

EPHESIANS: ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Ephesians 1:7-14



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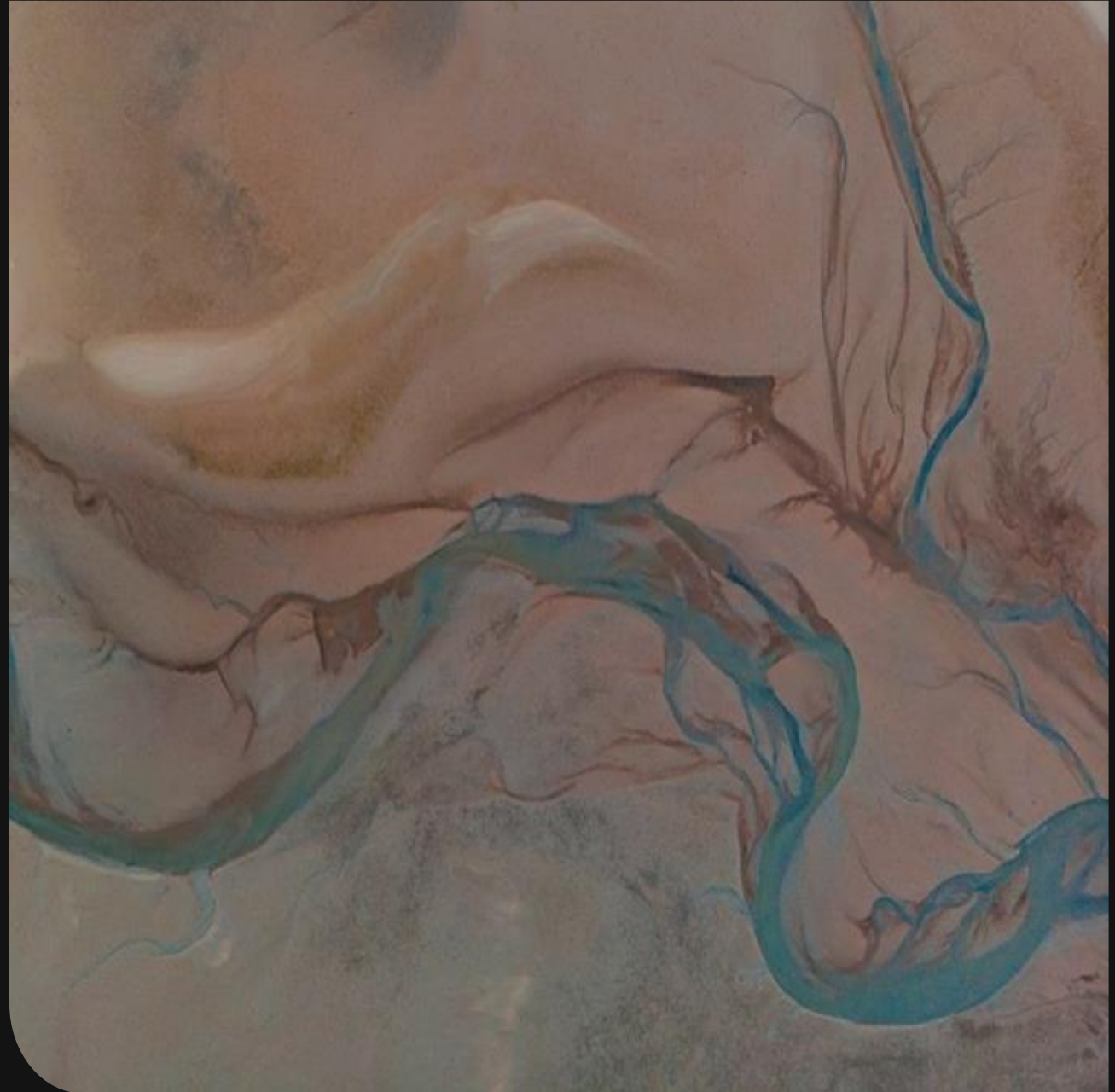
- What is your story of being broken and then being fixed?
- How fixed are you right now?
- Why do you think Ephesians doesn't start out with admonitions to be more fixed?



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Did any of you give any more thought to the idea of John 17:3, that one of God's purposes (one that he both enjoys and will bring him glory) is for us to know him better?

How is that working out for you?





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Let's read it!

- ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our wrongdoings, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He lavished on us.
- In all wisdom and insight ⁹He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He set forth in Him, ¹⁰regarding *His* plan of the fullness of the times, to bring all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.
- ¹¹In Him we also have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will, ¹²to the end that we who were the first to hope in the Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
- ¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation – having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise, ¹⁴who is a first installment of our inheritance, in regard to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.



EPHESIANS 1:7-8

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- Which wrongdoings are forgiven?
- What kind of forgiveness is Paul speaking of here – judicial or relational?
- Why does Paul use the term “redemption” here?
- Why is it important that these things happened in the past?



EPHESIANS 1:9-10

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- How can it be possible for him to “bring together all things in Christ?”
- What could that possibly look like?
- What things seem unfit for this?



EPHESIANS 1:11-12

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- What inheritance have we already obtained?
- Do we believe that he actually works “all things?”
- How can we relax into this idea that the end is the praise of his glory?



EPHESIANS 1:13-14

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- What is **our** indicator of being part of this?
- What is the future promise of this passage?
- Why all the “in Him?”