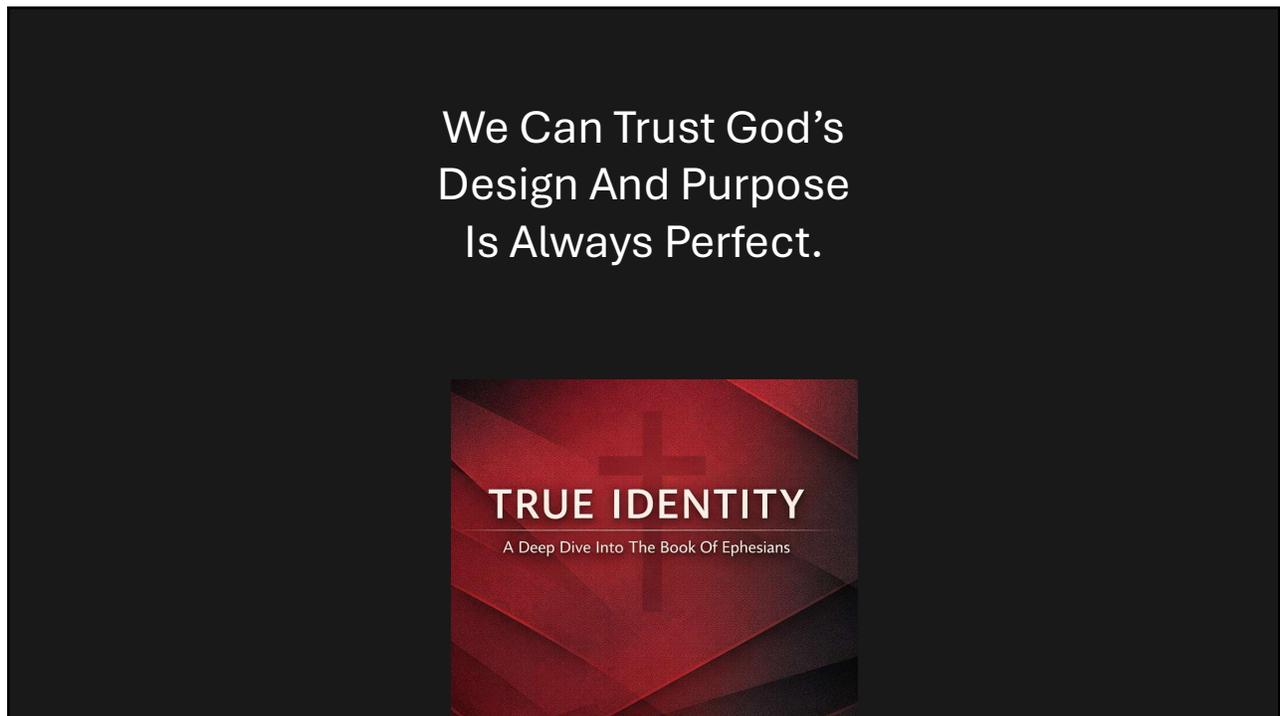
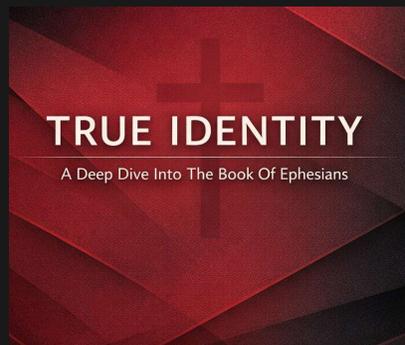


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Ephesians 4:1–16

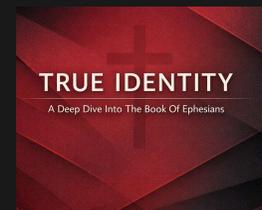


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PROCLAIM vs. 11-12

The Giver

- Spiritual gifts are not self-given
- Christ has all authority (vs. 7)
- Christ attributes (character)



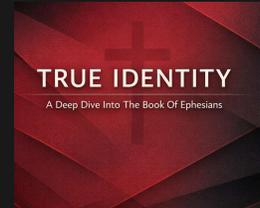
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PROCLAIM vs. 11-12

