

# Unity in Love



# E p h e s i a n s

**Key Word**

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**Unity**

**Ephesians**

# Theme

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**Jew-Gentile Unity  
Shown in Love**

**Ephesians**

# Key Verse

"As a prisoner for the Lord,  
then I urge you to live a life  
worthy of the calling you have received.  
Be completely humble and gentle;  
be patient, bearing with one another in **love**  
making every effort to keep the  
**unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace"  
(4:1-3).

## Ephesians

## Summary Statement

The way to **unity for believing Jews and Gentiles** is to see their equality and love one another as a witness to the world.

**Ephesians**



# Kingdom Statement

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**Christ will be the ruler of both heaven and earth in a yet future age (1:9-10) that Revelation 20:1-6 reveals to be 1000 years.**

**Ephesians**

**Christ abolished “in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations” (2:15), so Christ’s death did away with the Mosaic Law (cf. Rom. 7:7).**

# Ephesians

# Redemption

27c

**The clearest NT text that teaches the church age as a dispensation (3:2-6) shows that salvation makes Jews and Gentiles equal in one body, the Church (2:14, 19).**

**Ephesians**

# Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

**Christ can do more than any of us can imagine (3:20) in the most complete description of demons in all of Paul's writings (2:2; 6:11-16) through the person and work of the Holy Spirit (1:13-14; 2:18; 3:5, 16; 4:3-4, 30; 5:18; 6:17-18).**

## Ephesians

# Jew-Gentile Unity Shown in Love

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**Love as Equals**

**Love as Testimony**

**Chapters 1–3**

**Chapters 4–6**

**Doctrine**

**Application**

**Position**

**Practice**

**Belief**

**Behaviour**

**Privileges**

**Responsibilities**

**Ephesians**

**Salutation**

**Position**

**Reconciliation**

**Uniqueness**

**Unity**

**Holliness**

**Submission**

**Reliance**

**Love**

**1:1-2**

**1:3-23**

**2**

**3**

**4:1-16**

**4:17–5:20**

**5:21–6:9**

**6:10-20**

**6:21-24**

**Rome**

**Fall AD 60 (first Roman imprisonment)**


- 1 **C**alling of the church
- 2 **H**eavenly position for individuals
- 3 **U**nderstanding of the mystery
- 4 **R**easons for spiritual gifts
- 5 **C**hrist's example for marriage
- 6 **H**elp in spiritual warfare

# EPHESIANS



Barry Huddleston, *The Acrostic Bible*

# Be United



## *Ephesians*

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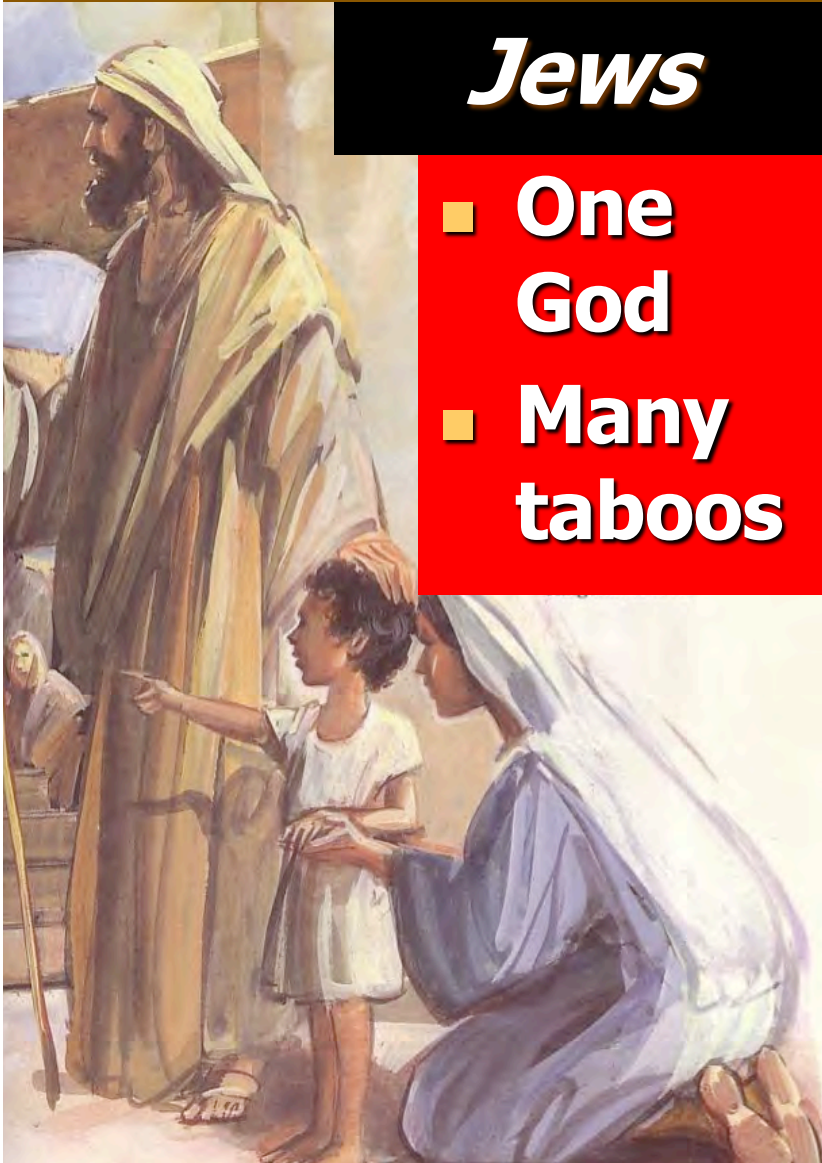
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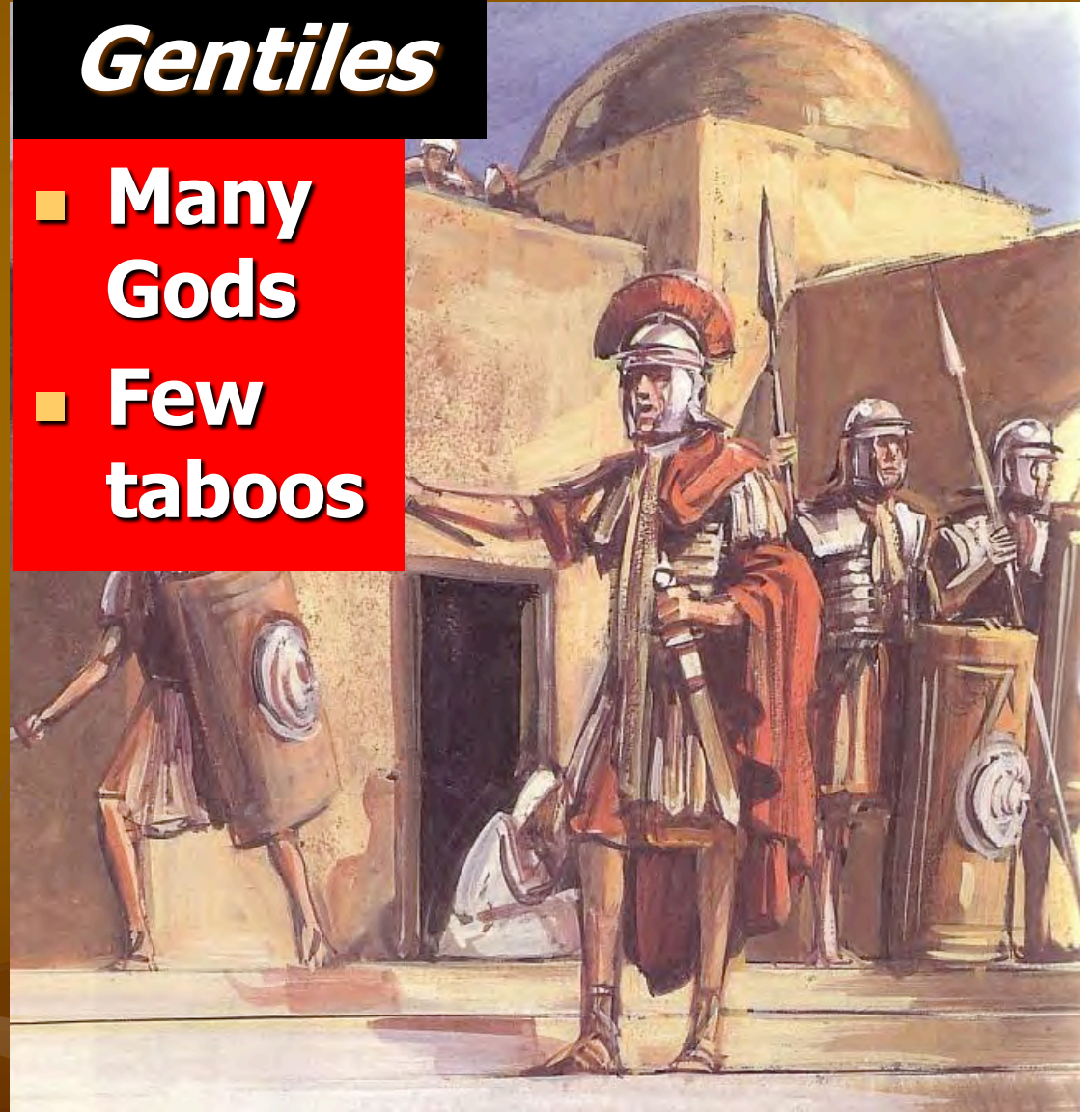
## *Jews*

- One God
- Many taboos



## *Gentiles*

- Many Gods
- Few taboos



# How to be united...



**Eph 1–3**

# How to be united...



**Love the Church**

**Love  
God**

**Eph 4–6**

**How to be united...**

**Love the Nations**

**Love the Church**

**Love  
God**

**Ephesians**

**Love God, love the church as  
equals, and love the nations**



***Main Idea of Ephesians***

# Think about it.



**Do you really act like you are equal with other members of the body of Christ?**

- **Maids?**
- **Former Muslims (Malays)?**
- **Believers in Prison?**
- **Poor churches of India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, etc.?**

**How do you show your unity with believers different from you?**

***Applying Ephesians***



# Introducing the "Prison Epistles"

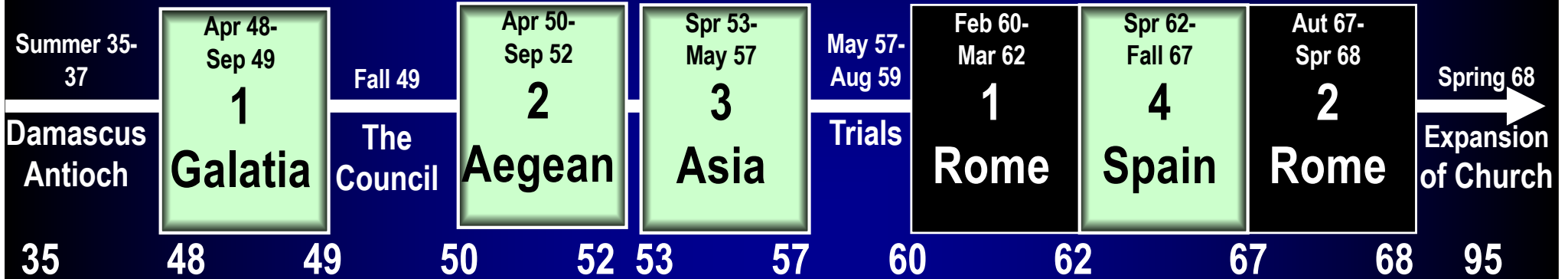


# NT Overview (Paul's Letters)

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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



**Matt**

**Luke**

**Acts**

**Mark**

**John**

**Missionary**

- Justify
- Rapture
- Tribulation
- Sanctify
- Apostle
- Righteous

**Prison**

- Unity
- Deity
- Forgive
- Attitude

**Pastoral**

- 1 Tim
- 2 Tim
- Titus

**Gospels & Acts**

**Pauline Epistles**

**1234**

Journeys

**Rome**

Imprisonments

# Which letters are Prison Epistles?

- Ephesians
- Colossians
- Philemon
- Philippians



# Why call them "Prison Epistles"?

They refer to Paul's bonds (cf. Acts 28:16):

- Eph. 3:1; 4:1; 6:20
- Col. 4:3, 18
- Philem. 1, 9, 10
- Phil. 1:13-14

# Who carried these letters?

## 1. Tychicus

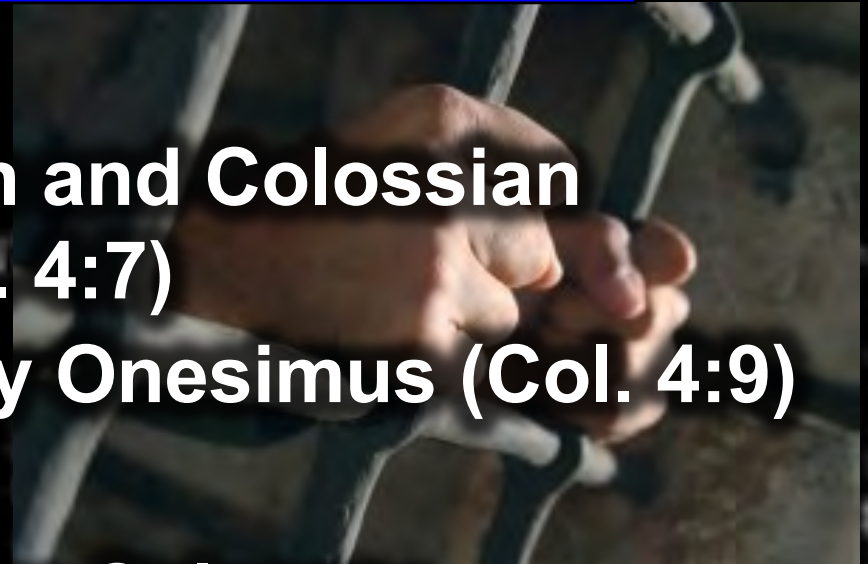
- He carried the Ephesian and Colossian epistles (Eph. 6:21; Col. 4:7)
- He was accompanied by Onesimus (Col. 4:9)

