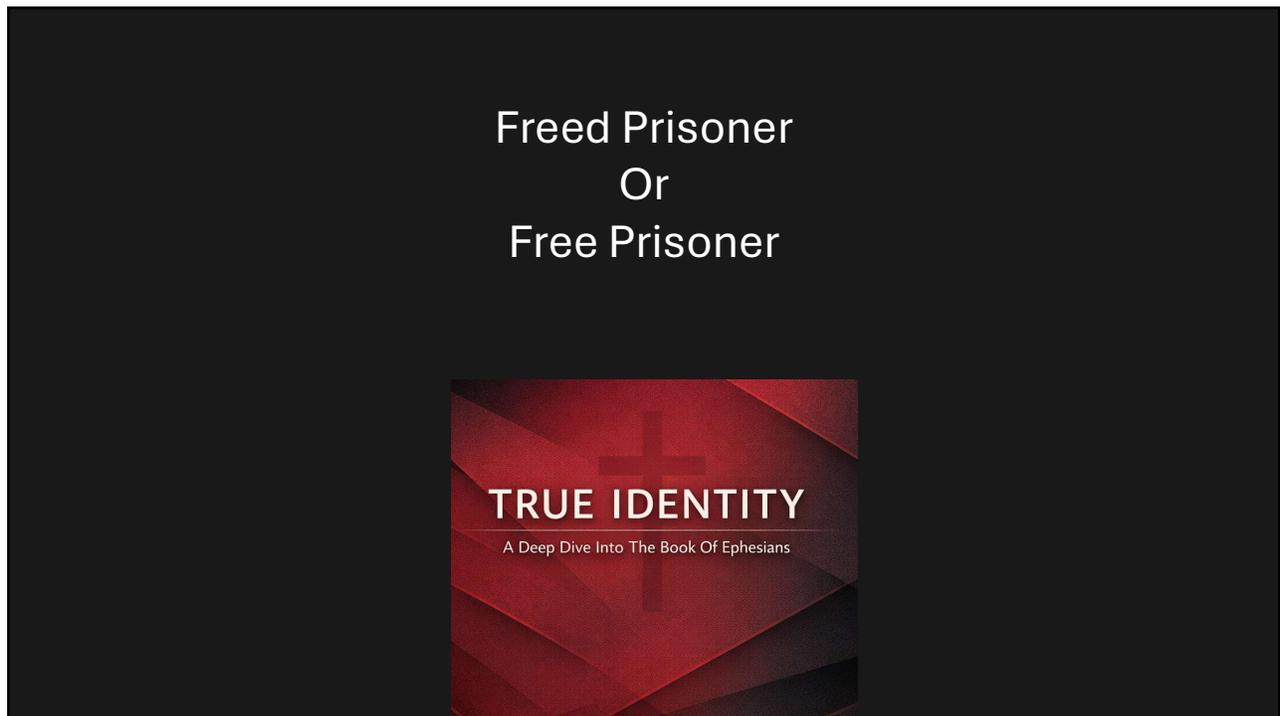
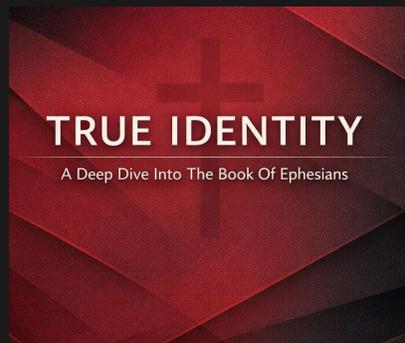


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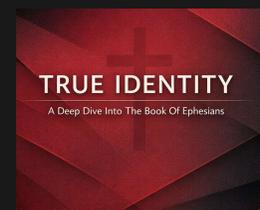


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## DEMONSTRATE vs. 1-3

### Set Example – “I Therefore”

- Responding to the greatest calling
- Responding to the greatest plan
- Responding to the great love demonstrated



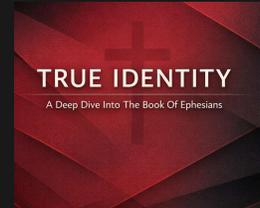
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## DEMONSTRATE vs. 1-3

### Set Example

### Not A Captive Of The Law, But A Free Prisoner Of Grace

- Moved from obligation to obtain
  - Paul's journey through Judaism as a Pharisee
- Driven from love to love
  - Experiencing the love of God to express love for others
- Radical shift for every believer obedient to the call to salvation
  - Greatest testimony – died to eternal life



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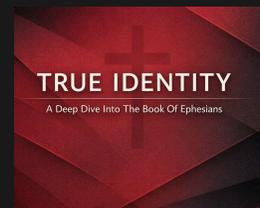
## DEMONSTRATE vs. 1-3

### Set Example

### Not A Captive Of The Law, But A Free Prisoner Of Grace

### Imitation = Discipleship

- Recognize the urgency of the calling
  - Obedience to share the gospel
- Character reflects sanctification
  - Less of self more in Christ image
- Character reflects growth in God's love
  - Actions from the heart change