The Giver

The Gifts

- Apostles –
A firsthand account of seeing and command by Christ after His resurrection
- Established the testimony of the church in the first century
- Advanced the gospel through travel and through written word



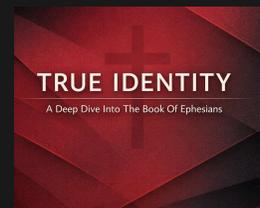
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PROCLAIM vs. 11-12

The Giver

The Gifts

- Apostles
- Prophets
Expound on Biblical truths concerning the ongoing work of God
- Caution – no “new” word revealed



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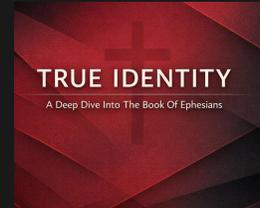
The Giver

The Gifts

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists

Expound on the gospel message, typically one that would proclaim in various locations

- This is not an excuse not to share the gospel



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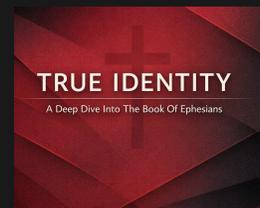
The Giver

The Gifts

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Shepherds (Pastor)

Expound the Word of God for understanding
Christ is the Shepherd of the Church

- Local church shepherd to protect, provide, and guide



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JOHN 10:14–18

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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1 PETER 5:2–4

...shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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PROCLAIM vs. 11-12

The Giver

The Gifts

- Apostles
- Prophets
- Evangelists
- Shepherds (Pastor)
- Teacher

Expound the Word of God for understanding and application

- Led by the Holy Spirit not personal agenda

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ROMANS 12:4–8

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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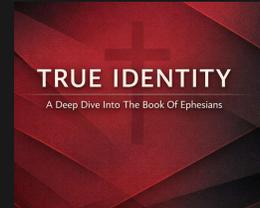
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The Giver

The Gifts

The Goal

- Equipping - ongoing discipleship
 - Teaching
 - Application
 - Duplication



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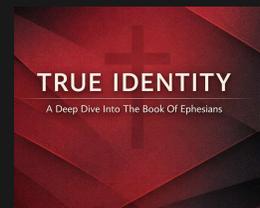
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The Giver

The Gifts

The Goal

- Equipping - ongoing discipleship
- The saints – all believers
 - Work of ministry
 - Work requires effort



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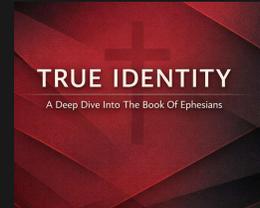
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The Giver

The Gifts

The Goal

- Equipping - ongoing discipleship
- The saints – all believers
- Building up the body of Christ (church)
 - Encourage
 - Edify

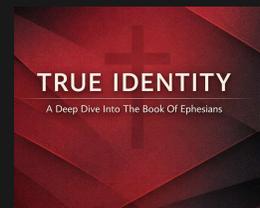


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PROMISE vs. 13-14

Mission Accomplished

- Unity of faith and knowledge
 - Faith in Jesus Christ and the working of the church
 - Knowledge - understanding the work of Christ



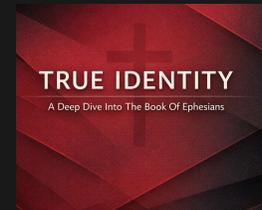
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PROMISE vs. 13-14

Mission Accomplished

Maturing

- Growth as individual believers that is demonstrated through the growth in the church
- On going sanctification of believers
- Infancy as believers is to be a short season followed by continual growth



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1 PETER 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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1 CORINTHIANS 3:1–3

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

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HEBREWS 5:11–14

About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

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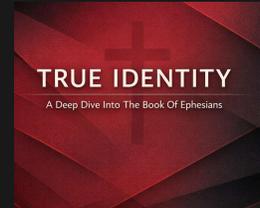
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Mission Accomplished