## 2. Onesimus

- A slave to Philemon from Colossae
- He probably carried the Epistle to Philemon when he returned to his master, though it is not specifically mentioned (Philem. 12)

## 3. Epaphroditus

- A man from Philippi, he carried the Philippian letter back to his people (Phil. 2:25, 28)

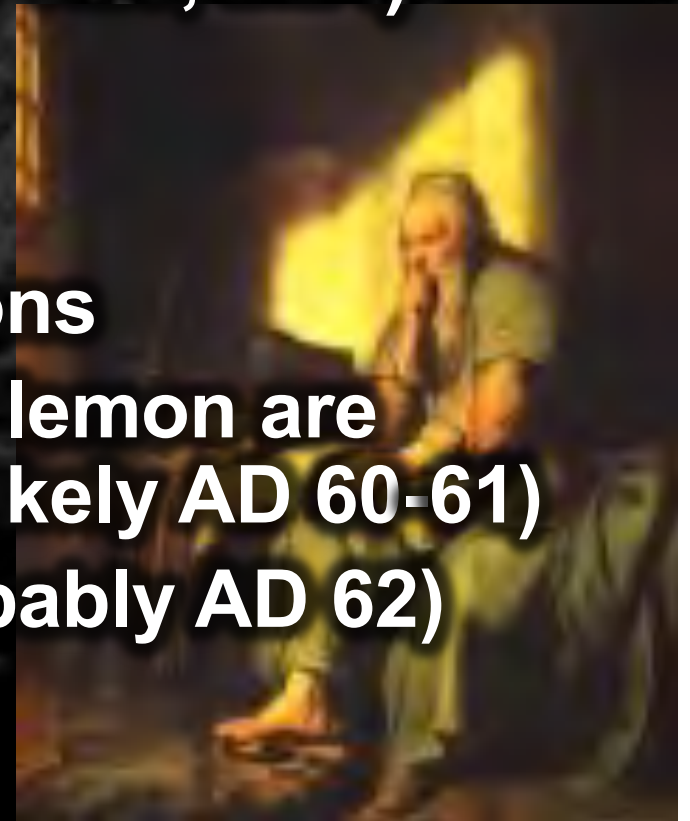


## What was Paul's attitude?

- In Philemon, Paul was hopeful (*ἐλπίζω* = hope) that he would be released (Philemon 22)
- In Philippians, Paul was confident (*οἶδα* know) that he would be released (Phil. 1:25; 2:24)

## Order & Setting

- Written on 2-3 separate occasions
- Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon are written around the same time (likely AD 60-61)
- Philippians is written later (probably AD 62)



# Occasion for Prison Epistles

- Paul was imprisoned in Rome and Epaphras was with him
- He first wrote a general circular letter for Gentile churches in Asia Minor (**Ephesians**)
- Onesimus, a runaway slave, later joined them
- Paul received news of a crisis in the Colossian church (heresy)
- He sent Tychicus with a letter to address the **Colossian** problems
- He also sent Onesimus with Tychicus with a letter to **Philemon**

## Some months later (AD 62)...

- Paul was still in prison
- The Philippian church sent Epaphroditus to minister to Paul
- Paul found out from him problems in Philippian church: external opposition (3:17f.) and internal disunity (4:2)
- Epaphroditus became very sick (Phil. 2:26)
- Paul sent him back with a letter to address problems of the **Philippians**

# The Prison Epistles



**Ephesians**  
**Colossians**  
**Philemon**  
**Philippians**

Critique this picture...

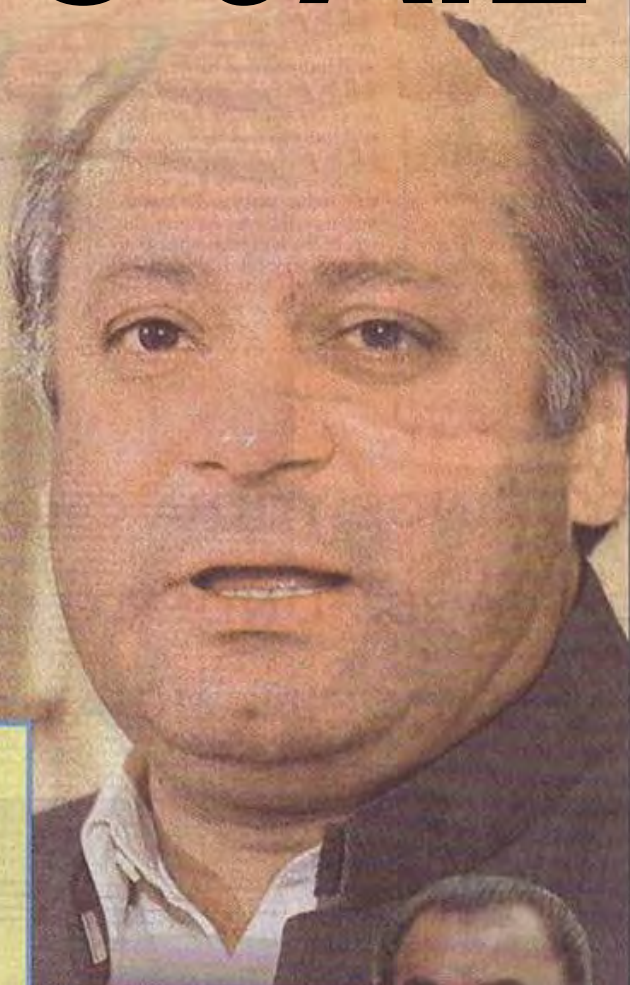
- ❑ Paul typically had a scribe write (Rom 16:22)
- ❑ Paul was under house arrest (Acts 28:30-31)
- ❑ Paul was chained to a guard (Acts 28:16)
- ❑ Paul was  $\leq 60$  years old (not 80 like this man!)

# GO TO JAIL

**LIFE**

for Pakistan's ex-PM  
Nawaz Sharif, found  
guilty of terrorism

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**7 MONTHS**

for church deacon who  
rented flat to illegals

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**2 MONTHS**

for tycoon who  
evaded tax

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## Sometimes Christians are Treated Unfairly

1. Paul was—and ended up under house arrest in Rome
2. Note that a deacon appears with a terrorist & tax cheat

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### CJ to church man: Sorry, you must go to jail

Mandatory penalty means deacon can't be spared jail even though he rented flat to illegal immigrants unwittingly

enders were arrested.  
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In appealing against both the conviction and sentence...

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# Prison Epistle Christology

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	<b>Christ as...</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Head</b>	<b>Unity of Christ</b>	<b>Christ breaks down barriers between believers</b>
<b>Philippians</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>Attitude of Christ</b>	<b>Christ models how to handle difficulty</b>
<b>Colossians</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>Deity of Christ</b>	<b>Christ is superior to human philosophies</b>
<b>Philemon</b>	<b>Reconciler</b>	<b>Forgiveness of Christ</b>	<b>Christ reconciles believers to God and one another</b>

# Applying the Prison Epistles

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<b>Epistle</b>	<b>1st Century Problem</b>	<b>21st Century Problem</b>	<b>Solution (Theme)</b>
<b>Ephesians</b>	Jew-Gentile Conflicts ("Weism")	Chinese Only Baptist Only Adults Only	Realize Christian Unity (4:3)
<b>Philippians</b>	Persecution Prison Death	Ministry Inconvenience - time, sleep - recreation	Imitate Christ's Attitude (2:5)
<b>Colossians</b>	Denying Christ's Deity	New Age Cults	Proclaim His Deity (2:9)
<b>Philemon</b>	Master/Slave ("Meism")	Forgive Boss / Employee / Others	Reconcile the Relationship (vv. 17-18)

## How Do You Respond to Trials?

<b>You say...</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Temperament</b>	<b>Epistle</b>
<b>"I'm right!"</b>	<b>Push through</b>	<b>Choleric</b>	<b>Ephesians</b>
<b>"Why me?"</b>	<b>Depression</b>	<b>Melancholy</b>	<b>Philippians</b>
<b>"I'll just get through"</b>	<b>Compromise</b>	<b>Sanguine</b>	<b>Colossians</b>
<b>"It'll pass"</b>	<b>Ignore it</b>	<b>Phlegmatic</b>	<b>Philemon</b>

# MAIN MENU

- ▶▶ CITY OF EPHESUS
- BACKGROUND
- OUTLINE
- SCRIPTURE IN SONG
- CHAPTERS 1–3
- CHAPTERS 4–6
- CONCLUSION

Location

Places of Interest





# Place & Date

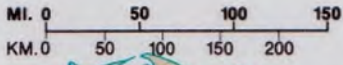
Paul wrote this Ephesians during his first imprisonment in Rome, AD 60. He also wrote other "prison epistles": Colossians, Philemon, Philippians.



# Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journeys 138-39



- city
- ⋈ mountain pass
- ▲ mountain peak
- LYCIA Roman provincial name
- First Missionary Journey: Paul & Barnabas
- John Mark separates from Paul & Barnabas and returns to Jerusalem
- Second Missionary Journey: Paul & Silas (Timothy joins them at Derbe)
- Barnabas & Mark sail to Cyprus



# Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey



- city
- ⊙ addressee of Pauline Epistle
- ) mountain pass
- ▲ mountain peak
- Third Missionary Journey: Paul

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# Ephesus Notables

- Recognized as the "first" city of Asia.
- Commerce, one of the leaders of international trade
- Arts and Sciences, a haven for philosophers, poets, artists and orators.
- Religion = worship of Diana



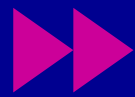
# Recipients



- The church of Ephesus is noted in 1:1.
- Others say it is to a circuit of unspecified churches. Some important manuscripts omit the phrase "at Ephesus." This epistle as a whole lacks the usual Pauline personal greetings and so appears to be a circular letter.
- Perhaps it's a combination of both views.

# MAIN MENU

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Authorship

Date

Key People

Audience

Features

Purpose

# BACKGROUND

Authorship

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- Paul
- Prison Epistle (A.D. 60)
- Tychicus from Ephesus

# Authorship

## External Evidence:

- The early church unanimously agreed with Pauline authorship.
- Dispute from Erasmus (16<sup>th</sup> cent.) and radical German schools (19<sup>th</sup> cent.) make it the most disputed Pauline epistle today.

## Internal Evidence:

- Paul identified as the author in 1:1 and 3:1.
- The style and content is consistent with Pauline authorship.



# Characteristics



- A. Purpose: Various defined
- B. Demonology & Spirit emphasized
- C. Prayers
- D. Ephesians has the longest sentence of any NT writing and 8 lengthy sentences total (1:3-14, 15-23; 2:1-7; 3:1-13, 14-19; 4:1-7, 11-16; 6:17-18)
- E. Of all NT writings, Ephesians gives the fullest explanation of the unity between Jews and Gentiles

# Characteristics

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These twin epistles can be compared and contrasted in many ways:

<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Colossians</b>
<b><i>Similarities:</i></b>	
Written in prison, carried by Tychicus	Written in prison, carried by Tychicus
Stresses wisdom, knowledge, fullness, & mystery	Stresses wisdom, knowledge, fullness, & mystery
First half—position Second half—practice	First half—position Second half—practice
Similar passages:	Similar passages:
"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins..." (1:7)	"in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (1:14)
"to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ" (1:10)	"and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross" (1:20)

<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Colossians</b>
<b>Similar passages</b>	<b>Similar passages</b>
<b>1:15-17</b>	<b>1:3-4</b>
<b>1:18</b>	<b>1:27</b>
<b>1:19-20</b>	<b>2:12</b>
<b>1:21-23</b>	<b>1:16-19</b>
<b>5:22-24 (wives)</b>	<b>3:18 (wives)</b>
<b>5:25-33 (husbands)</b>	<b>3:19 (husbands)</b>
<b>6:1-3 (children)</b>	<b>3:20 (children)</b>
<b>6:4 (fathers)</b>	<b>3:21 (fathers)</b>
<b>6:5-8 (slaves)</b>	<b>3:22-25 (slaves)</b>
<b>6:9 (masters)</b>	<b>4:1 (masters)</b>

# Ephesians v. Colossians

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<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Colossians</b>
<i><b>Differences</b></i>	
<b>Emphasizes the Church as the Body of Christ</b>	<b>Emphasizes Christ as the Head of the body</b>
<b>General, universal</b>	<b>Specific, local</b>
<b>Peaceful, calm</b>	<b>Polemic, concern</b>
<b>Reflective, quiet</b>	<b>Spiritual conflict</b>

