gave some *as* apostles, some *as* prophets,
some *as* evangelists, some *as* pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of
ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ;
13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of
the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man,
to the measure of the stature which belongs to the
fullness of Christ.



EPHESIANS 4:10-13

Let’s read it!

- Is this an exhaustive list?
- What is the purpose of our spiritual gifts according to this passage?
- What is a “pastor?” What is a “saint?”
- The “Building up” or “Edification” of the body of Christ. How? As opposed to what?
- Until we attain to what? When will THAT happen?
- Why did God choose for our growth to happen through interaction with other believers?