

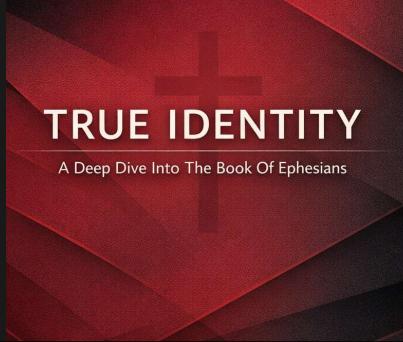
# TRUE IDENTITY

A Deep Dive Into The Book Of Ephesians

**EPHESIANS 1:15-23**  
**GRADITUDE**

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Recognizing God's Work Brings Praise!



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## Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the

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## Ephesians 1:15–23

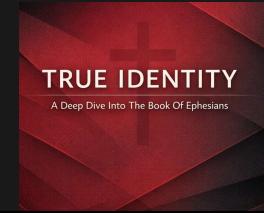
immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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## GRASPED

### Recognize God's Plan Working Out

- God's preplanned purpose made known through Christ
- Salvation through Christ guaranteed through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Working of the Holy Spirit evident through the church, the body of Christ



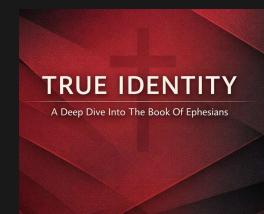
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## GRASPED

### Recognize God's Plan Working Out

#### Evidence Of Faith

- Gospel went out from Ephesus  
Acts 19:10  
This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

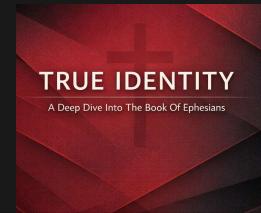


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### Recognize God's Plan Working Out Evidence Of Faith

- Gospel went out from Ephesus  
Acts 19:10
- Gospel evidence  
Colossians 1:7–8  
just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.



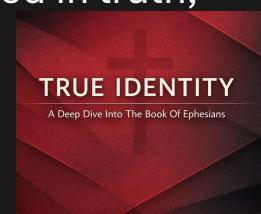
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## GRASPED

### Recognize God's Plan Working Out Evidence Of Faith

- Gospel went out from Ephesus  
Acts 19:10
- Gospel evidence  
Colossians 1:7–8
- Gospel multiplied  
Colossians 1:6

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which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,



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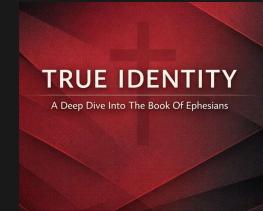
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Recognize God's Plan Working Out

Evidence Of Faith

Evidence Of Love

- Love of Christ reflected by love of others
- Living the great commands
  - Love God
  - Love others
    - Inside the church
    - Outside the church



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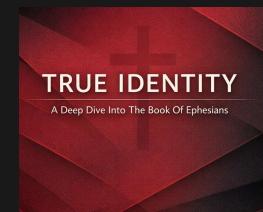
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Evidence Of Faith

Evidence Of Love

Authentic Praise

- The saints' effort not in vain
- Evidence of salvation
  - Paul's exit demonstrated growth  
Acts 19:23-41
  - Cultural shifts



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Evidence Of Faith

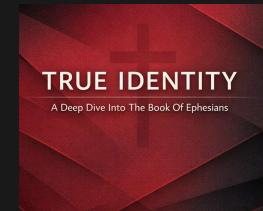
Evidence Of Love

Authentic Praise

- The saints' effort not in vain
- Evidence of salvation
- Praise and prayer
  - Without ceasing – evidence of walking by the Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:25

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If we live by the Spirit,  
let us also keep in step  
with the Spirit.



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## GIVEN

Prayer God Will Answer

- Spirit of wisdom – James 1:5  
If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
- Spirit of truth  
John 14:16–17



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## JOHN 14:16–17

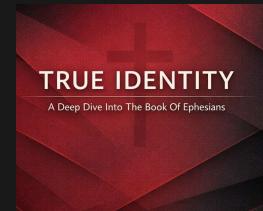
AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR KNOWS HIM. YOU KNOW HIM, FOR HE DWELLS WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU.

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## GIVEN

### Prayer God Will Answer

- Spirit of wisdom – James 1:5  
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- Spirit of truth - John 14:16–17
- The Helper - John 14:26



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## JOHN 14:26

BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THAT I HAVE SAID TO YOU.

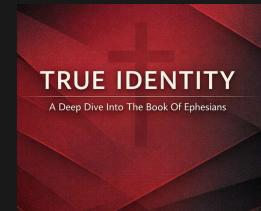
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## GIVEN

Prayer God Will Answer

Prayer For Understanding

- Knowing more of God
- Understanding and revealing through His Word
- Continual growth in relationship... satisfaction



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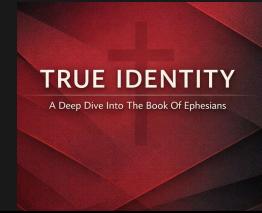
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Prayer God Will Answer

Prayer For Understanding

Comprehending The Realities Of Faith

- God's continual, never-ending love
  - God designed and chose
- Glorious inheritance
  - From alienated to adopted
  - From death to life
- Greatness of Christ power
  - Conquering sin and death
  - Purpose and plan made manifest



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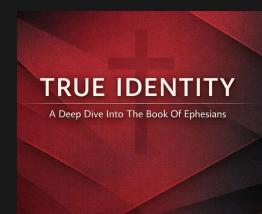
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Dependency On Christ Authority

- Seated at the right hand of the Father
- Overall authority and domination
- Name is above all names
- For all eternity

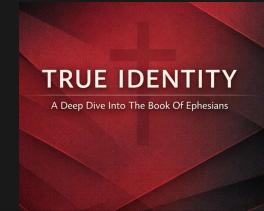


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## GATHERED

### Salvation For Believers To Be Church

- Christ is the head of the church
- Believers are the body
- The Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers in the context of the church to demonstrate God's plan



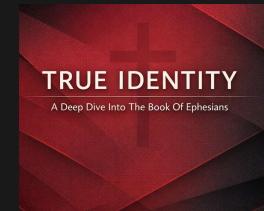
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## GATHERED

### Salvation For Believers To Be Church

### The Church Is Not Random

- Christ is the cornerstone of the church
- Believers are joined together through salvation
- Believers are directed by the Holy Spirit
- The Church is God's design and plan



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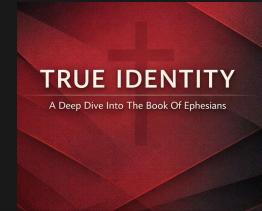
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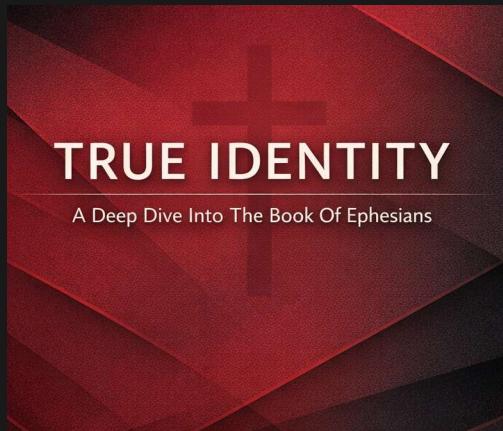
The Church Demonstrates

- Christ example and commands
- The presence and the peace of God
- Call to salvation through sharing the gospel



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**Are You Reflecting Christ?  
Are You Truly Connected To The Body?  
How Does Your Church Body Exemplify Christ?**



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