# BACKGROUND

## **Metaphors for the Church**

- **Body**
- **Temple**
- **Mystery**
- **New Man**
- **Bride**
- **Soldier**

# BACKGROUND

## Problems in Ephesus

- **Not anticipating heaven**
- **Unsure of forgiveness**
- **Succumbing to sin**
- **Ethnic conflicts**
- **Same as society**
- **Attitudes to roles**

# BACKGROUND

## **Purpose in Writing**

- **letter of encouragement**
- **things we have received**
- **God's purpose and plan**
- **one Body in Christ**
- **living in harmony**


# Purpose

The basic need for the young Christians there was to grow spiritually by:

1. an increasing awareness of their relationship to Him and their new standing in Christ as equal heirs with Jewish Christians (1–3)
2. the day-to-day experience of walking in that light by showing their unity in love (4–6)



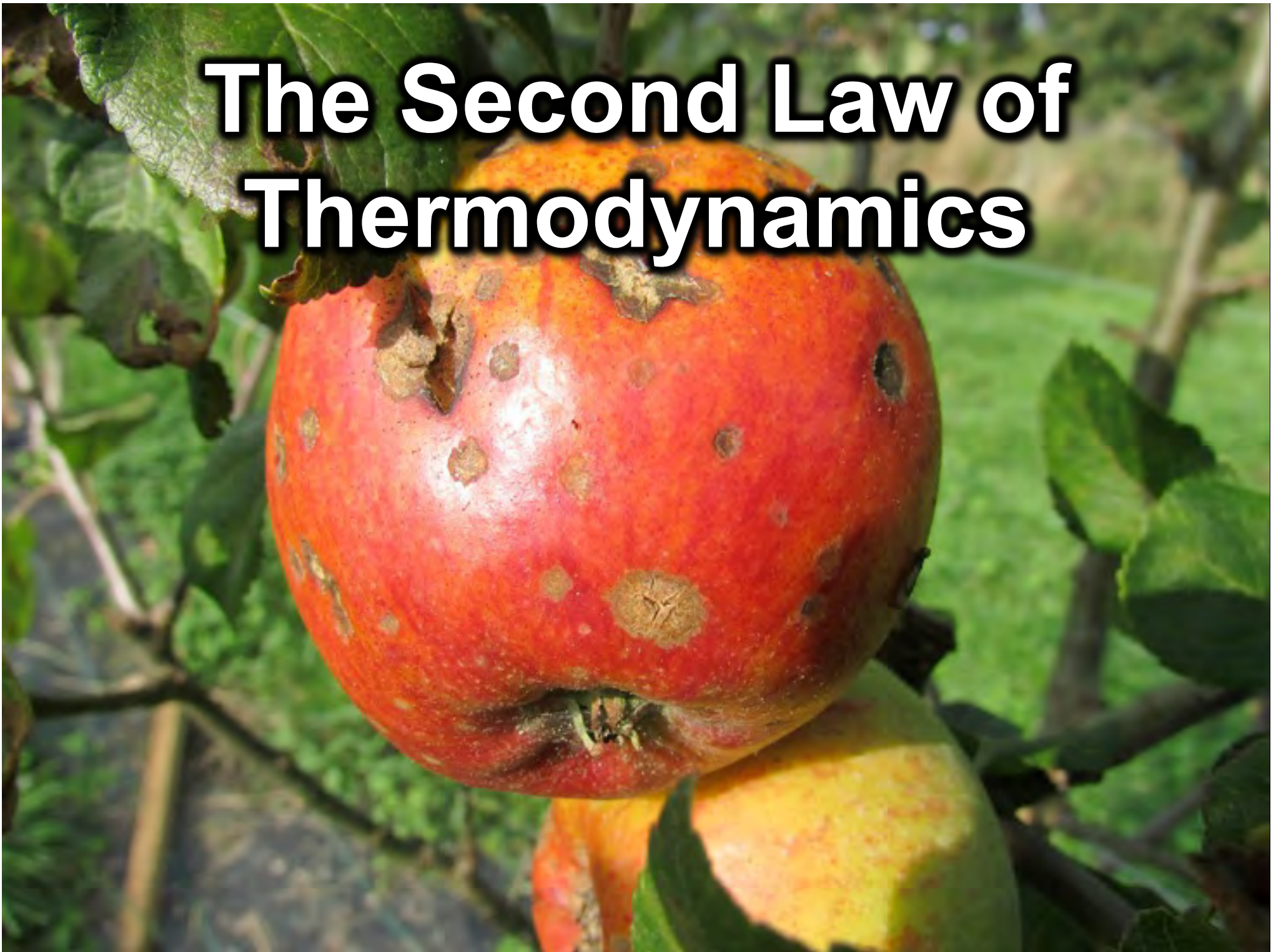
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## *Ephesians*

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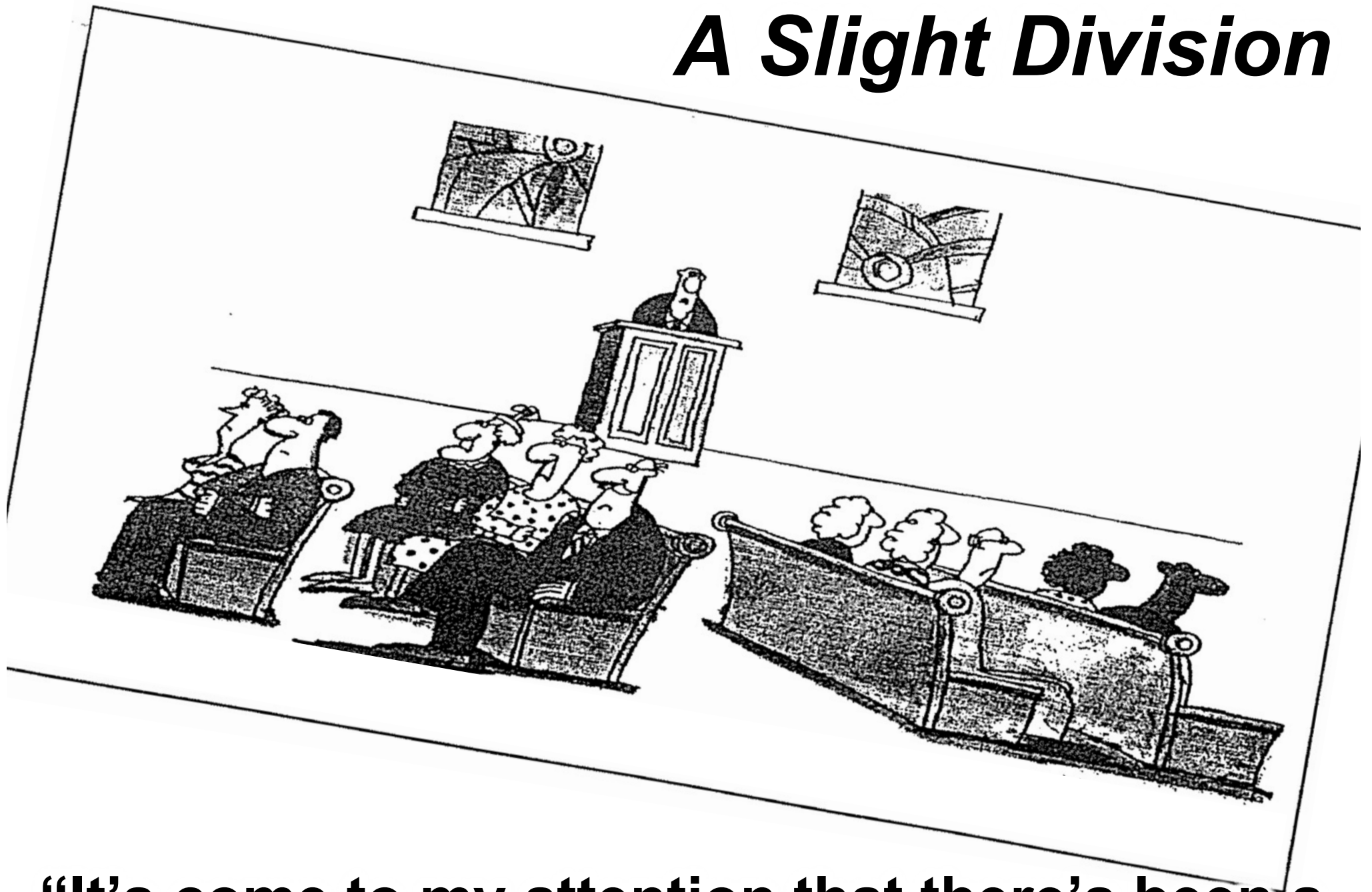


**You're right, we don't  
have any dark sheep.  
But they have their  
own flocks. It's much  
better that way!**

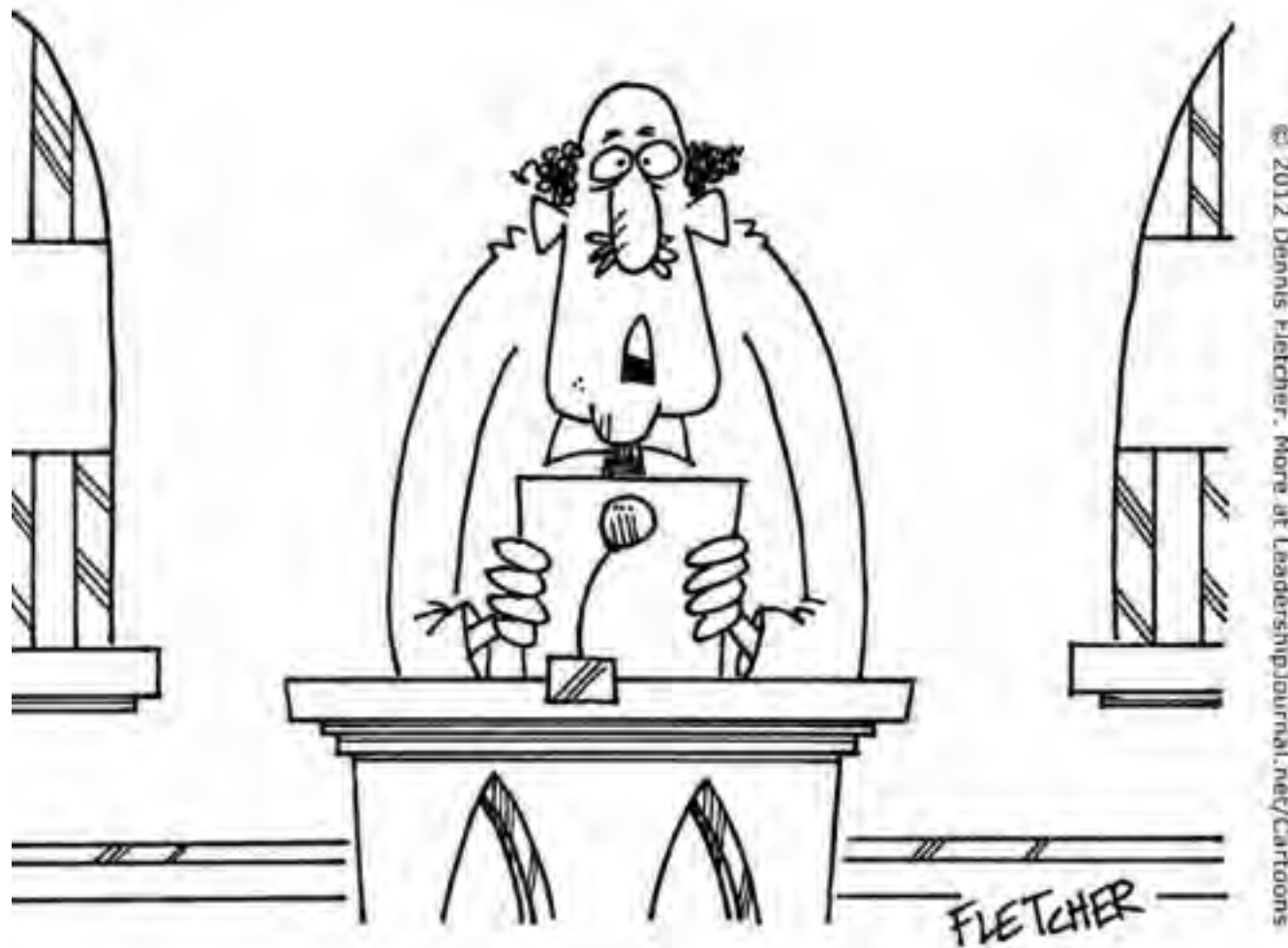


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# *A Slight Division*



**“It’s come to my attention that there’s been a minor split in the church.”**



**“...and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant's name tags.”**



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**“I sense a new unity in my church... away from apathy and moving steadily toward opposition.”**

