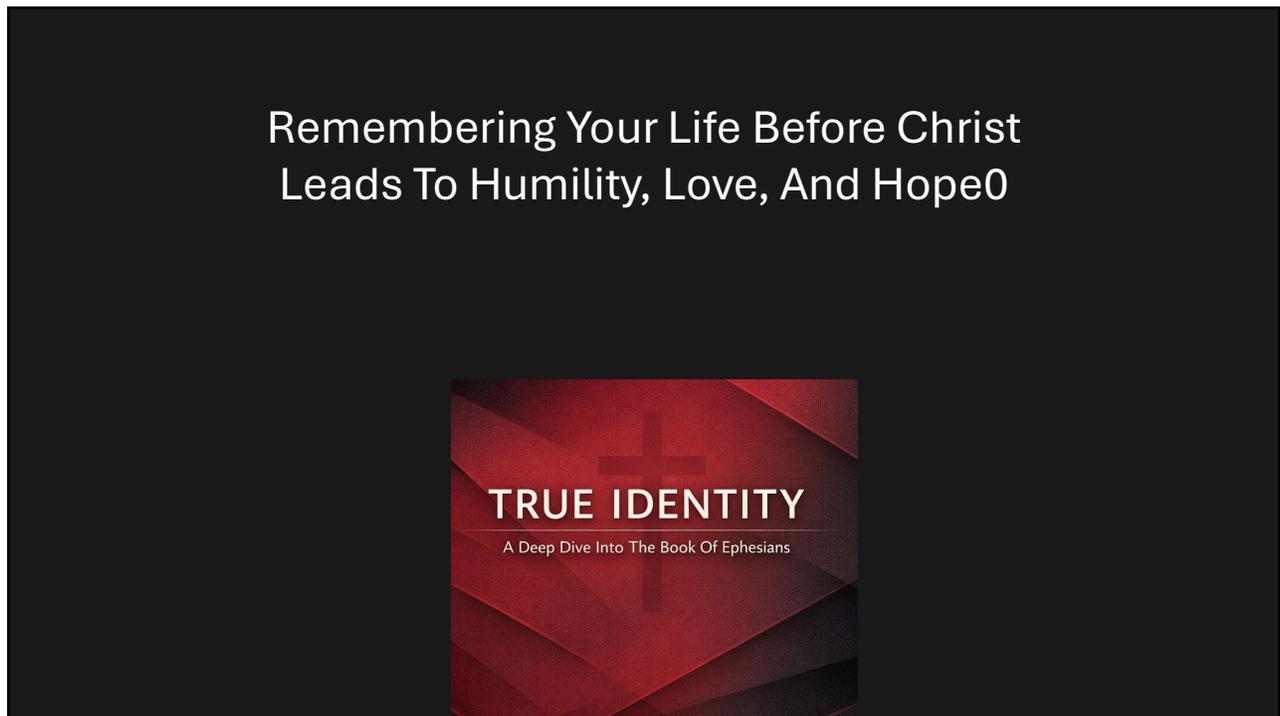


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## Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in

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## Ephesians 2:1–10

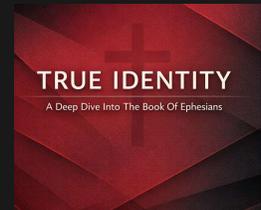
our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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## BEFORE vs. 1-3

## Connecting Point – “And”

- Glorious inheritance
- The immeasurable power from God
- All authority is given to Jesus Christ
- The body of Christ is the church



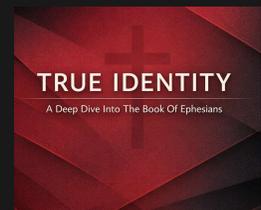
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## BEFORE vs. 1-3

## Connecting Point – “And”

## Past Tense – “Were”

- Dead in trespasses and sins
  - Trespasses – violations of divine commands  
Matthew 6:14–15  
For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
  - Sins – Offenses against God in thought, word, or deed  
Romans 3:23  
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



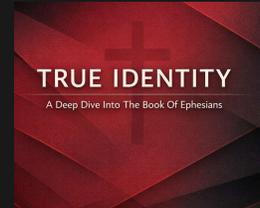
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## BEFORE vs. 1-3

