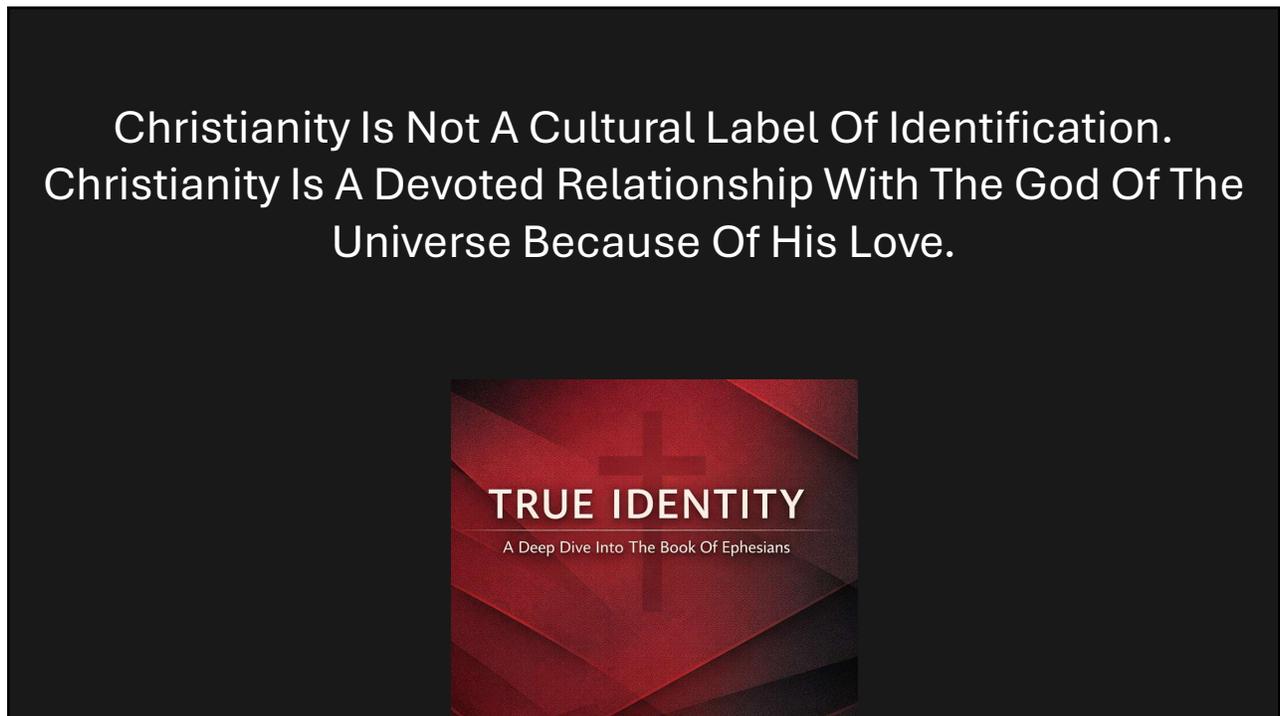


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Ephesians 2:11–22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by

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Ephesians 2:11–22

the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who

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Ephesians 2:11–22

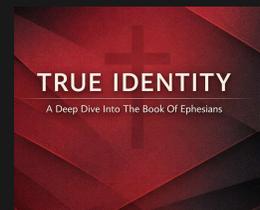
were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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BROKEN vs. 11-12

The Contrast

- “Therefore” – (Ephesians 2:4-10)
 - God’s demonstration of love
 - God’s demonstration of grace
 - God’s demonstration of design

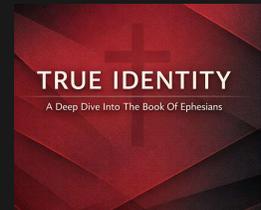


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The Contrast

- “Therefore” – (Ephesians 2:4-10)
- Remembering the past
 - The racial divide
 - Jews and Gentiles
 - Issue of the Gentiles – pagan and disconnected from God
 - Issue of the Jews – outward actions not reflected from the heart but rather religion