**Discuss what is required for  
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church and between churches.**

# **What is Unity?**

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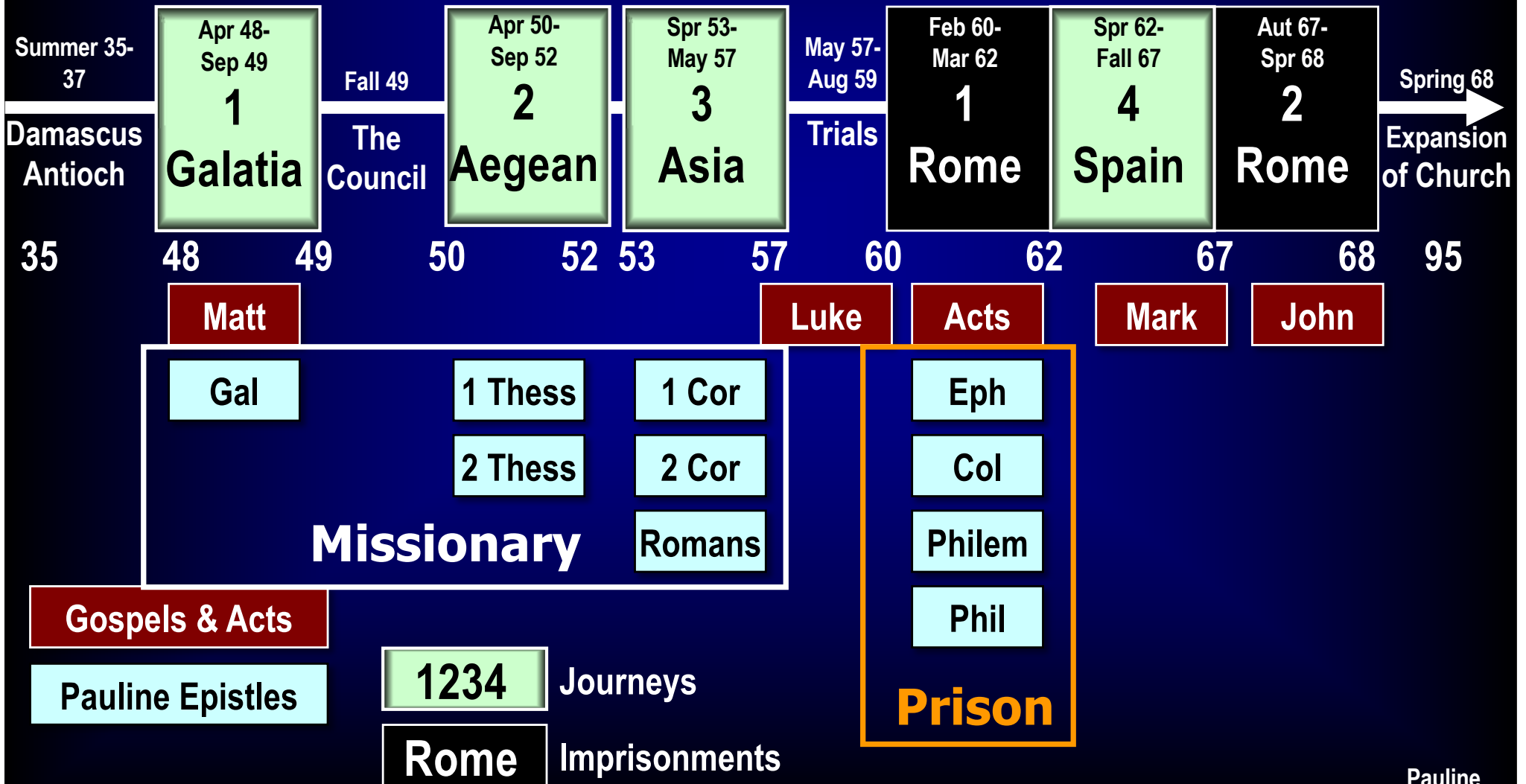


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# EPHESIANS

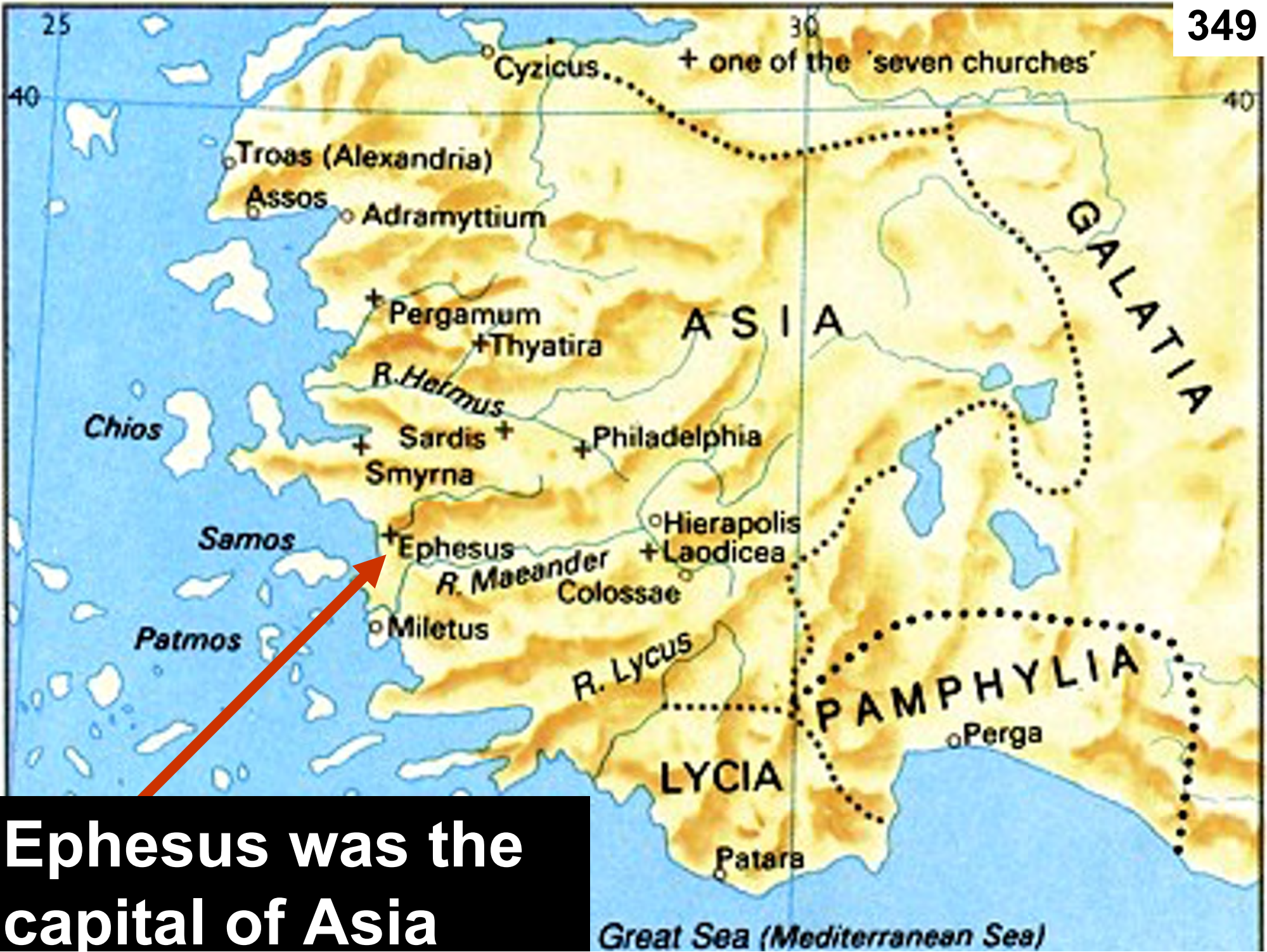


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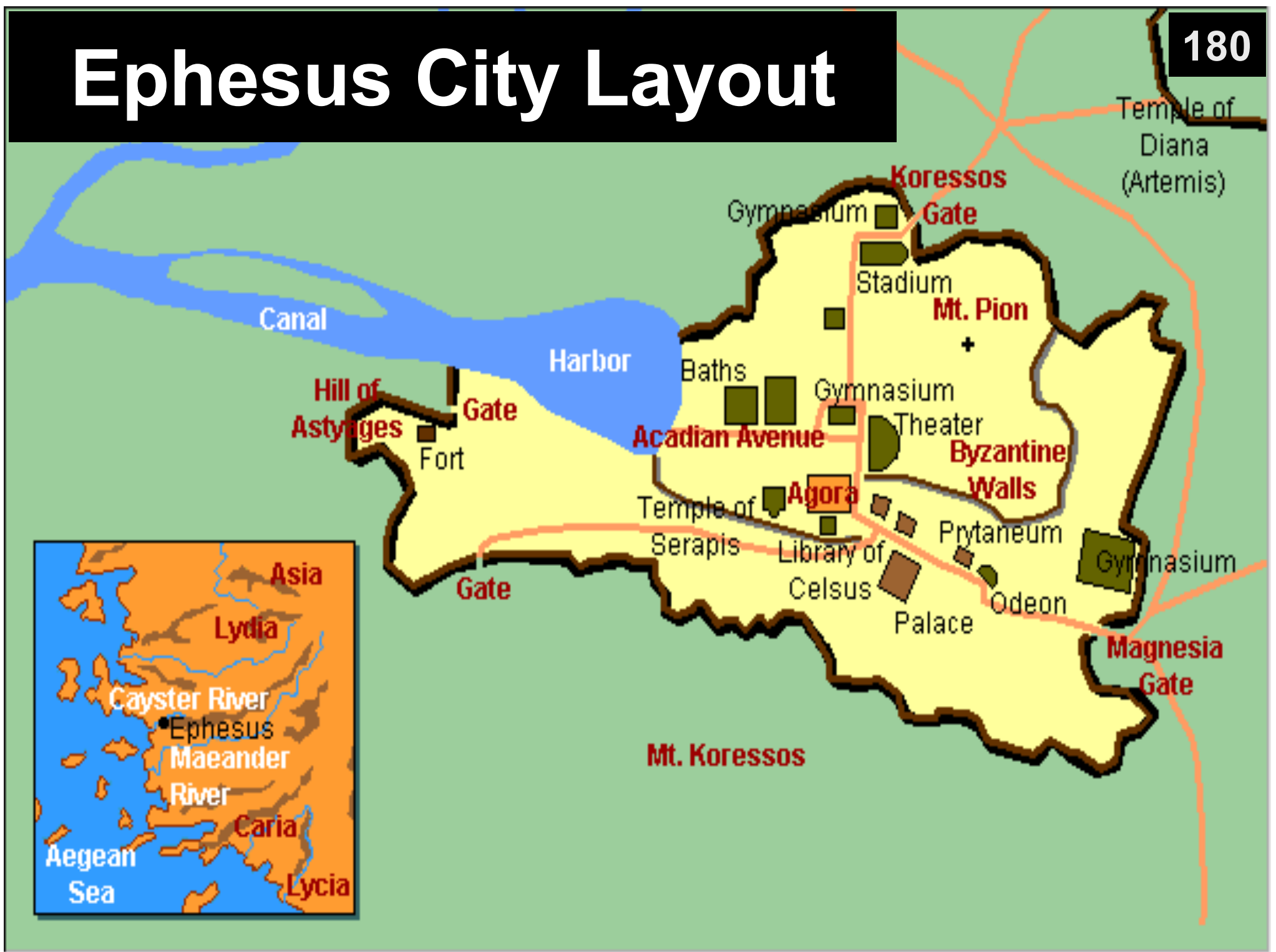
**Ephesians**



**Ephesus was the capital of Asia**

Great Sea (Mediterranean Sea)

# Ephesus City Layout



Canal

Harbor

Hill of Astyages

Gate

Fort

Acadian Avenue

Baths

Gymnasium

Stadium

Mt. Pion

Theater

Byzantine Walls

Agora

Temple of Serapis

Library of Celsus

Prytaneum

Palace

Odeon

Gymnasium

Gate

Koressos Gate

Temple of Diana (Artemis)

Magnesia Gate

Mt. Koressos

Asia

Lydia

Cayster River

Ephesus

Maeander River

River

Caria

Lycia

Aegean Sea

# A Centre of Culture





# Photo Album

# Artemis, Goddess of Fertility



# Marble Roads



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# Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