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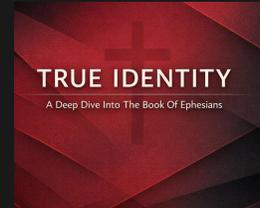
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Imitation = Discipleship

Holy Spirit Traits

- Humility – putting the interest of others before your own
- Gentleness – strength to restrain lashing out unwanted or unneeded personal options
- Patience – ability to wait on God and allow Him to work in His way and His time



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## ROMANS 12:9–13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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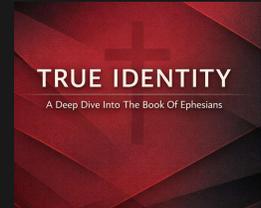
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Holy Spirit Traits

Interaction Of The Holy Spirit

- Bearing with one another in love
  - Demonstrating love through differences
  - Demonstrating love through difficulties



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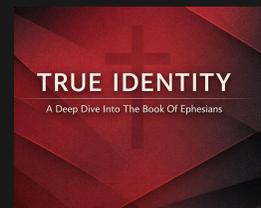
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Holy Spirit Traits

Interaction Of The Holy Spirit

- Bearing with one another in love
- Eagerly exhibit the Holy Spirit
  - Peace = presence of God working even in the middle of conflict
  - Yielding to the work of God



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## GALATIANS 5:22–26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

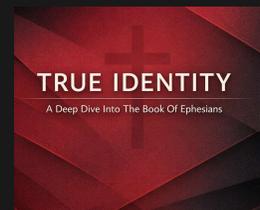
If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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## DEFINITE vs. 4-6

### One

- Body - the Church
  - New covenant relationship with God - (Matthew 26:27,28)
  - Not paganism – individual approaches to appease multiple false deities

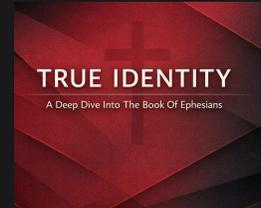


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## DEFINITE vs. 4-6

### One

- Body - the Church
- Spirit – God in us (John 14:15-17)
  - God's presence known
  - Intimacy

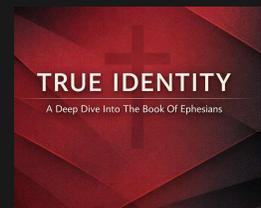


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## DEFINITE vs. 4-6

### One

- Body - the Church
- Spirit – God in us
- Calling
  - Only hope to save – (John 14:6)
  - Only hope to proclaim – (Acts 1:8)

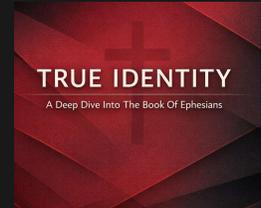


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## DEFINITE vs. 4-6

One  
Manifested

- One Lord - The Son of God
- One faith - the only way to the Father
- One baptism – identification and declaration

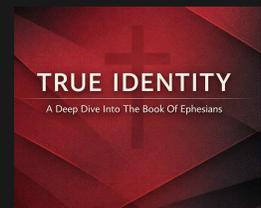


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## DEFINITE vs. 4-6

One  
Manifested  
Singleness Not Multiple

- God – designer, sustainer, life giver, eternal...
- Father – all knowing, all loving, all caring
- No one over God
  - Over all
  - Through all
  - In all

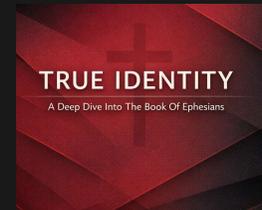


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## DESIGNED vs. 7-16

### Christ – The Head of the Church

- Unity under Christ – (Ephesians 2:18-22)
- Diversity through Christ



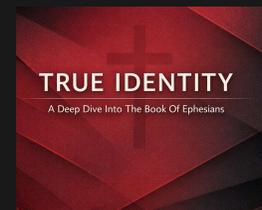
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## DESIGNED vs. 7-16

### Christ – The Head of the Church

#### Grace Giver

- First – salvation – (Ephesians 2:1-10)
- Second – gifting of believers – Romans 12:3-8



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## Romans 12:3–8

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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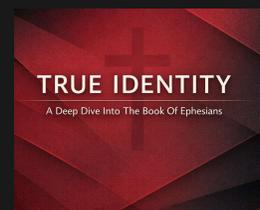
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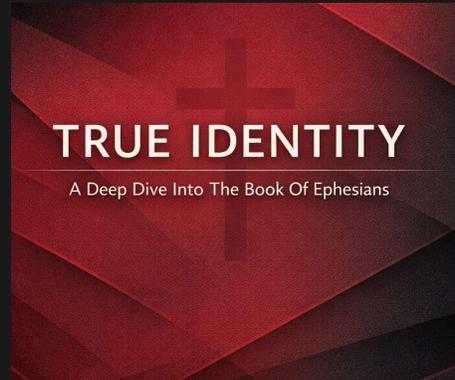
Authority

- Fulfilling the Father's will
- Ministry on earth bringing redemption
- Ascended King



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# How Is Your Walk?



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