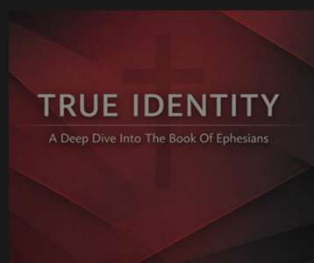


The Excitement Of Church...



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Ephesians 6:21–24

So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

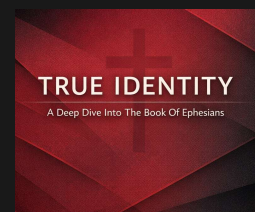


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Paul's Connection To The Church At Ephesus

- First encounter – Acts 18:19-20 (End of 2nd missionary journey)
 - Met in the synagogue
 - Left Priscilla and Aquila

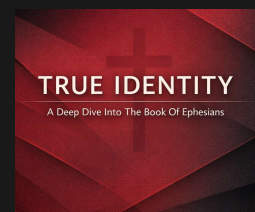


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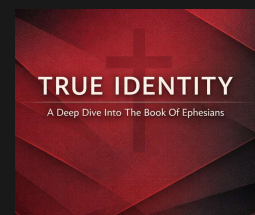
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 - Continued in the hall of Tyrannus for 2 years (Acts 19:10)



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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.

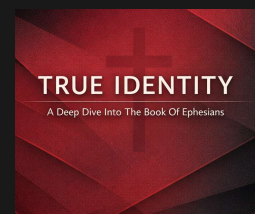


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 - Continued in the hall of Tyrannus for 2 years (Acts 19:10)
 - Many miracles
 - False claims by others

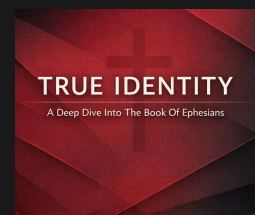


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- Returned for extended stay – Acts 19 (Start of 3rd missionary journey)
- Problem brews
 - Silversmith losing money on idols
 - Start a riot involving all the city

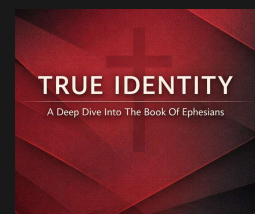


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Paul's Connection To The Church At Ephesus

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- Returned for extended stay – Acts 19 (Start of 3rd missionary journey)
- Problem brews
- Last direct contact – Acts 20:17-38
 - Enroute to Jerusalem
 - Prayer and farewell

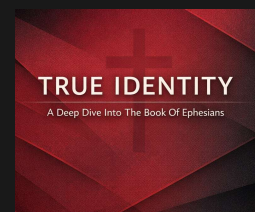


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Paul's Connection To The Church At Ephesus Sends Encouragement

- Tychicus – a gentile believer from Asia – Acts 20:4
- Sent to Colossae and to Philemon (in Colossae)
- Sent to Ephesus from Rome where Paul was in prison
- Called beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant – Colossians 4:7



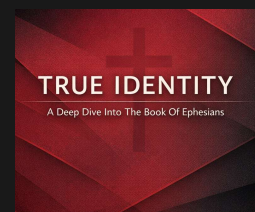
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Paul's Connection To The Church At Ephesus Sends Encouragement

Paul's Activities

- Last personal encounter with Paul was before his arrest in Jerusalem
- Now in Rome under arrest and unable to travel
- Little known contact from 57-62



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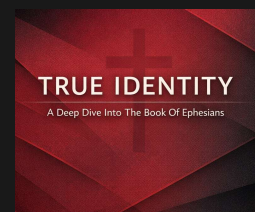
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Paul's Connection To The Church At Ephesus
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Paul's Activities

The Church

- Continued to grow
- Timothy pastored the church for a season – 1 Timothy 1:3
- Strong in defense, but weak in love – Revelation 2:1-7

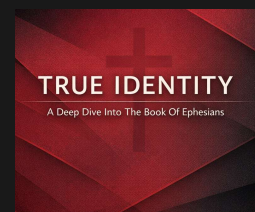


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Peace

- Presence of the working of the Holy Spirit especially during trials
- To be known – a reality
- To be demonstrated through the church



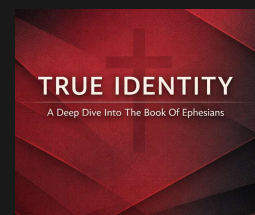
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Love With Faith

- Proven and given by God our Father
- Demonstrated through the ministry of Jesus Christ
- The foundation for our love for God
- The outpouring for our love for others



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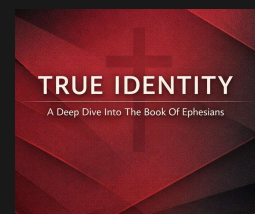
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Peace

Love With Faith

Full Circle

- Paul opens the letter - Ephesians 1:2
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Anchored in our relationship with the Father through redemption

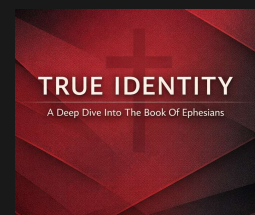


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Grace

- God's redemptive plan – salvation
- God's sustaining plan – sanctification
- God's eternal plan – glorification



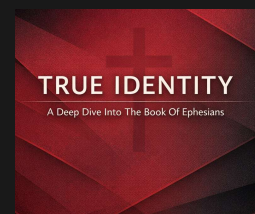
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Grace

All Who Love

- Evidence of love – desiring God
- Evidence of salvation – loving others
- Evidence of growth – extending grace to others



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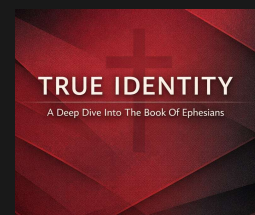
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Grace

All Who Love

Our Lord Jesus Christ

- Our – same God
 - Consider the change from Judaism
 - Dynamic shift from paganism



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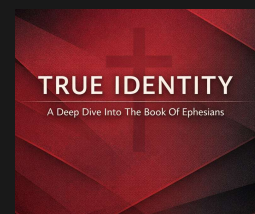
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All Who Love

Our Lord Jesus Christ

- Our – same God
- Lord
 - Master
 - Appointed and seated by God
 - Due all because He has full authority



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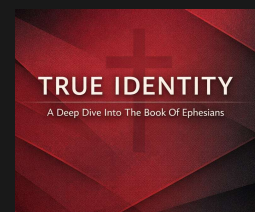
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All Who Love

Our Lord Jesus Christ

- Our – same God
- Lord
- Jesus
 - God's sinless Son
 - Personal



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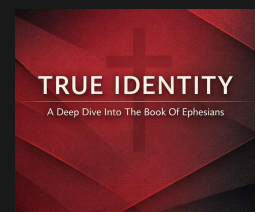
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All Who Love

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- Our – same God
- Lord
- Jesus
- Christ
 - Messiah – sacrificial Lamb of God
 - God's manifest plan revealed



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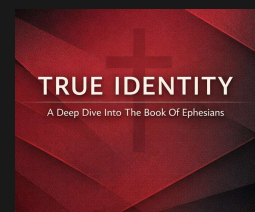
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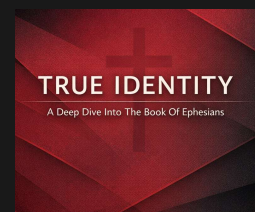
His Love

- Incorruptible
- Perfect
- Eternal
- Gracious and merciful
- Accepting unconditionally



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LIVE OUT CHRIST IN YOU!



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