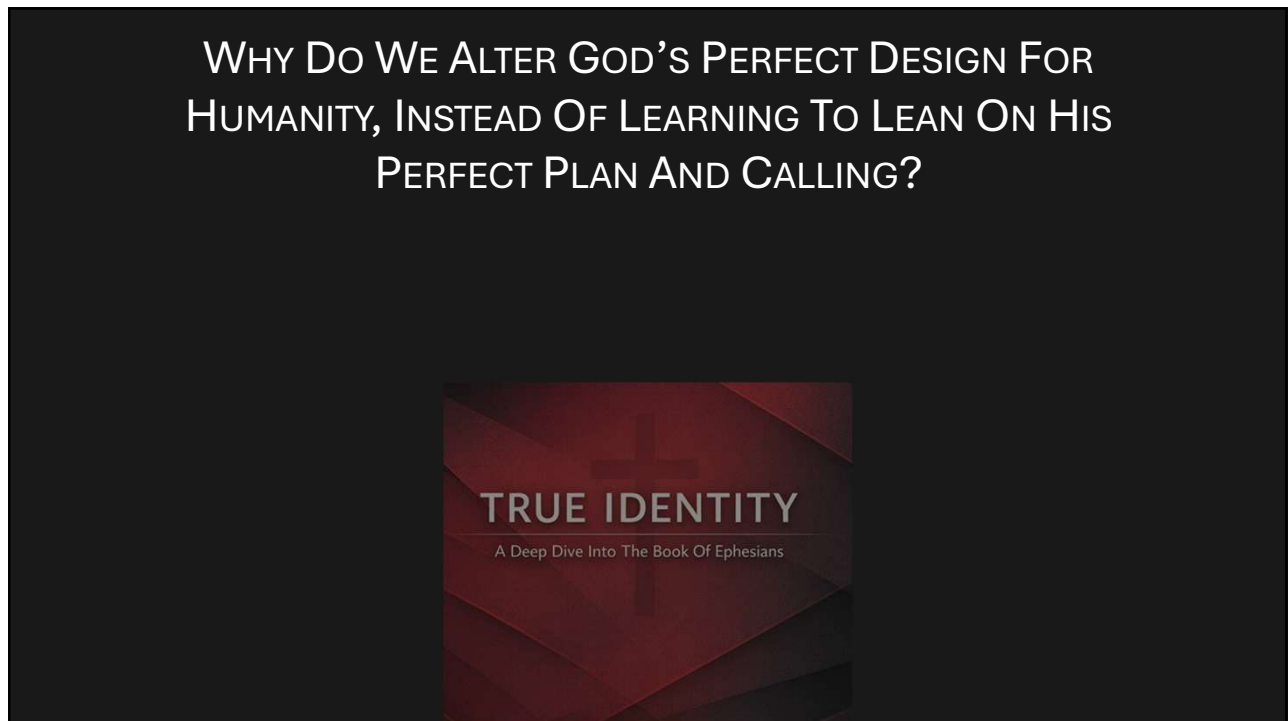


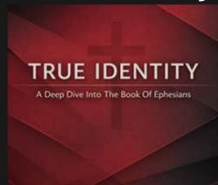
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Ephesians 5:25–33

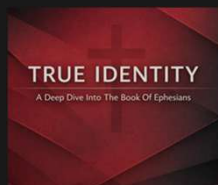
Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the



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Ephesians 5:25–33

church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



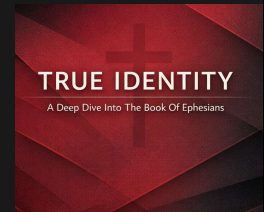
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DEMONSTRATION vs. 25-27

Imitators Of God

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

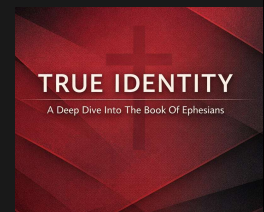


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DEMONSTRATION vs. 25-27

Imitators Of God - *Ephesians 5:1-2*

- Living differently
- Putting away the old
- Putting on the new
- Reflect imitation through relationships



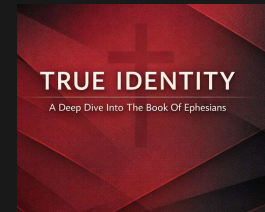
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Imitators Of God (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Knowing Love

- Not a love of human desire
- Not a love of self-seeking pleasure
- Not an arrogant love
- Godly love is required



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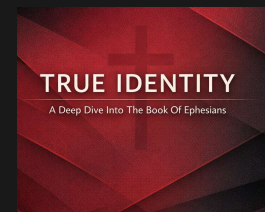
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Knowing Love

Known Love

- Christ is the example for husbands to follow
- Christ demonstrated the Father's will
- Christ demonstrated sacrificial love for humanity



