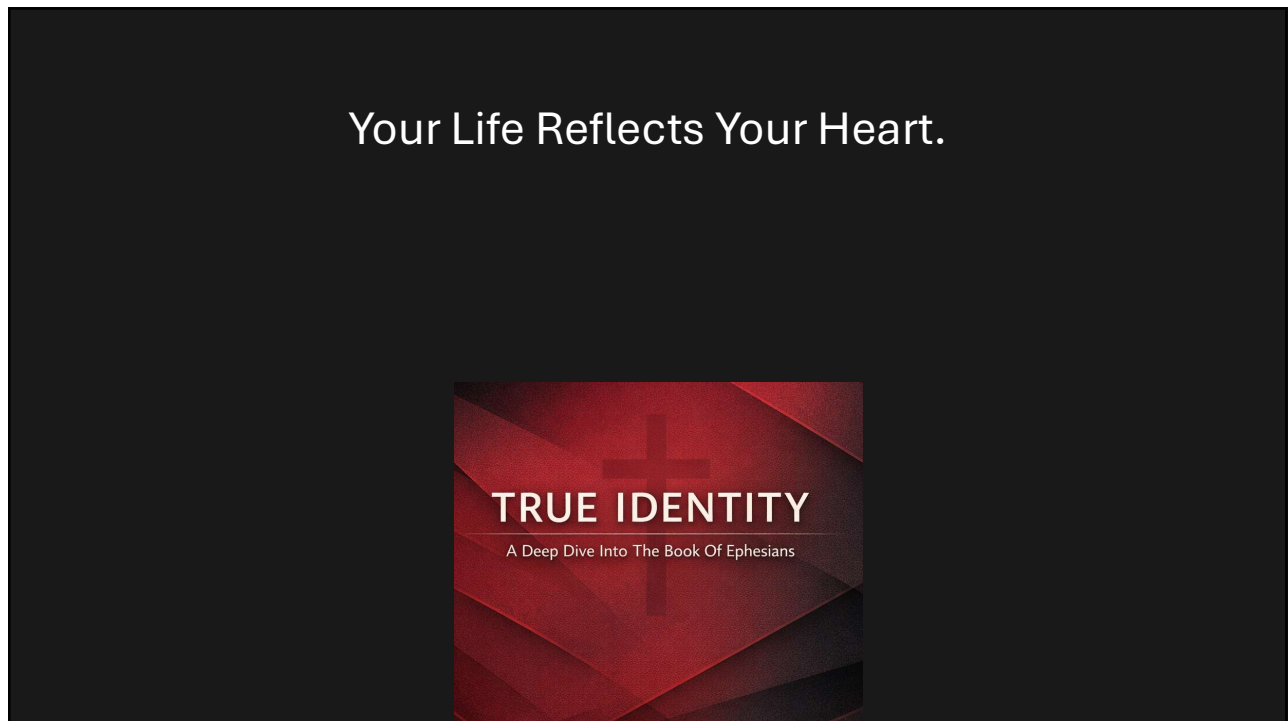


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Ephesians 4:17–24

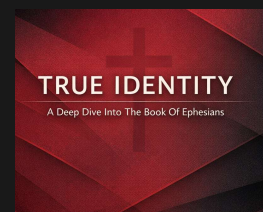
Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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OLD WALK vs. 17-19

Moving Maturity – vs. 13-16

- Growth expected for believers
- Demonstration and fullness of Christ
- Growth in doctrinal truths
- Growth in the body – the church



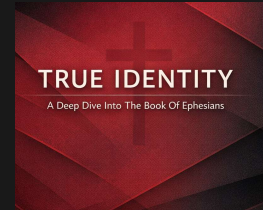
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Moving Maturity – vs. 13-16

Message From The Lord

- Not from human craftiness – vs. 14
- Most trusted source



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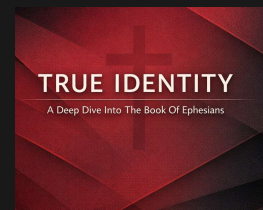
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Moving Maturity – vs. 13-16

Message From The Lord

About Face

- No more the path of the Gentiles
- Purposeless direction
 - Rejecting God – Romans 1:21-23



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ROMANS 1:21–23

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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OLD WALK vs. 17-19

Moving Maturity – vs. 13-16

Message From The Lord

About Face

- No more the path of the Gentiles
- Purposeless direction
 - Rejecting God – Romans 1:21-23
 - Seemingly okay but not sound – Colossian 2:18-19

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COLOSSIANS 2:18-19

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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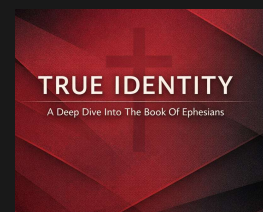
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Message From The Lord