Maturing

Measure

- Fullness of Christ
 - Knowledge of Christ through the ministry of Christ
 - Passionately pursuing the Father's will
 - Passionately demonstrating the compassion of God



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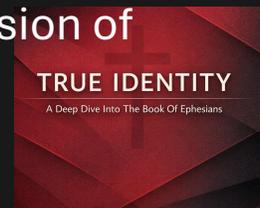
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Mission Accomplished

Maturing

Measure

- Fullness of Christ
- Not a work accomplished alone
 - Knowledge of Christ through the ministry of Christ
 - Passionately pursuing the Father's will
 - Passionately demonstrating the compassion of God



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JOHN 15:4-5

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

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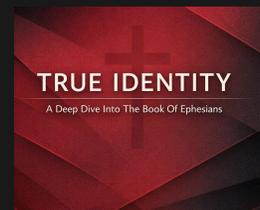
Mission Accomplished

Maturing

Measure

Manhood Demonstrated

- No longer children
- Firm foundation on the Word of God
- Clear direction on the ways of God
- Unaltered determination for the witness of God



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PROMISE vs. 13-14

Mission Accomplished

Maturing

Measure

Manhood Demonstrated

Many Distractions

- Be aware of:
 - False and deceiving doctrine
 - Human cunningness veering off Scripture
 - Deceitful twist of self-justification
 - If not from God, then from Satan

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PURPOSE vs. 15-16

Anchor By Love

- Speaking truth in love
 - Love is not driven by selfish ambition
 - Love is driven by godly compassion

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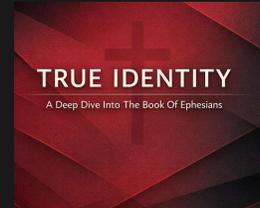
PURPOSE vs. 15-16

Anchor By Love

- Speaking truth in love
- Words and actions
 - Love is not driven by selfish ambition
 - Love is driven by godly compassion

1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.



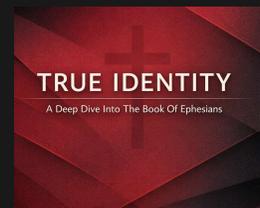
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PURPOSE vs. 15-16

Anchor By Love

Growing Up

- Connected to the Christ
 - The head of the church
 - Gifting the members of the body
 - Functioning as Christ body



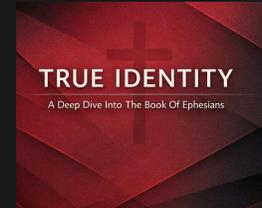
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PURPOSE vs. 15-16

Anchor By Love

Growing Up

- Connected to the Christ
- Joined together
 - Believers are to be connected the church body
 - Demonstrated through the local church body



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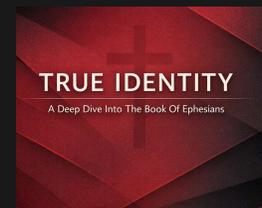
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Anchor By Love

Growing Up

Equipped

- God does not call without equipping
- Equipping requires dependency on God
- Constant connection through the Holy Spirit



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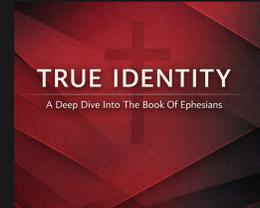
Anchor By Love

Growing Up

Equipped

“When”

- Growth for individual believers occurs when involved in the local church body
- Growth of the local church occurs as believers grow and fulfill their calling
- Unity occurs as the focus of the local church is fulfilling the call of God



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PURPOSE vs. 15-16

Anchor By Love

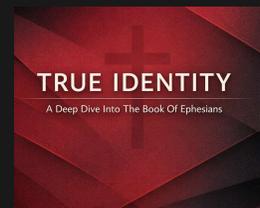
Growing Up

Equipped

“When”

Grow In Love

- Loving God first with all (sacrificial)
 - Prisoner for the Lord
- Compassionate, godly love towards each other
- Compassionate, godly love for the world



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How Mature Are You In Your Walk With God?