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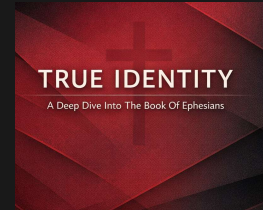
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Characteristics Of The Church Reflected In The Wife

- Created with purpose designed and established by God
- Striving to be more like Christ, but not there yet
- Loved by God
- Worth the sacrifice to know and express love in a relationship

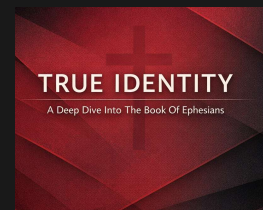


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DUPLICATION vs. 28-30

Earthly Measure Of Love

- Husbands are to love their own bodies
 - Care – rest, activities, and relationships
 - Nourishment for the soul, mind, and body
 - Avoiding damaging addictions

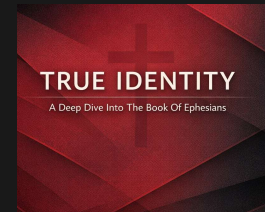


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Earthly Measure Of Love

- Husbands are to love their own bodies
- Husband love your wife as you love yourself
- Loving your wife is a reflection of loving yourself



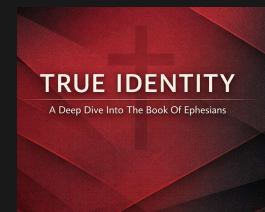
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Earthly Measure Of Love

Abnormal Mindset

- Hatred of own self
- Forgetting the love of God
- Demoralized self harm when self worth is anyone other than Christ



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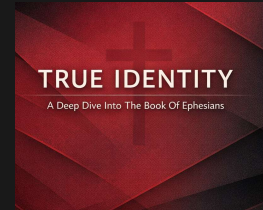
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Healthy Life

- As Christ provides nourishment for the church
- As Christ cherishes the church
- Desire for the best and healthiest relationship with God



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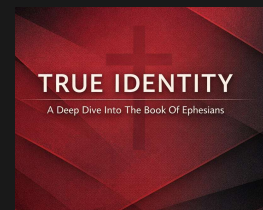
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Christ Is The Head

- Christ is the head of the church
- Christ is the head of the life of the believer
- Christ is the head of Biblical marriages and relationships
- Each member has a purpose and design



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Earthly Measure Of Love

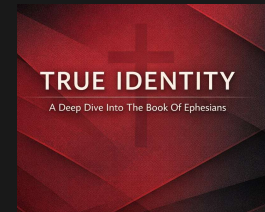
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Practical Application Learned From Christ

- Pure pursuit
- Pure motivations
- Pure desire
- Pure relationship with God

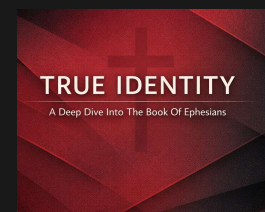


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DISPLAY vs. 31-33

Reminder From The Foundation

- Husband to leave father and mother
- Start of new family



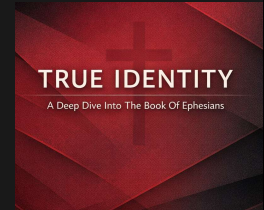
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DISPLAY vs. 31-33

Reminder From The Foundation

God's Design Is Right

- The ways of God are not the same as our ways
- One male and one female under the leadership of God coming together to in marriage
- One Christ, one body, the church, with many members with different functions
- All purposed to glorify God



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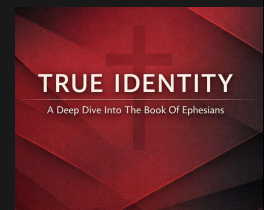
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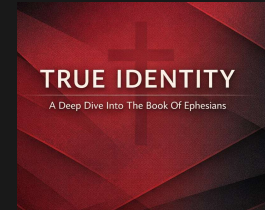
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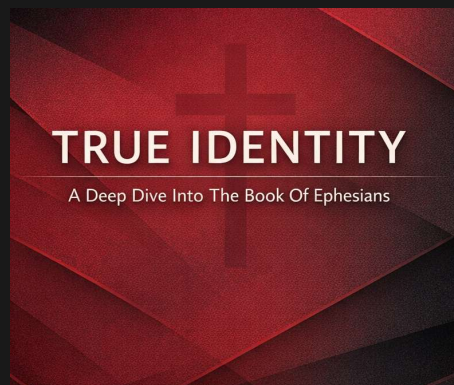
Warning Coming

- Expect spiritual warfare to come against your marriage as believers
- Know the difference between spiritual warfare and self-inflicted wounds



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Is Your True Identity In Christ Alone?



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