# The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus

180c



180c



**Artemis (Diana) Video (cf. Acts 19)**

180c

John's Tomb

Castle

Mosque

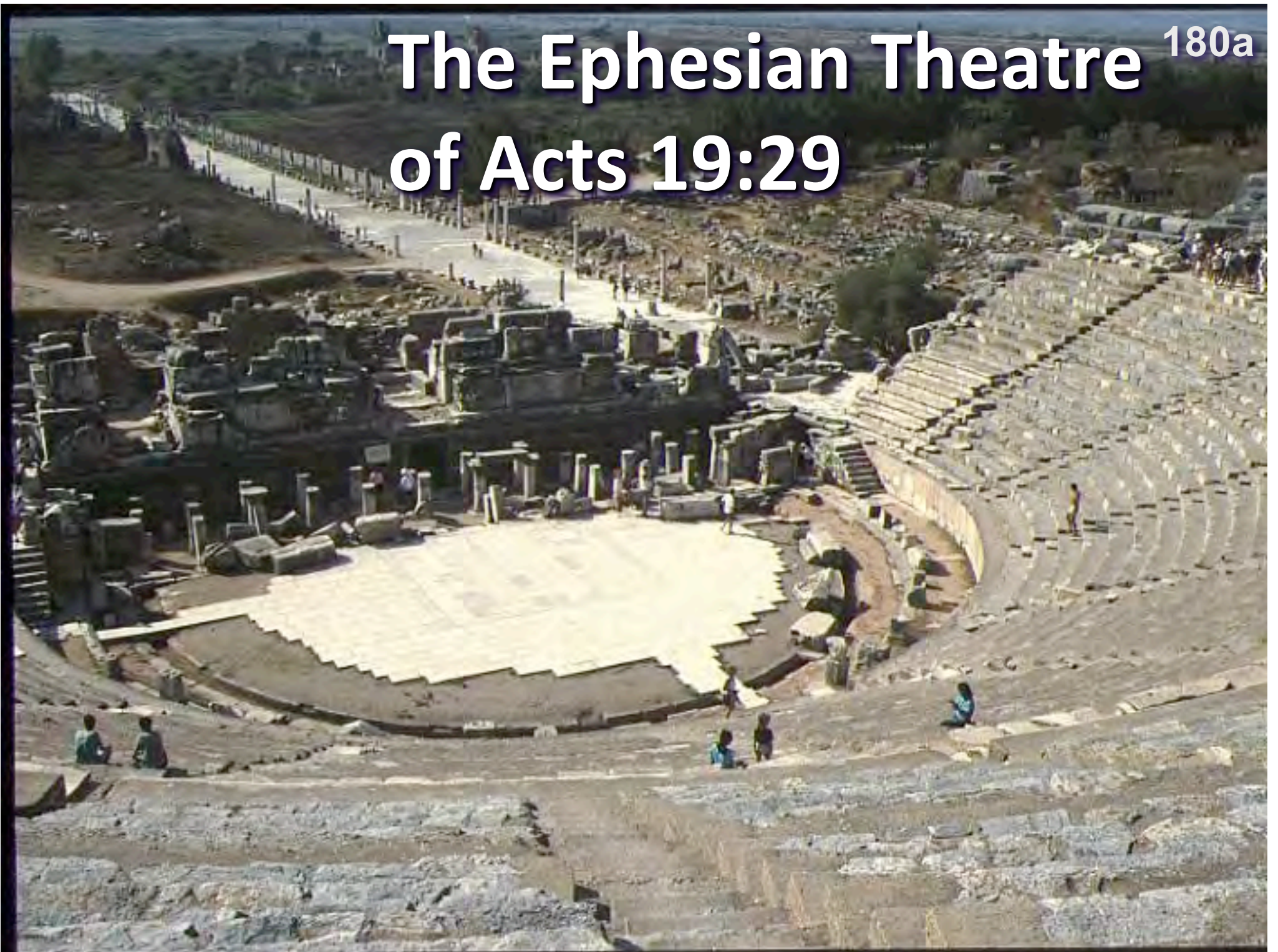


**The Temple of Diana (Artemis) Today**



The Library of Celsus

# The Ephesian Theatre <sup>180a</sup> of Acts 19:29



180a

*theh'-at-ron*

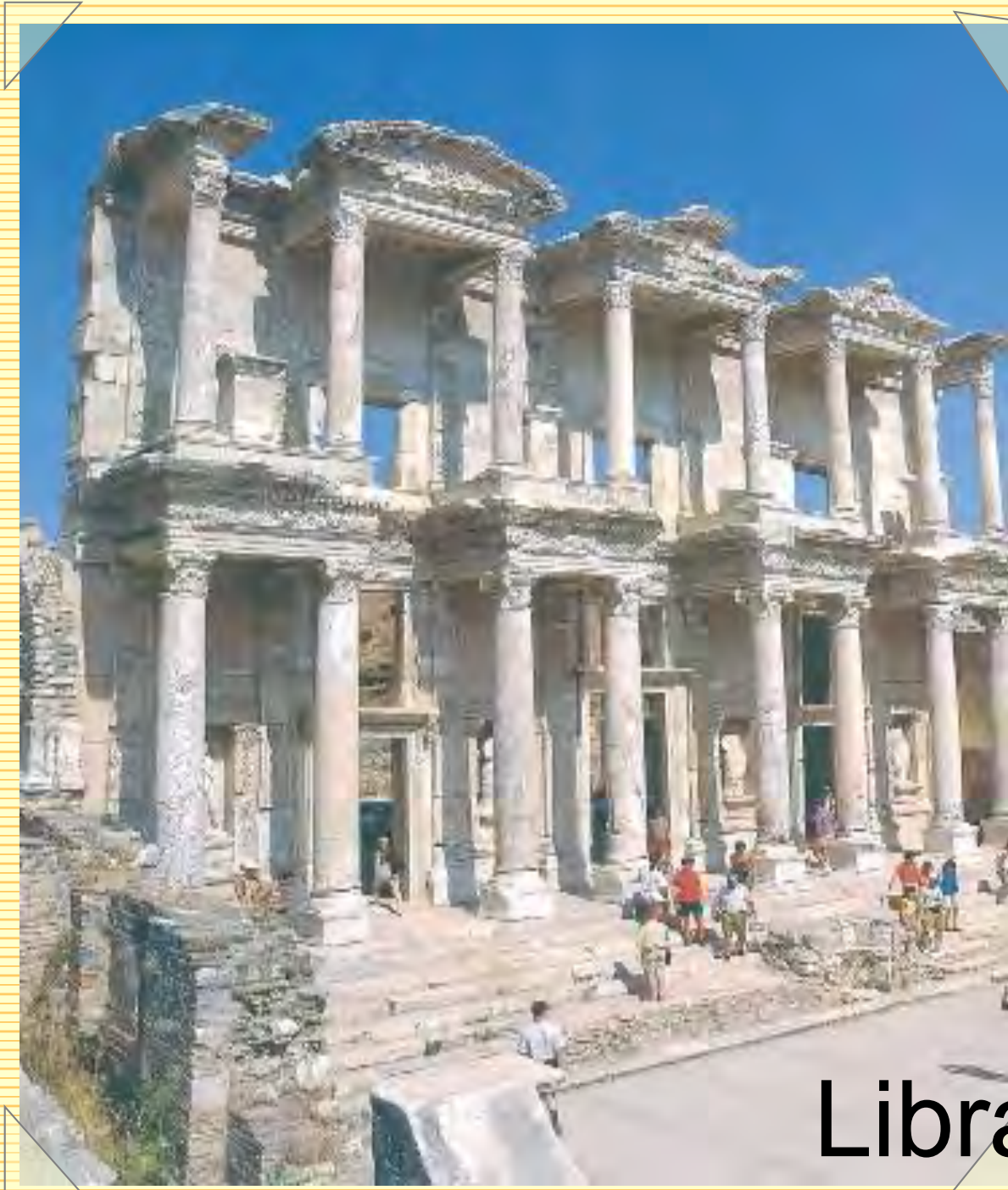
Theater Seats 25,000



Acts 19:29

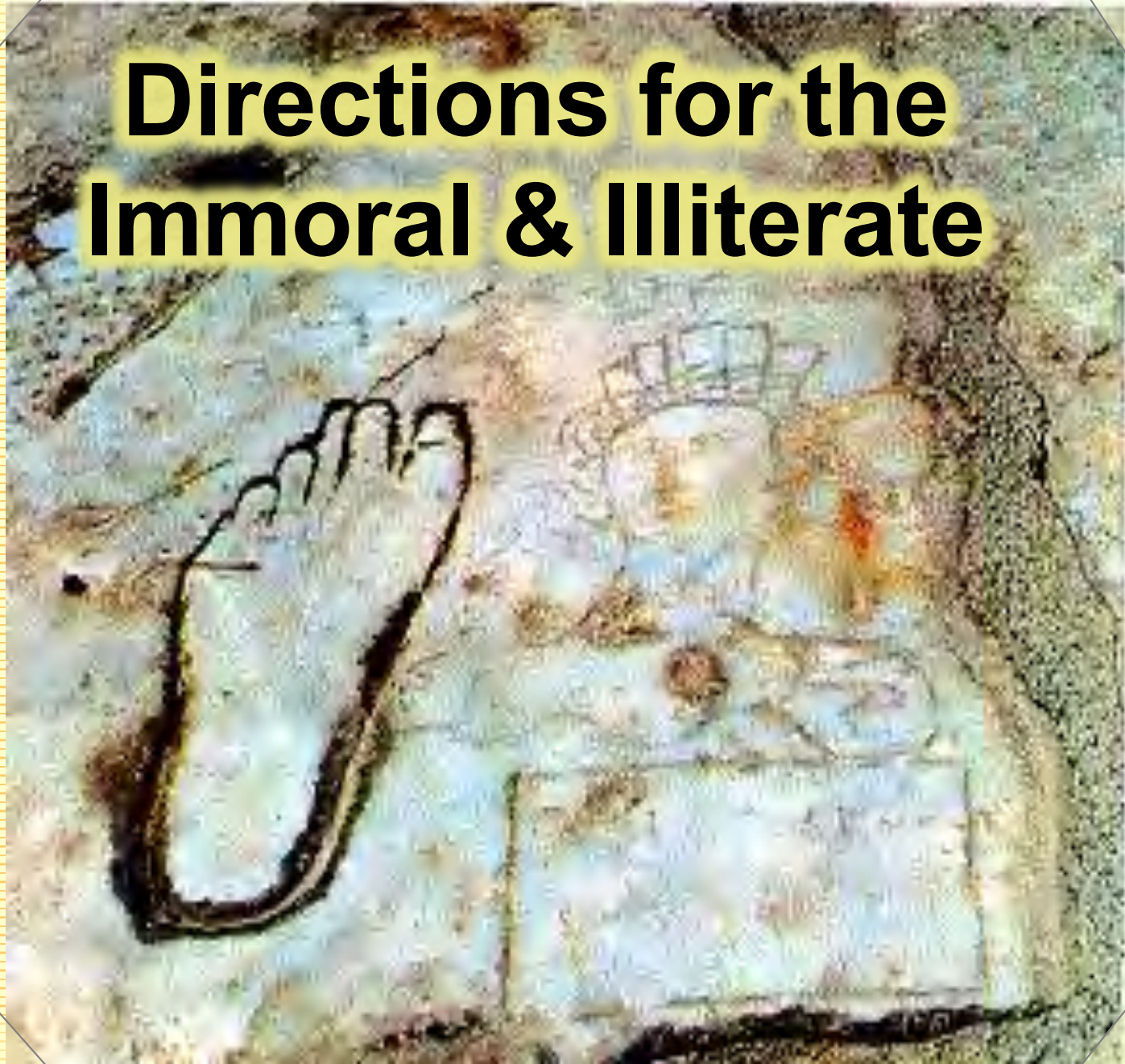
# Arcadian Avenue





Library

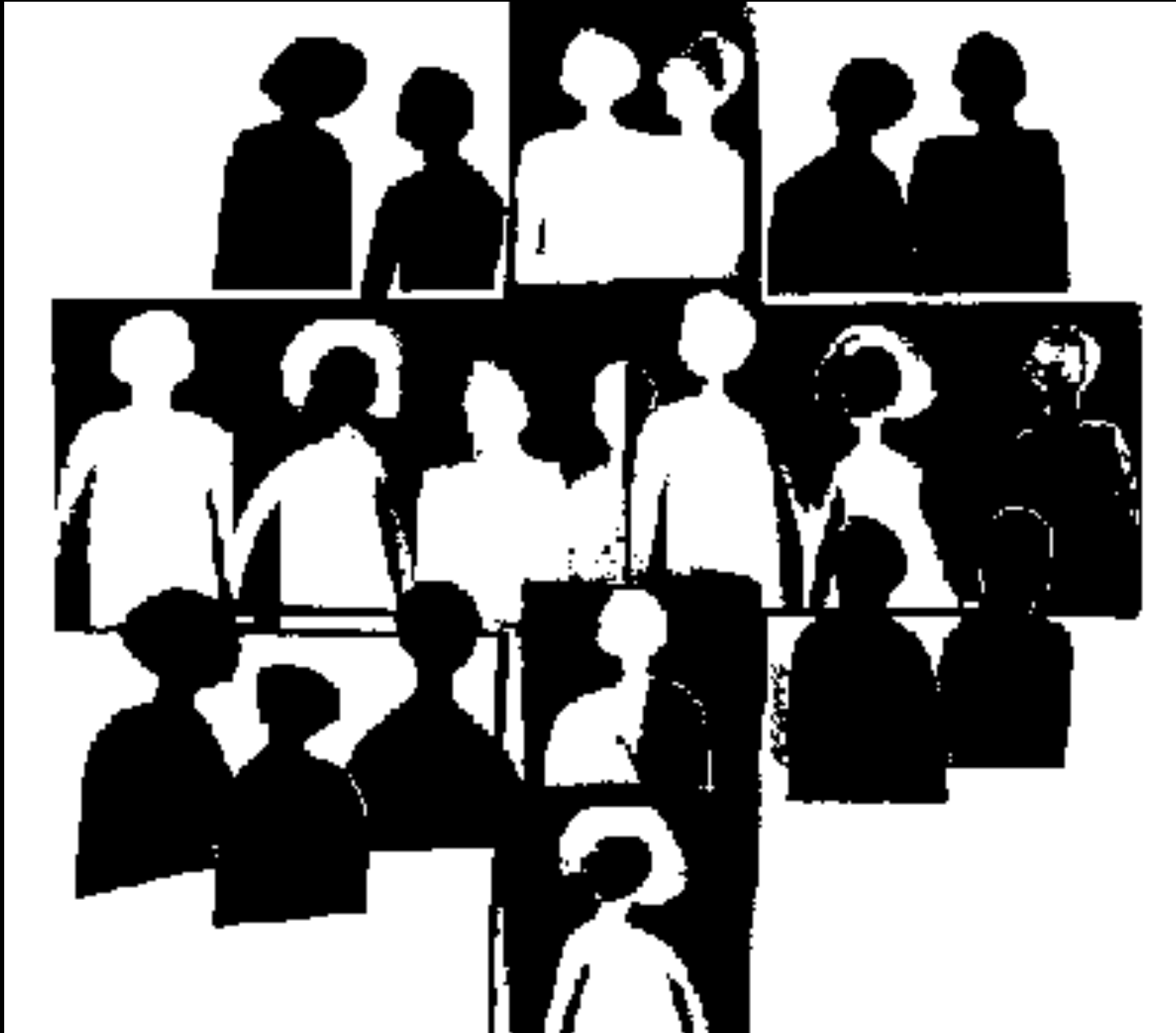
# Directions for the Immoral & Illiterate