Connecting Point – “And”

Past Tense – “Were”

- Dead in trespasses and sins
- Unable to remedy death
- Pointless path of destruction
- Set by the ruler of this world
  - By nature, following evil
  - At work for disobedience against God



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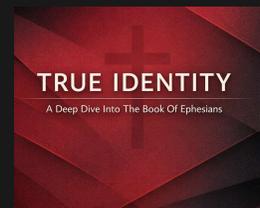
## BEFORE vs. 1-3

Connecting Point – “And”

Past Tense – “Were”

Former Ways

- We all lived – everyone born with the same problem
- Pursuing passions not honoring God, but selfish passion
  - Actions against God’s purpose
  - Mindset on evil



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## BEFORE vs. 1-3

Connecting Point – “And”

Past Tense – “Were”

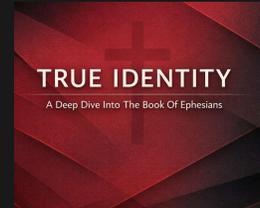
Former Ways

Children Of Wrath

- Because of one man – sin entered the world

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—



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Past Tense – “Were”

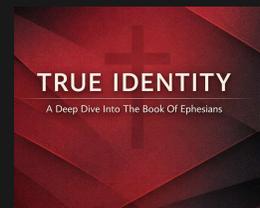
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Romans 5:12

- All of humanity

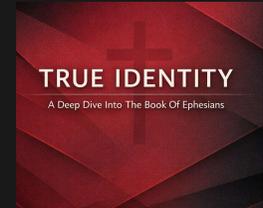


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## BUT vs. 4-7

### GOD...

- Ongoing continual richness of mercy
    - Not giving judgment deserved
  - Love displayed through His will
- Ephesians 1:3–5



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## Ephesians 1:3–5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

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## BUT vs. 4-7

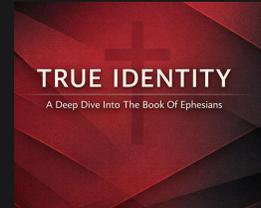
GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

- Our own nature – dead in trespasses

Romans 5:6

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.



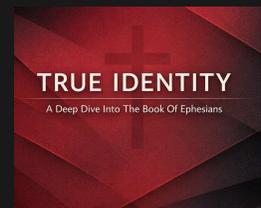
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## BUT vs. 4-7

GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

- Our own nature – dead in trespasses - Romans 5:6
- Reconciliation – God’s love demonstrated
  - Broken relationship (covenant) restored
  - Christ paid the price of sin on the cross
  - Christ conquered the consequence of sin... death by being resurrected



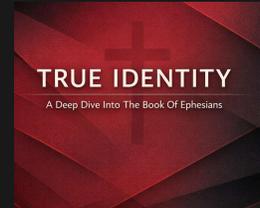
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## BUT vs. 4-7

GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

- Our own nature – dead in trespasses - Romans 5:6
- Reconciliation
- Grace
  - God's undeserved favor
  - God has no obligation to extend grace
  - God's cover of sin leading to salvation
  - God's power to continue to follow Him



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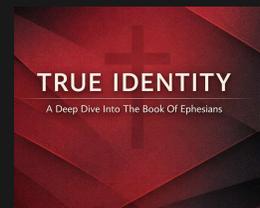
## BUT vs. 4-7

GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

Our Place... With Christ

- Christ is seated at the Father's right hand
- Christ has all authority
  - Earthly ministry Christ demonstrated His authority
  - Given all authority by the Father because He fulfilled the Father's will



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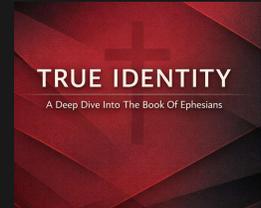
## BUT vs. 4-7

GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

Our Place... With Christ

- Christ is seated at the Father's right hand
- Christ has all authority
- The church has been given authority –  
Matthew 16:13-20
  - Through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit... not on our own
  - Anchored in Jesus Christ alone



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## BUT vs. 4-7

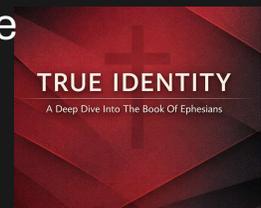
GOD...

