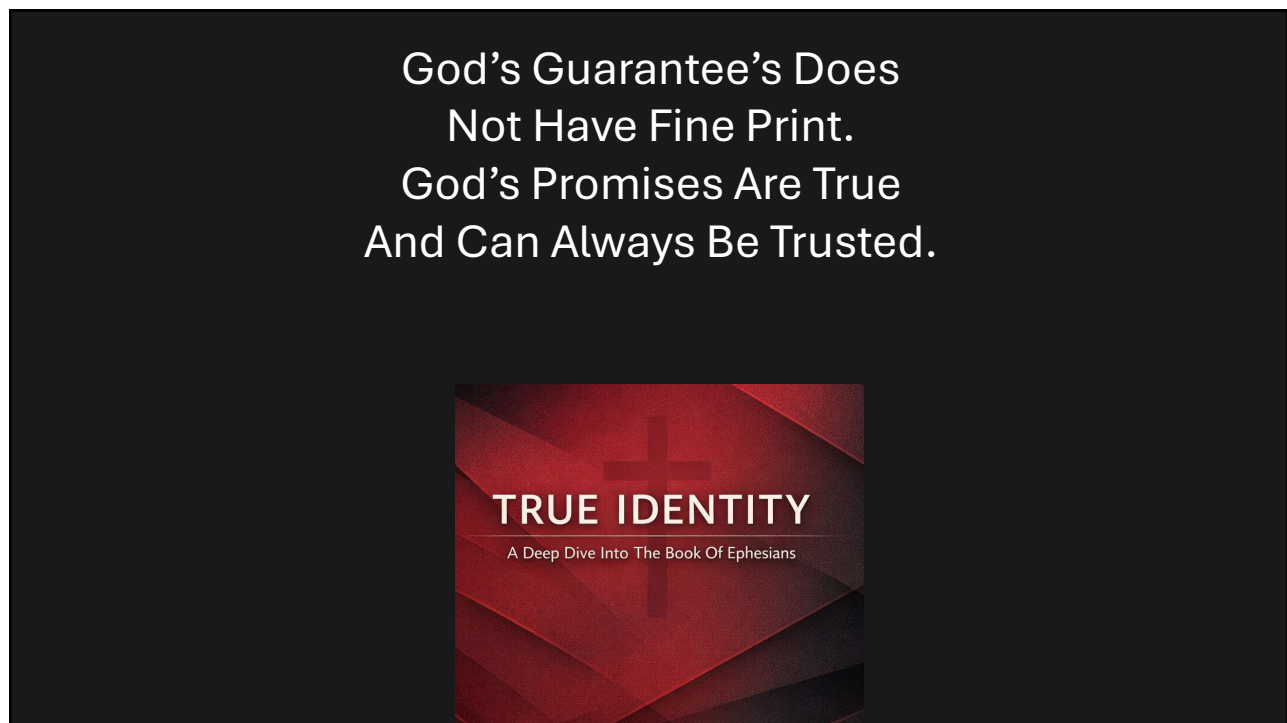


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## Ephesians 1:11–14

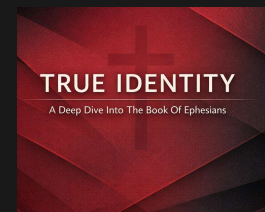
In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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## PURPOSE

### Obtained Inheritance

- Through grace alone
- From slavery to adopted child
- From slavery to sin to freedom in Christ
- Lavished with all wisdom



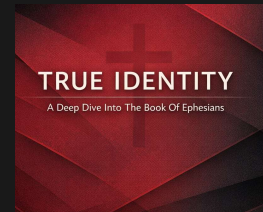
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## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

- According to God's purpose
  - Reflect upon the attributes (character) of God
  - Know in His proven ways
  - Trust in His proven promises



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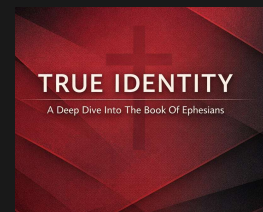
## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

- According to God's purpose
- Demonstration of God's love
  - Planned before creation
  - Continuing to fulfill
  - Never out of control or surprise
  - God's sovereignty is a stark contrast to pagan gods