# Toilets and aqueduct



# Jew-Gentile Divisions



# Theme

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**Ephesians**

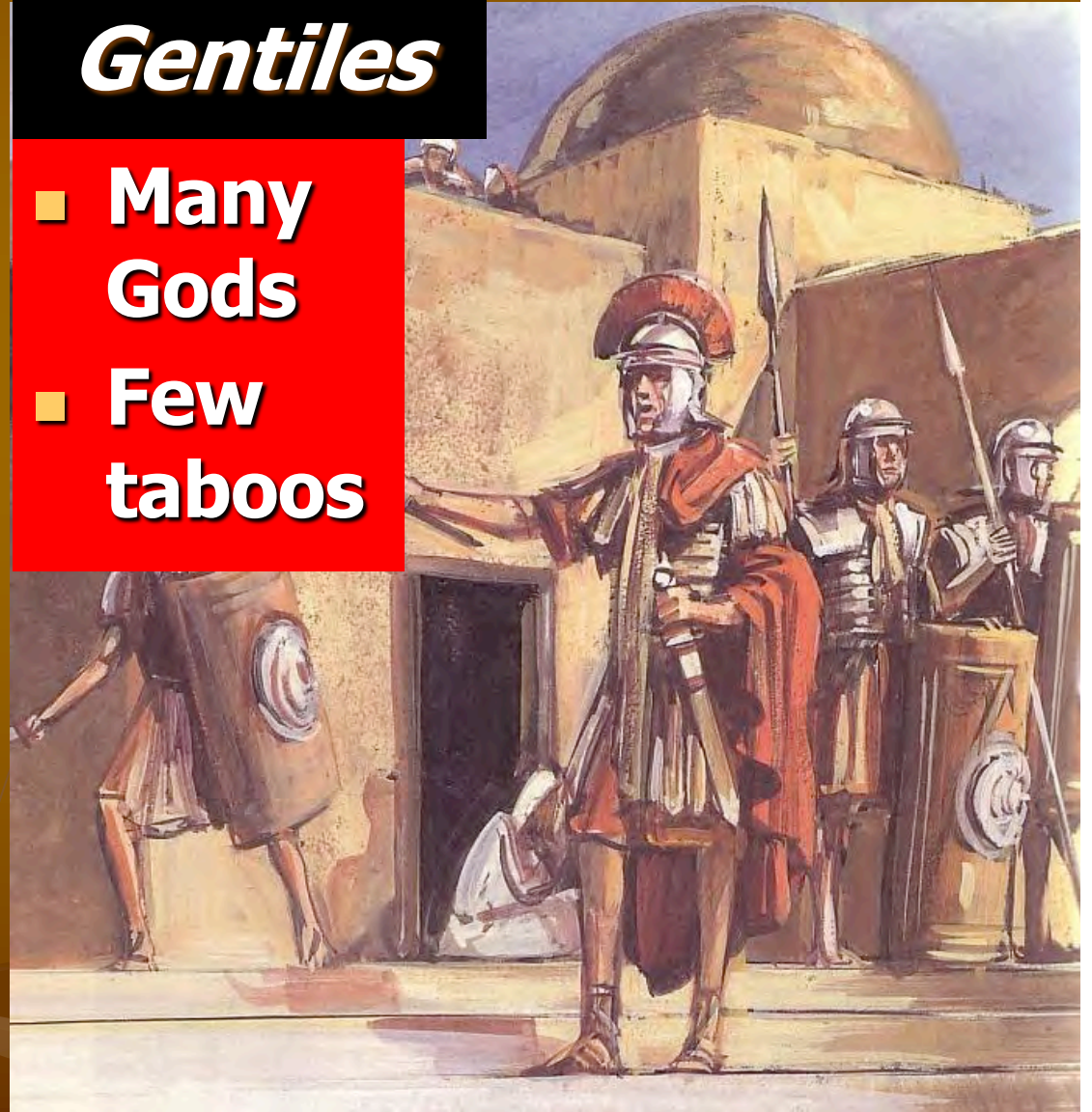
# Sometimes Christians mistreat others of a different ethnic group

## *Jews*

- One God
- Many taboos

## *Gentiles*

- Many Gods
- Few taboos



## Writing Style

### Hebrew

- Favors **poetry**, imagery & symbolism

### Greek

- Favors **outlines**, lists and bullet points

Adapted from Lynne M. Thompson, "Christmas: The Real Deal," interview with Ray Vander Laan, *Breakaway* magazine (Dec 2003): 7-9.

**Hebrew**

# Numbers

**Greek**

- Sees numbers as a quality or **symbol**

- Sees numbers as a specific **quantity**

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## Hebrew

- Focuses on the **community** in relationship with God

## Relation to God

## Greek

- Focuses on the **individual's** relationship with God

## Hebrew

- The kingdom of God begins **in this life.** Eternal life is lived in harmony with God.

# Eternal Life

## Greek

- The kingdom of God is **outside this world.** Eternal life will occur after this life ends.

# Sin

## Hebrew

## Greek

- Sin is wrong **behavior** alone.
- They emphasize what one **does** in response to faith.

- Sin is wrong actions & **thinking**.
- They emphasize what a person **knows** about faith.

# Existence of God

Hebrew

Greek

- Assumes that God exists

- Tries to prove God's existence

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## Hebrew

# Faith

## Greek

- **Relational and personal**
- Expressed in terms of **relationship** with God rather than rationalization

- **Intellectual and impersonal**
- Expressed in creeds and **doctrine** with support through proof texts

## Hebrew

# Truth

## Greek

- **Experiential**
- **What** is done and who did it in Scripture
- Believing comes through **experience**
- Truth is unfolding and **relative**
- **Scientific & rational**
- **How** things are done in the Scripture
- Believing comes through **thinking**
- Truth is static and **unchanging**

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# How to be united...



**Eph 1–3**

# Ephesians 1



**Blessed by God to be in Christ**

*Ephesians 1:1-14*

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**EXTREME MAKEOVER**  
**HOME EDITION**

# *New People*

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for the glory of God

*Studies in Ephesians*

# Ephesians spiritual development

Before

Occult oriented  
(Acts 19)

After

Strong leaders  
(Acts 20)

Later on

Sound but Cold  
(Revelation 2)

**Who Am I? I am united with Christ (Eph 1)**

**Who Are We? We are a new people (Eph 2–3)**

**How do we glorify God as a new people?**

**We live different lives (Eph 4–6)**



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Rome

Ephesus

# EPHESIANS

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**(Eph. 1:1 NIV).**

**"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" (Eph. 1:15-16 NIV).**

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Rome

Ephesus

# EPHESIANS

**"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give  
you grace and peace "  
(Eph. 1:2 NLT).**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, <sup>4</sup>just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless before Him**. In love <sup>5</sup>He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup>which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him <sup>10</sup>with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him <sup>11</sup>also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup>to the end that we who were the first to hope in **Christ would be to the praise of His glory**. <sup>13</sup>In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup>who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed **us** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because **we** are united with Christ. <sup>4</sup>Even before he made the world, God loved **us** and chose **us** in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup>God decided in advance to adopt **us** into his own family by bringing **us** to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. <sup>6</sup>So **we** praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on **us** who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup>He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased **our** freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave **our** sins."



<sup>8</sup>He has showered his kindness on us along with all wisdom and understanding.

<sup>9</sup>God has now revealed to **us** his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own purpose.

<sup>10</sup>That's the plan: At the end of the age, he will bring everything together under Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

<sup>11</sup>Furthermore, because **we** are united with

Christ, **we** have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us before the world began. He makes every part of our lives

**God gave us Gentiles equal status with predestined Jews (1:3-23)!**

**US**

**v.**

**YOU**

<sup>13</sup>And now **you** Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves **you**. <sup>14</sup>And when **you** believed in Christ, he identified **you** as his own by giving **you** the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago."

## Acts 13:48

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

“This doctrine, in a broad sense, may be defined as an act of choice whereby God selects an individual or group out of a larger company for a purpose or destiny that He appoints. In a more restricted sense, it is God’s gracious and sovereign choice of individual sinners to be saved in and through Christ. We cannot fully comprehend the ways of God, but we may be sure that in His wisdom He knew that this was the way whereby the greatest possible blessing would eventually come to the largest number of persons.”

**Curtis Vaughn**



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## **James 1:2-4**

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

## **Romans 5:3-5**

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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## **Romans 8:15**

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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**I am Blessed by God to be in Christ**

*Ephesians 1:1-14*

*God blessed us by granting us a future inheritance  
(1:11-12)*

## **Romans 8:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



**I am Blessed by God to be in Christ**


*Ephesians 1:1-14*

*God blessed us by granting us a future inheritance  
(1:11-12)*

*God blessed us by securing us (1:13-14)*

**"Having believed, you were marked in him with a **seal**, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a **deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory" (Eph. 1:13-14 NIV).**

**"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30 NIV).**

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*A Seal Guarantees Security and  
Provides Assurance*



*Assurance  
of  
Salvation*

*"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. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved (lit., 'it is confessed unto salvation')"*

*Romans 10:9-10 NLT*

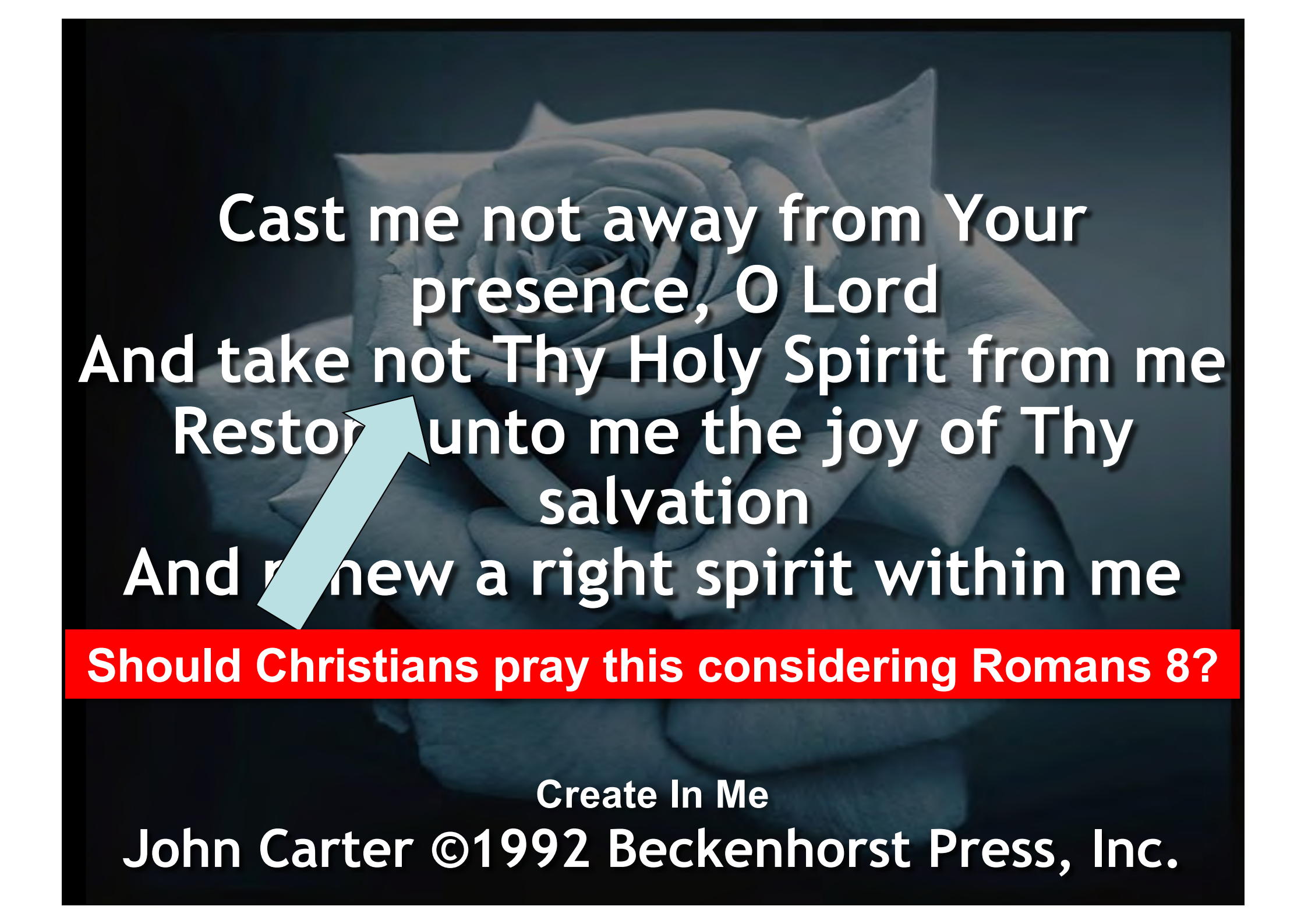
A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant blue rose. The petals are tightly packed and layered, creating a classic spiral pattern. The rose is set against a dark, almost black background, which makes the blue color stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the petals.

