

TRUE IDENTITY

A Deep Dive Into The Book Of Ephesians

EPHESIANS 6:10-20
COVERED

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Ephesians 1:11–14

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 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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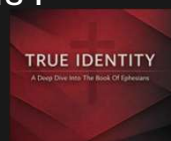
Ephesians 6:10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having



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fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

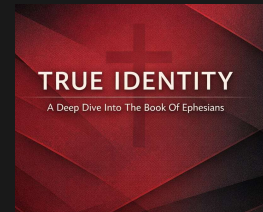


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CONFIDENT ACTIONS

Commanded

- Stand in Christ strength and might
- Put on the whole armor of God
- Stand against the spiritual forces of darkness
- Take up the shield of faith



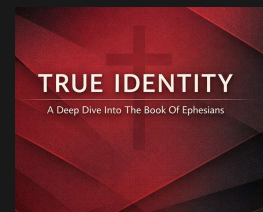
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Commanded

Spiritual Battles

- Do not stop if you attempt disengage
 - Dependency on God is neglected
 - Spiritual growth is stumped
- Recognizing and engaging
 - Dependency on God grows
 - Spiritual growth progresses
- God's presence demonstrated
- God's victory recognized

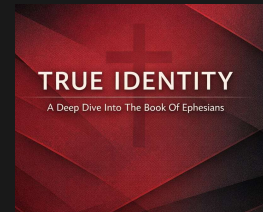


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Spiritual Battles
Take

- Must be available
 - All believers
 - Anyone who desires salvation
- Must not be neglected
- Not forced but desired

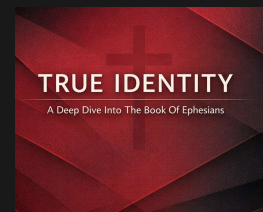


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Historical Context - First Century Helmet

- Worn to protect the head and neck
- Display the sides of the struggle
- Display the rank of the soldier
- Identity belong



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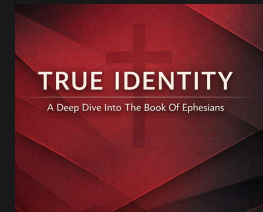
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Historical Context - First Century Helmet

Biblical Context

- Isaiah 59:16–17

He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.



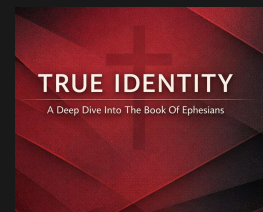
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Biblical Context - Isaiah 59:16–17

- Prophecy during times of unrepentant actions
- Description of Christ
- Fulfilled through the earthly ministry of Christ
- “Cloak of zeal” – eagerness for God’s plans and ways
- Continued command for the church



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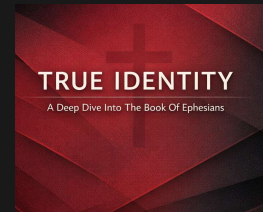
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Spiritual Helmet Protects

- Mind
 - Doubt
 - Fear
 - Anxiety



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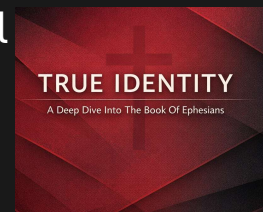
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Spiritual Helmet Protects

- Mind
- Eye - Matthew 6:22–23

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!”



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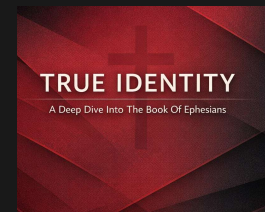
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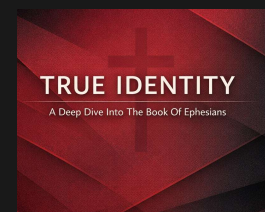
- Mind
- Eyes - Matthew 6:22–23
- Mouth - James 3:6–10



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James 3:6–10

And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.



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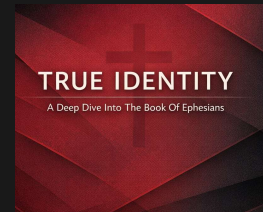
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- Mind
- Eyes
- Mouth
- Ears

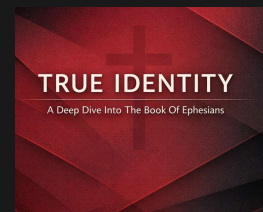


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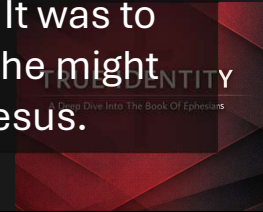
- God's manifested plan - Romans 3:21–26



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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.