Promise, Purpose, Plan vs. Uncertainty,  
Unclear Demands, Appeasement



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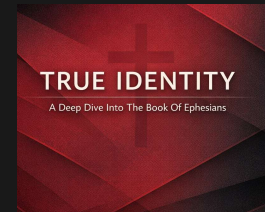
## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

God's Plan

- Continually working out  
Romans 8:26–30



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## ROMANS 8:26–30

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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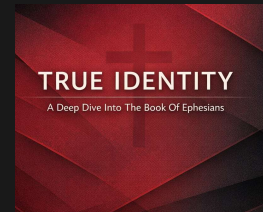
## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

God's Plan

- Continually working out  
Romans 8:26–30
- Jesus's sacrificial death and resurrection was not an after thought to fix a surprise problem
- His counsel predesigned all
- Human response and responsibility still exist



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## PURPOSE

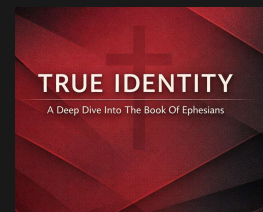
Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

God's Plan

Human Response – Romans 1:20-25

- God's design for humanity to seek Him
- God's design for grace revealed – Romans 5:6-11
- Humanity continually response to God's will
  - Obedience to follow = sanctification
  - Disobedience to reject = sin
- God knows your response



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## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

Predestined = Predesigned

God's Plan

Human Response

Human Responsibility

- God's command for the gospel
- Blame for tragedies and evil is rooted in sinful rebellion and consequence of sin – Romans 8:19-23

TRUE IDENTITY  
A Deep Dive Into The Book Of Ephesians

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## ROMANS 8:19–23

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of god. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of god. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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## PURPOSE

Obtained Inheritance

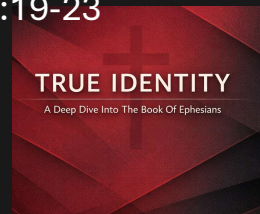
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God's Plan

Human Response

Human Responsibility

- God's command for the gospel
- Blame for tragedies and evil is rooted in sinful rebellion and consequence of sin – Romans 8:19-23
- God's sovereignty and grace are comfort and assurance of God's good plan and victory

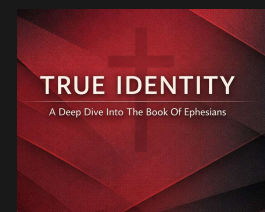


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## PRAISE

Proper Response

- Continual recognition of God's will
  - Past
  - Present
  - Future

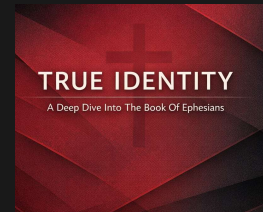


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## PRAISE

### Proper Response

- Continual recognition of God's will
- Continual sanctification
  - God's holiness never changes
  - Our dependency of Christ for continual repentance
- Less self dependency and greater dependency on God

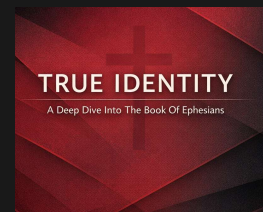


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## PRAISE

### Proper Response

- Continual recognition of God's will
- Continual sanctification
- God's love for humanity
  - Access to salvation through human history
  - Manifested plan through the Christ Jesus
  - Call to testify



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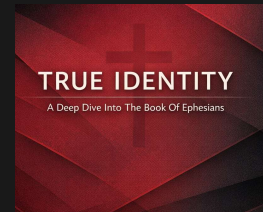
## PRAISE

Proper Response

Life Of Praise

- Living sacrifice not dead sacrifice
  - Eternal life from spiritual death at salvation
  - Reflected through daily life

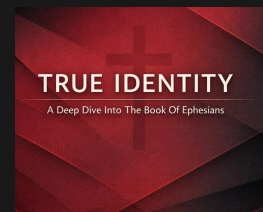
Romans 12:1–2



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## Romans 12:1–2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



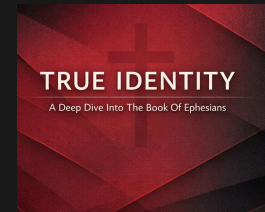
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## PRAISE