About Face

Walking In Darkness

- Self reasoning from selfish heart
- False understanding – 1 Corinthians 12:2



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1 CORINTHIANS 12:2

You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

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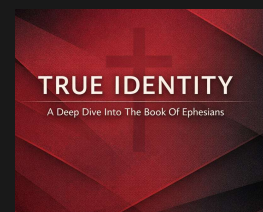
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Walking In Darkness

- Self reasoning from selfish heart
- False understanding – 1 Corinthians 12:2
- Alienated from life – Ephesians 2:12, 19
- Ignorance – ignoring presented truths
- Hardened heart – unwilling, stubborn core



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Moving Maturity – vs. 13-16

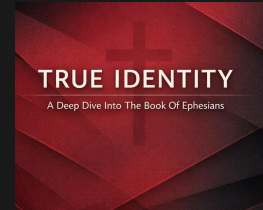
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About Face

Walking In Darkness

Desensitized

- Prolonged ignorance taints realities
- Giving to sinful behavior without consideration of the consequences
 - Sensuality
 - Greedy appetite for impurity



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ROMANS 1:28–32

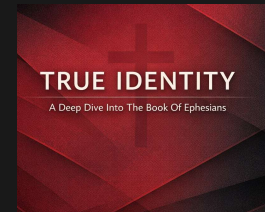
And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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NEW WALK vs. 20-23a

The Contrast Of Discipleship

- Learned Christ
 - Acts 18:19-28 – Paul, Aquila, and Priscilla
 - Acts 19:8 – Paul in the synagogue three months
 - Acts 19:9-41 – Paul two years

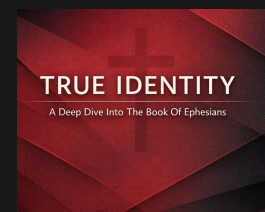


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The Contrast Of Discipleship

- Learned Christ
- Walking by the Spirit
 - Acts 19:11-20 – Reaction to spiritual warfare
- Witnessed boldness
 - Acts 19:21-41 – Protection during a massive riot



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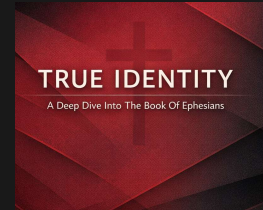
The Contrast Of Discipleship

Imitating Life

- Christ's example
 - Loving God
 - Loving others

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.



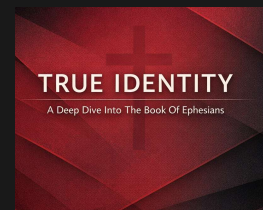
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The Contrast Of Discipleship

Imitating Life

- Christ's example
- Paul and other believers



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1 Corinthians 4:16 - I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

1 Corinthians 11:1 - Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Philippians 3:17 - Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 - And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

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1 Thessalonians 2:14 - For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,

2 Thessalonians 3:7 - For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you,

2 Thessalonians 3:9 - It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

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Hebrews 6:12 - so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 13:7 - Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

3 John 11 - Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God.

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NEW WALK vs. 20-23a

The Contrast Of Discipleship

Imitating Life

Putting Off

- Old self – rooted in sin
- Deceitful desires – corrupted mind

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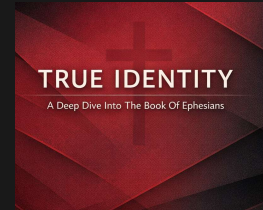
REFLECTIVE WALK vs. 23b -24

Renewed

- Remembering the change
- Remembering the purpose

Romans 12:2

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.



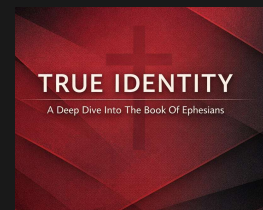
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REFLECTIVE WALK vs. 23b -24

Renewed

Put On New

- Not enough to put off the old
- Must replace the old with the new



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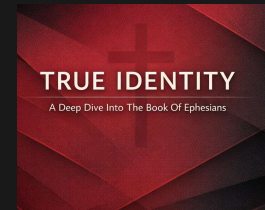
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Renewed

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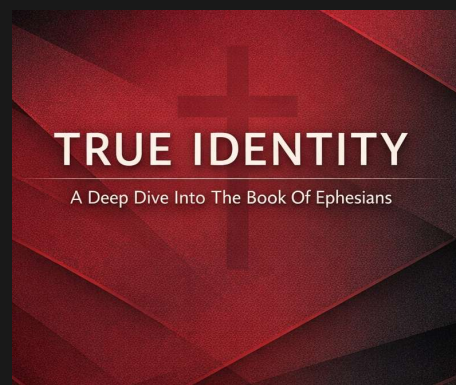
God Created

- Original design
- Righteousness – God’s way
- Holiness – designed sinless



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Reflection Check: Old Self New Self



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