# **Create In Me**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, O God  
And renew a right spirit within me**

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**Cast me not away from Your  
presence, O Lord  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me  
Restor<sup>↑</sup> unto me the joy of Thy  
salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me**

**Should Christians pray this considering Romans 8?**

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- 8. God blessed me by securing me*

# **Demonstrating God's Power**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

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**I am a Demonstration of God's Power**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

“Paul prays that his readers might appreciate the extraordinary value which God places on them. He views them as in his beloved Son and estimates them accordingly. And this is true of all who are ‘in Christ’ . . . . May we live consistently with this high calling and accept with gratitude and true humility the grace and glory that he has lavished on us.”

**Peter O’Brien**

*Live with gratitude for truth and love* (Eph 1:15-16)

### **1 John 3:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. <sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

*Live with gratitude for truth and love (Eph 1:15-16)*

**1 John 4:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

*Live with gratitude for truth and love (Eph 1:15-16)*

*Live with intention to mature in Christ (Eph 1:17-23)*

- **Secure in God's plan of redemption (18a)**

## **James 2:5**

Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

*Live with gratitude for truth and love (Eph 1:15-16)*

*Live with intention to mature in Christ (Eph 1:17-23)*

- Secure in God's plan of redemption (18a)
- Marveling over future inheritance (18b)

## Mark 10:29-31

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**Matthew 10:42**

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

*Live with gratitude for truth and love (Eph 1:15-16)*

*Live with intention to mature in Christ (Eph 1:17-23)*

- Secure in God's plan of redemption (18a)
- Marveling over future inheritance (18b)
- Confident in living by God's power (19-23)

“It was not mere moral reformation effected by rational considerations; nor was it a self-wrought change, but one due to the almighty power of God.”

**Charles Hodge**

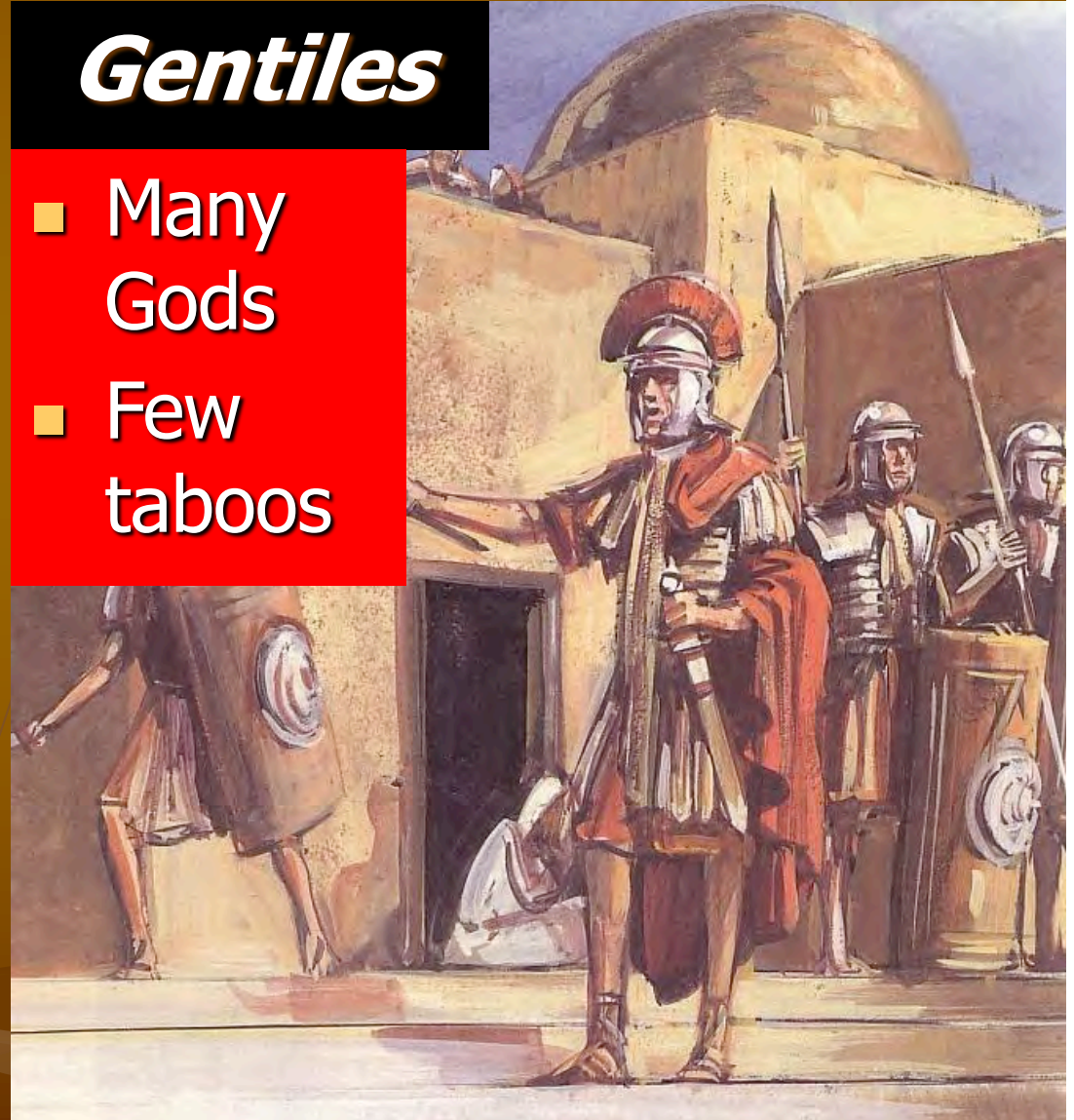
# What About Ethnic Differences Now?

## *Jews*

- One God
- Many taboos

## *Gentiles*

- Many Gods
- Few taboos



# The Cross Makes Ethnicity Irrelevant

**Jew-G**

Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup>For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 4:3-4 NLT

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 ESV

<b>Love as Equals</b>				<b>Love as Testimony</b>				
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**Rome**

**Fall AD 60 (first Roman imprisonment)**

# The Two-Headed Snake



# The One-Headed Church

**Christ as Head**



**Many parts,  
One body**

# We Are One in the Bond of Love

**We are one in the  
bond of love (2x)  
Let us join our  
spirits with the  
Spirit of God**

**We are one in the  
bond of love**



# MAIN MENU

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# Outline

The first portion (Eph. 1–3) describes "Our Heritage in Christ" or the work of God in the Christian. This includes much on the Christian's heavenly standing and his position in Christ. Paul also explains the unity of Jews and Gentiles in the church who are equal positionally.

- Blessings in Christ as equal to predestined Jews (1:3-23)
- Experience of salvation and reconciliation with Jews in the body of Christ (Eph. 2)
- Growing knowledge and strength (Eph. 3)

# OUTLINE

Chapters 1–3

**God's work of:**

- **Redemption**
- **Revelation**
- **Resurrection**
- **Reconciliation**
- **Proclamation**
- **Sanctification**

# Outline

The second part (chapters 4–6) describes "Our Life in Christ" which talks about the walk of the Christians that shows their Jew-Gentile unity through love in their daily experience as a testimony to the world.

- Paul talks about **Christian Conduct** to practice the Jew-Gentile unity, holiness, submission and headship responsibilities in all of life (4:1–6:9)
- Paul talks about the **Christian Armor** to defeat Satan (6:10-20)



# OUTLINE

## Chapters 4–6

### The Christian's Walk of:

- Unity
- Repentance
- Holiness
- Submission
- Power

## KEY VERSE

**"As a prisoner for the Lord,  
then I urge you to live a life  
worthy of the calling you have received.  
Be completely humble and gentle;  
be patient, bearing with one another in  
love making every effort to keep the  
unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."**

**Eph. 4:1–3 NIV**

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Eph. 3:20-21



**Now to Him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we  
ask or imagine,**

**according to His power that is  
at work within us**

**to Him be glory and in the  
church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



**Ephesians 3:20-21**

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Overview  
Emphasis  
Application

# Ephesians 2



## **Ephesians 1–3**

**Understanding  
our inheritance  
in Christ Jesus**

# Overview of Ephesians 1–3

- God's redemptive work
- God's gift of salvation
- Reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles
- Unity in the Body of Christ
- Prayer for empowerment



**We are Dead People Made Alive**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

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“I sometimes wonder if good and thoughtful people have ever been more depressed about the human predicament than they are today. Of course every age is bound to have a blurred vision of its own problems, because it is too close to them to get them into focus. And every generation breeds new prophets of doom. Nevertheless, the media enable us to grasp the worldwide extent of contemporary evil, and it is this which makes the modern scene look so dark.”

“It is partly the escalating economic problem (population growth, the spoliation of natural resources, inflation, unemployment, hunger), partly the spread of social conflict (racism, tribalism, the class struggle, disintegrating family life) and partly the absence of accepted moral guidelines (leading to violence, dishonesty and sexual promiscuity). Man seems incapable of managing his own affairs or of creating a just, free, humane and tranquil society. For man himself is askew.”

**John Stott**

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**We are Dead People Made Alive**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*



**Psalm 51:5**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.



*We were dead* (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- We violate God's holy commands (vs. 1-2a)

“Before God we are both  
rebels and failures.”

**John Stott**



# **Why** did God save us?

**Because we were so helpless**

**"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup>You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup>All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else" (Eph. 2:1-3 NLT).**



*We were dead* (Ephesians 2:1-3)

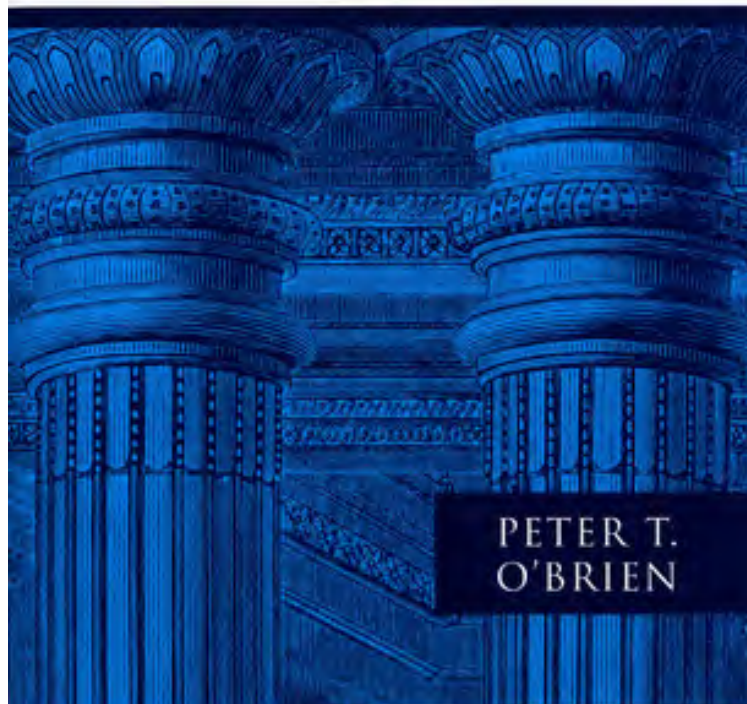
- We violate God's holy commands (vs. 1-2a)
- We walk according to ways of the rest of the world (v. 2b)

**“Their behavior has been determined by the powerful influences of society’s attitudes, habits, and preferences which were alien to God and his standards.”**

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*We were dead* (Ephesians 2:1-3)

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## **2 Corinthians 4:4**

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

## **John 12:31**

Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.