### Proper Response

### Life Of Praise

- Living sacrifice not dead sacrifice
  - Eternal life from spiritual death at salvation
  - Reflected through daily life
 Romans 12:1–2
- Resisting the ways of the world
  - Reflecting Christ
  - Deflecting the world



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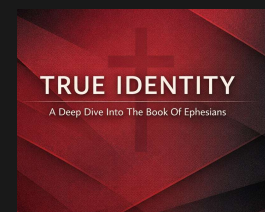
## PRAISE

### Proper Response

### Life Of Praise

### Fulfilling God's Purpose

- Demonstration through engaging in the church with spiritual gifts
- Demonstration to the world through compassion and willingness to follow the Holy Spirit to share the gospel
- Demonstration of dependency on God's power... walking in humility - 1 Peter 5:5–11



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### 1 Peter 5:5–11

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

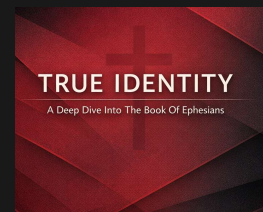
Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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## PROMISE

Truth = Christ

- The gospel = great news
  - Our sin = death
  - Christ sacrifice = price paid in full
  - God’s grace = undeserved redemption (payment of sin’s plenty... death)
  - Death to life... slavery to freedom... alienated to adopted

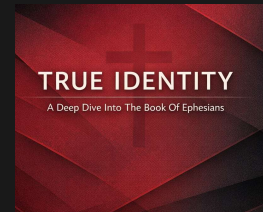


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## PROMISE

Truth = Christ

- The gospel = great news
- Fulfillment of God's plan
- Restoration of relationship



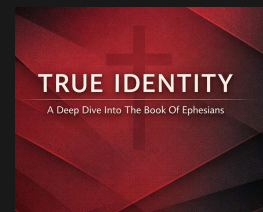
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## PROMISE

Truth = Christ

Essential Belief

- Our state and need of salvation
- Not just acknowledgement of Jesus
- Declaration – Jesus Christ is Lord
- God's call to salvation requires response



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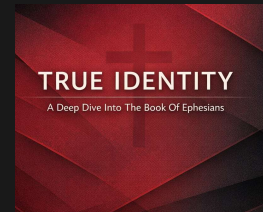
## PROMISE

Truth = Christ

Essential Belief

But There Is More...

- God's guarantee = the Holy Spirit
- Sealed
  - Security – will not abandon
  - Authentication – evidence of life
  - Genuineness – realized reality
  - Identification – character of the Holy Spirit reflected to the world



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## PROMISE

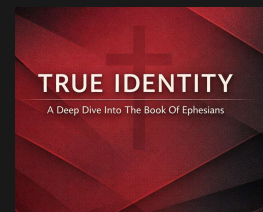
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Essential Belief

But There Is More...

Our Possession

- God's peace
- God's intercessor praying the will of the Father
- Future hope is coming reality not wishful thinking
- Fulfilled promise



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## PROMISE

Truth = Christ

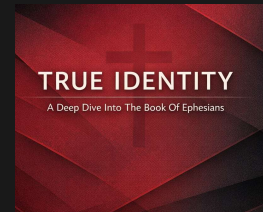
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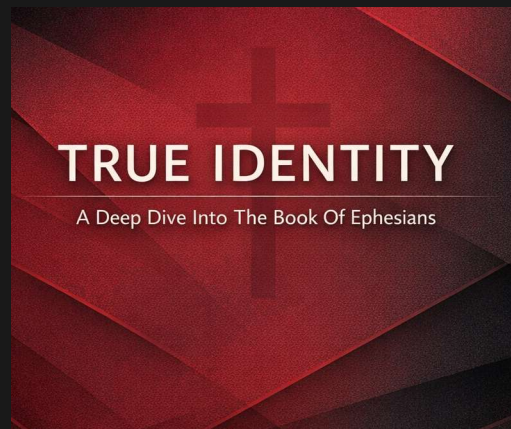
Leads To Praise

- Greater love leads to praise
- Greater surrender leads to praise
- Greater serving leads to praise
- Greater awareness leads to praise



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**Have You Obtained  
Your Inheritance?  
Are You Living A Life Of  
Praise Through Presence?**



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