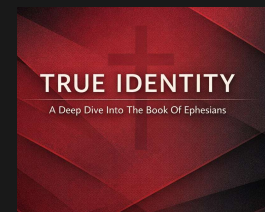


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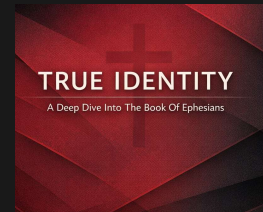
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- Freedom and eternal life given - Romans 6:20–23



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Romans 6:20–23

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



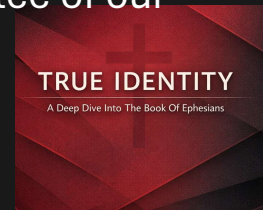
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- Presence of the Holy Spirit –
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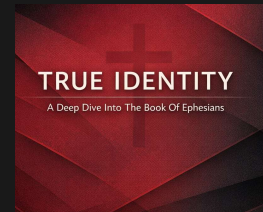
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Power Of Connection

- God hears and answers prayer - John 14:12–14
 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”



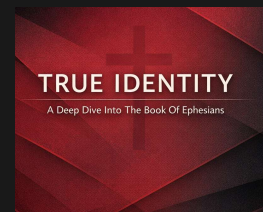
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- God hears and answers prayer - John 14:12–14
- Pray continuously - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18
 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



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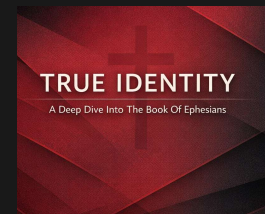
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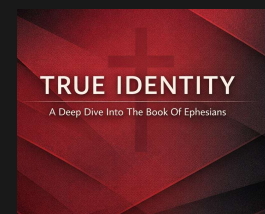
- God plan for repentance - Ephesians 1:7–10



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Ephesians 1:7–10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.



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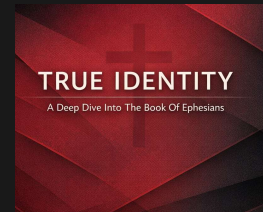
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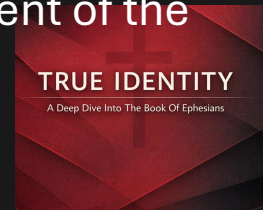
- God plan for repentance - Ephesians 1:7–10
- No condemnation - Romans 8:1–4



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Romans 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



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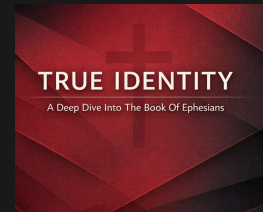
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Outward Evidence Of Salvation

- A light in the dark world - Romans 13:12
The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.



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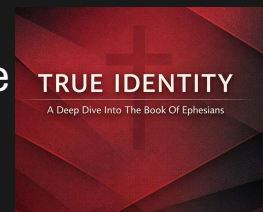
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But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.



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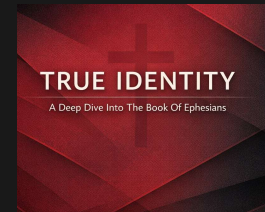
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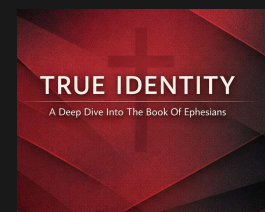
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- Testimony of life - Philippians 4:4–7



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Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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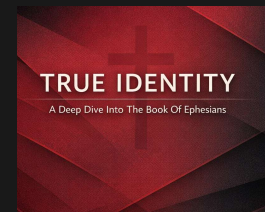
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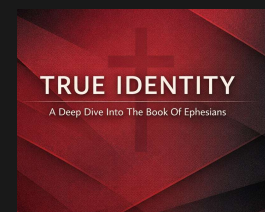
- Resist the enemy - James 4:7–10



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James 4:7–10

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



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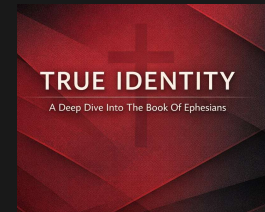
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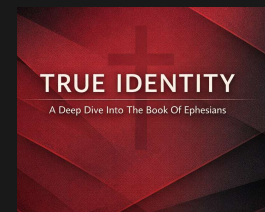
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WHERE IS YOUR HELMET?



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