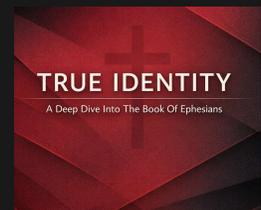


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The Contrast

- “Therefore” – (Ephesians 2:4-10)
- Remembering the past
 - The racial divide
 - Jews and Gentiles
 - Access to God
 - Through covenant relationship with God
 - Limited but not impossible
 - Earthly ministry of Christ focused primarily on the Jews



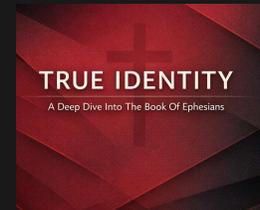
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The Contrast

Alienated

- Cut off, isolated from the truth
 - Culturally and religiously
 - Physically shunned
 - Religiously neglected
- Separated from the gospel of Christ
 - Message first went to the Jews
 - Later expanded to non-Jews



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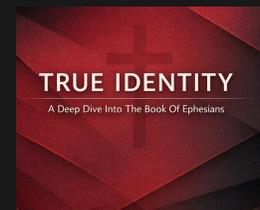
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The Contrast

Alienated

Hopeless

- Without the message of the gospel, a person is truly hopeless
- Wondering with no knowledge of direction or purpose
- No covenant with God because there is no relationship with God



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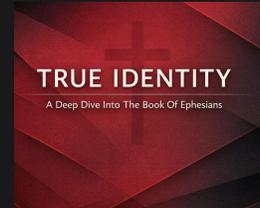
The Contrast

Alienated

Hopeless

Continual

- This status does not apply only to the Gentiles in first century, this describes everyone
- No attempt to ignore God works
- No attempt to change God works
- No attempt to barter with God works

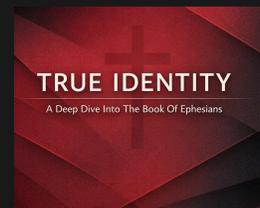


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But God Is Not Done

- No longer out of the realm of possibility
- Once far... now near
- Not by the efforts of humanity
- Only through the work of Christ Jesus



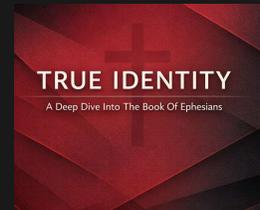
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But God Is Not Done

The New Covenant

- From alienated to near
- Through the blood of Christ Jesus on the cross
 - The Lamb of God
 - The shedding of blood required



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Romans 3:21–26

But now the righteousness of God has been **manifested** apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the **righteousness** of God through **faith in Jesus Christ** for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are **justified** by his **grace** as a gift, through the **redemption** that is in **Christ Jesus**, whom God put forward as a **propitiation by his blood**, to be received by **faith**. This was to show God's **righteousness**, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his **righteousness** at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith in Jesus**. (ESV)

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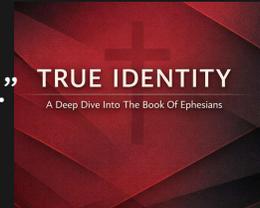
The New Covenant

True Peace

- Presence of God not hostility towards God
- Christ Jesus is the only way to have peace with God

John 14:6–7

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”



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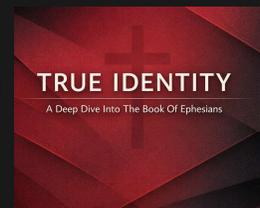
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The New Covenant

True Peace

Not Religion But Relationship

- Strict enforcement of law does not change a person's heart
- Strict enforcement of the law conforms the followers into a predetermined pattern
- Remember the emphasis from The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7



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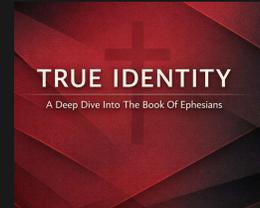
The New Covenant

True Peace

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New Covenant Through The Shed Blood Of Christ Jesus

- The cup at Passover – Matthew 25:26-29
- No more requirements under the sacrificial system
- Now one body – the church
 - Christ the head
 - Believers led by the Holy Spirit



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But God Is Not Done

The New Covenant

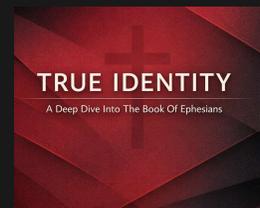
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End Of Hostility

- Transformational change through a relationship with Christ Jesus
- Proclaimed peace for all who believe



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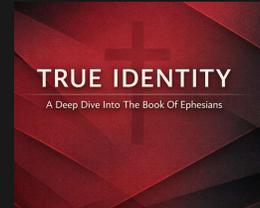
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Access

- Through Christ Jesus

John 15:26–27

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”



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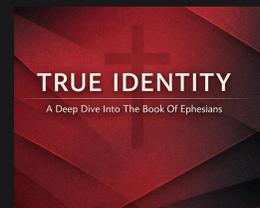
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- Through Christ Jesus
- Even When...