Our Status... Dead On Arrival... But...

Our Place... With Christ

The Demonstration

- Soon... might show
  - Immeasurable riches of His grace
  - His kindness towards us in Christ Jesus
- For an eternity – God ongoing continual love poured out on believers



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## Titus 3:4–7

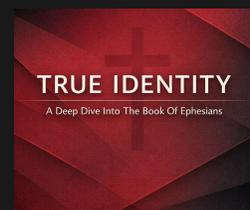
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

All God... None Us

- Grace – given not based gain favor
- Saved –
  - From death to life
  - From darkness to light
  - From powerless to authority
  - From orphan to child of the King

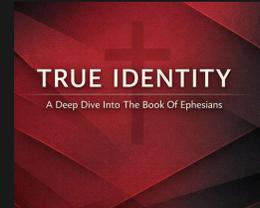


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## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

### All God... None Us

- Grace – given not based gain favor
- Saved
- Faith
  - Believing Jesus Christ is the Son of God, lived a sinless life, followed His Father’s will even to point of death on the cross for sin, and the Father raised Him on the third day from the grave.



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## Romans 10:8–13

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 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. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

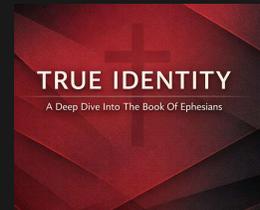
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## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

All God... None Us

No... You Can't

- Earn grace.. It is a gift from God
- Work to gain more favor... grace can never be earned
- Boosting about self worth and merit is absolutely excluded



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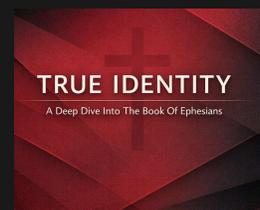
## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

All God... None Us

No... You Can't

The Fulfillment

- We are His workmanship
  - God is not a reactive God
  - God does not make mistakes
  - God can always be trusted

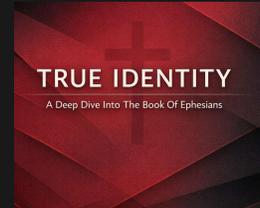


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## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

All God... None Us  
 No... You Can't  
 The Fulfillment

- We are His workmanship
- Created in Christ Jesus
  - Relationship with Jesus Christ
  - Secure through the presence of God.. The Holy Spirit
- Restored with relationship with God

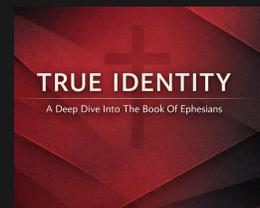


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## BECAUSE vs. 8-10

All God... None Us  
 No... You Can't  
 The Fulfillment

- We are His workmanship
- Created in Christ Jesus
- Created for good works
  - Obeying... love God... love others
  - Making disciples
- Discovering a deeper relationship with God

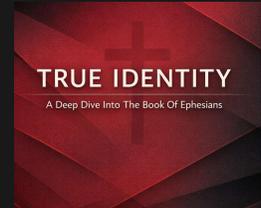


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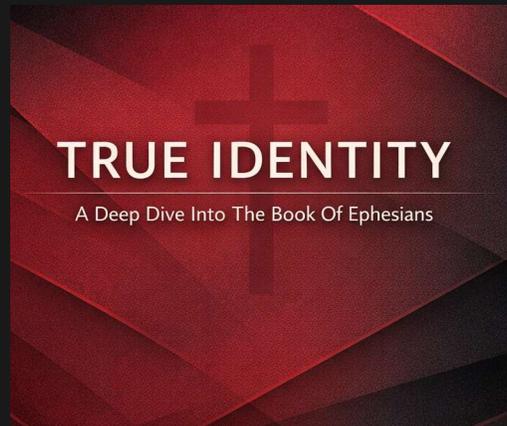
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- We are His workmanship
- Created in Christ Jesus
- Created for good works
- God's plan fulfilled
  - He predesigned us for relationship
  - He predesigned our purpose
  - He predesigned the course to follow



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**How Is Your Relationship With God?  
Are You Walking With Him?**



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