Romans 8:26–27

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.



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BUILT vs. 18-22

Access

- Through Christ Jesus
 - Even When...
 - No Ethical Division
- Romans 10:9–12

Romans 10:9-12

because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

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BUILT vs. 18-22

Access

- Through Christ Jesus
 - Even When...
 - No Ethical Division
- Romans 10:9–12
- Fellow citizens
 - Saints and members of God’s household

TRUE IDENTITY
A Deep Dive Into The Book Of Ephesians

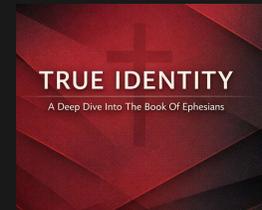
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BUILT vs. 18-22

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Firmest Of All Foundations

- Testimony of the apostles
 - Personal witnesses of Christ after the resurrection
 - Radically changed life because of Christ Jesus
 - Willing to die for the gospel message to all people



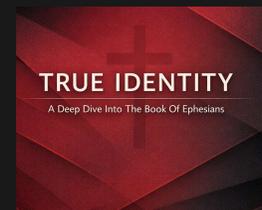
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Firmest Of All Foundations

- Testimony of the apostles
- Predeclared message from the prophets
 - Prophets called for repentance
 - For their time and their people
 - Included a future declaration of the coming redemption through Christ Jesus



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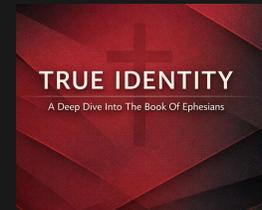
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Firmest Of All Foundations

The Cornerstone Of The Church

- Christ Jesus
 - The Son of God
 - The redemptive message of hope and love from the Father
 - Unshakable truth of Christ Jesus



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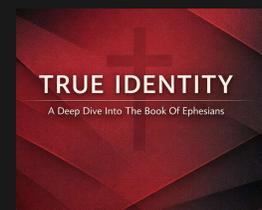
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Firmest Of All Foundations

The Cornerstone Of The Church

- Christ Jesus
- The holy temple of Christ Jesus
 - Not brick and mortar
 - Believers
 - Joined together through salvation
 - Growing holy temple (dwelling place of worship)



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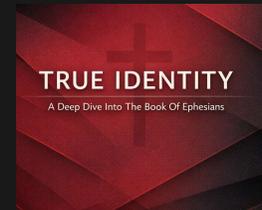
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The Cornerstone Of The Church

Not Finished Yet!

- Being built together
 - Not a solo effort
 - All believers



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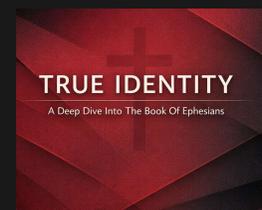
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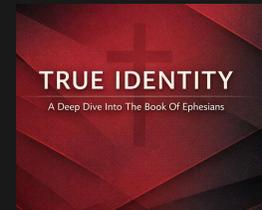
- Being built together
- Your body is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit
- Remember the guarantee of our salvation



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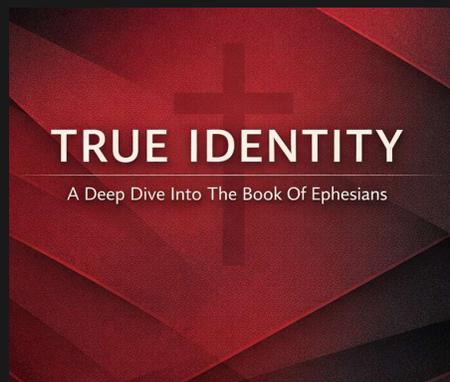
Ephesians 1:13–14

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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What Does Your Life Demonstrate?
No Relationship
Cultural “Christian”
Adopted Child



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