## **Colossians 1:13**

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,



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- We think according to the lies of the devil (v. 2c)
- We are controlled by impulses of the sinful flesh (v. 3a)

## James 1:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

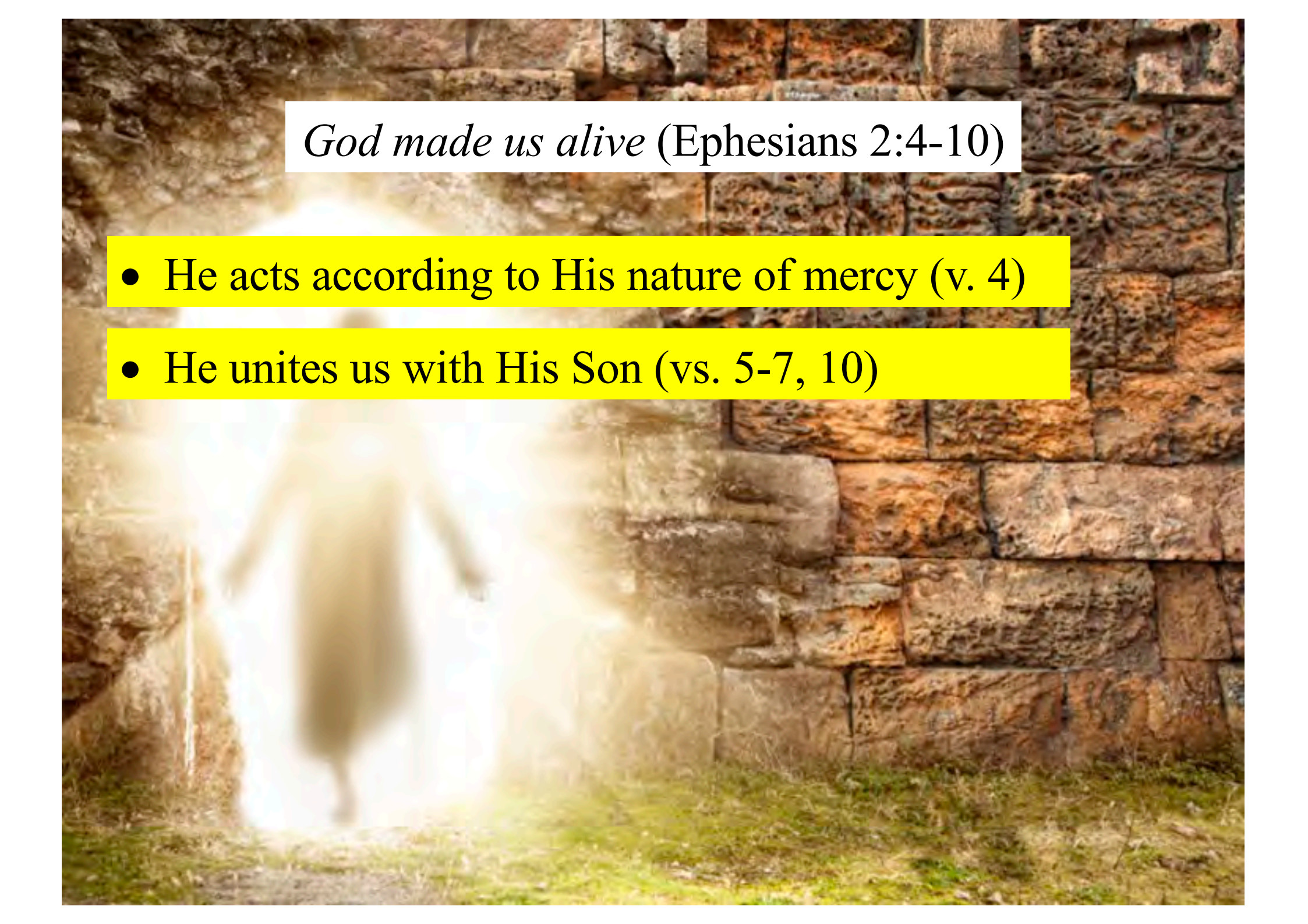
## **James 4:1-2**

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?



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- We are subject to God's wrath (v. 3b)

A stone wall with a bright, glowing figure in the background. The figure is out of focus and appears to be standing in a doorway or opening, emitting a strong light. The wall is made of large, rough-hewn stones in shades of brown and tan. The ground in the foreground is covered with green grass and some dry leaves.

*God made us alive* (Ephesians 2:4-10)

- He acts according to His nature of mercy (v. 4)
- He unites us with His Son (vs. 5-7, 10)

# **How** did God save us?

By his grace he gave us spiritual life

"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup>that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup>For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:4-6 NLT)





# ***Why*** did God save us?

**To show his grace through eternity!**

**"So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:7 NLT)**

## **BEFORE**

**Under God's wrath**

**Dead**

**Subject to the devil**

**Follow this world**

**Succumb to sinful  
impulses of the flesh**

**Walk in trespasses and  
sins**

## **AFTER**

**Receive His rich mercy**


**Alive in Christ**

**Raised and seated with  
Christ**

**Live in heavenly places in  
Christ**

**Created workmanship in  
Christ Jesus**

**Walk in good works**



*God made us alive* (Ephesians 2:4-10)

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- He unites us with His Son (vs. 5-7, 10)
- He humbles us (vs. 8-9)

**Philippians 1:29**

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,

# **How** did God save us?

Through his grace—not our works

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it" (Eph. 2:8-9 NLT)





## ***Why else*** did God save us?

To show his goodness through our good works!

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Eph. 2:10 NLT)



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**Who am I?**

*I am a blessed demonstration of God's power*

**Who are we?**

*We are dead people made alive*

**We are a New Body of People in Christ**

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

## *We were separated from God (Eph 2:11-12)*

- We were far from God Himself



# Still Gentiles

**"Therefore, remember that formerly **you who are Gentiles** by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world"  
(Ephesians 2:11-12 NLT).**

# God

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**Talk-Reveal-Protect-Prosper**

**Abraham = Isaac = Jacob (Israel)**



**Everyone on earth**

**Jew**

**Gentile**

## *We were separated from God (Eph 2:11-12)*

- We were far from God Himself
- We were far from God's elect people
- We were far from God's covenants

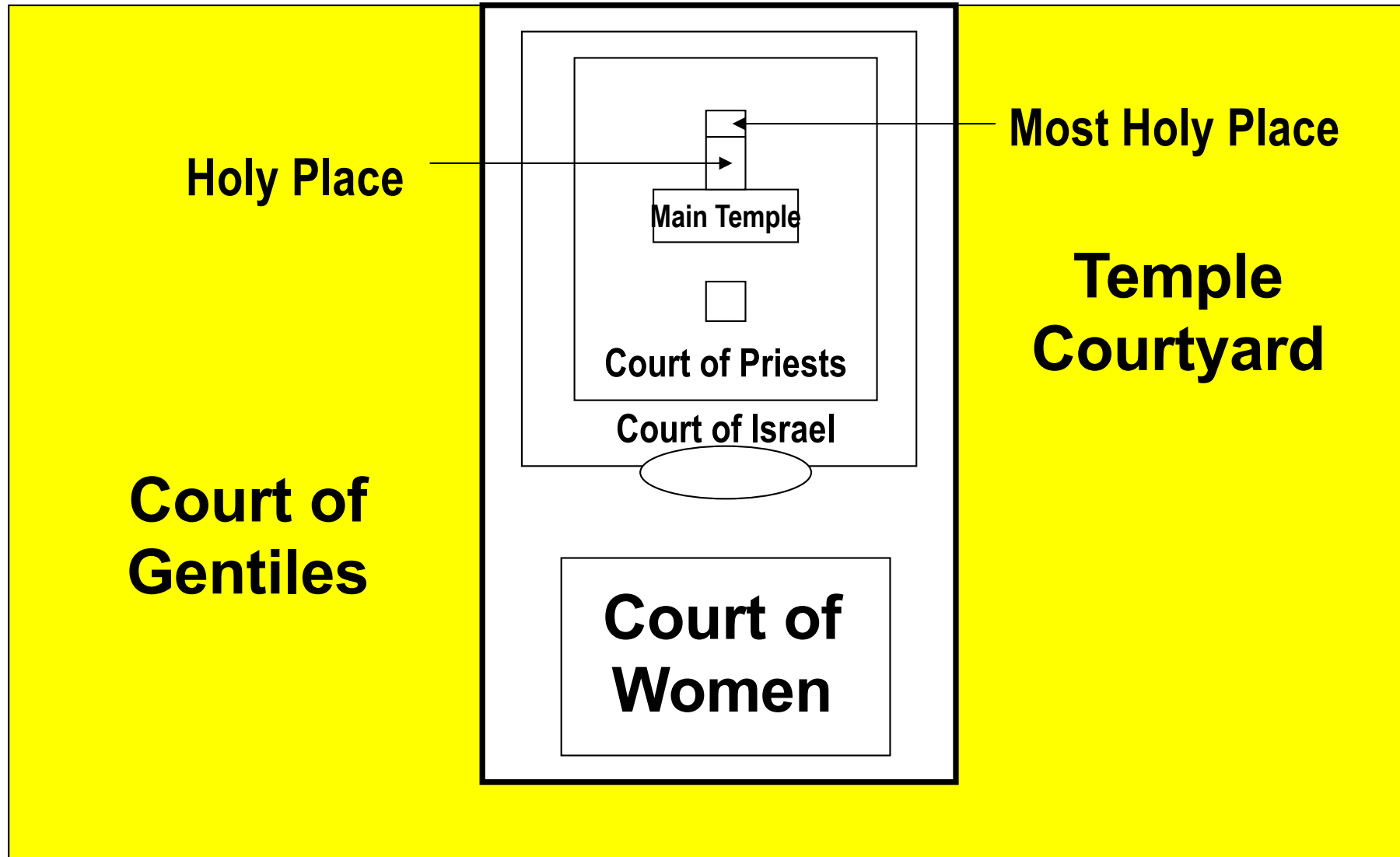


*We are now brought near to God*  
(Eph 2:13-18)

- Christ makes peace with God by paying for our sin  
(2:13)



# Divisions in Herod's Temple



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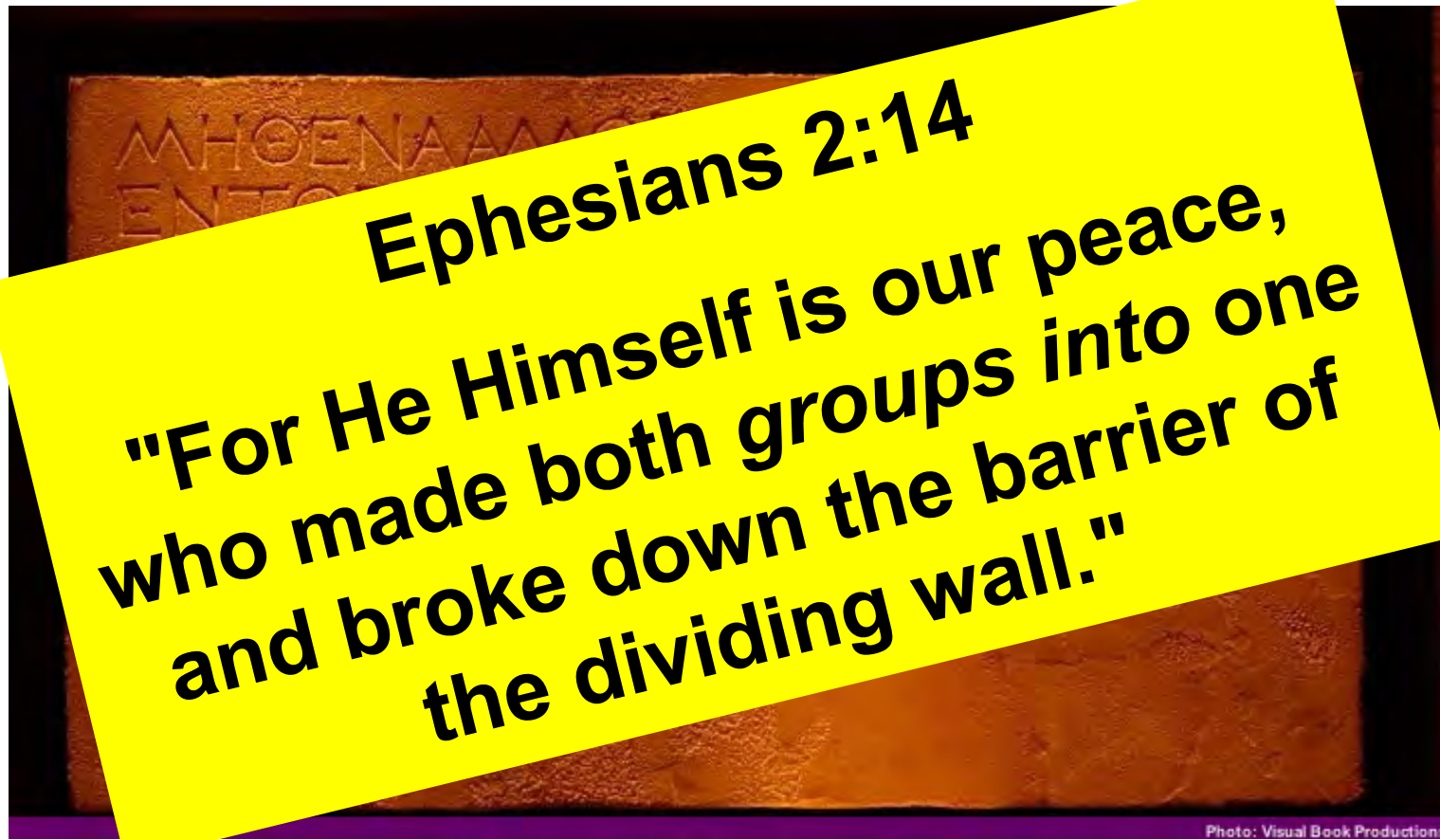


# Gentiles Brought Near

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(Ephesians 2:11-13 NLT).

# Warning of Dividing Wall for Gentiles



**"Let no foreigner enter within the partition and enclosure surrounding the temple. Whoever is arrested will be responsible for his death which will follow."**

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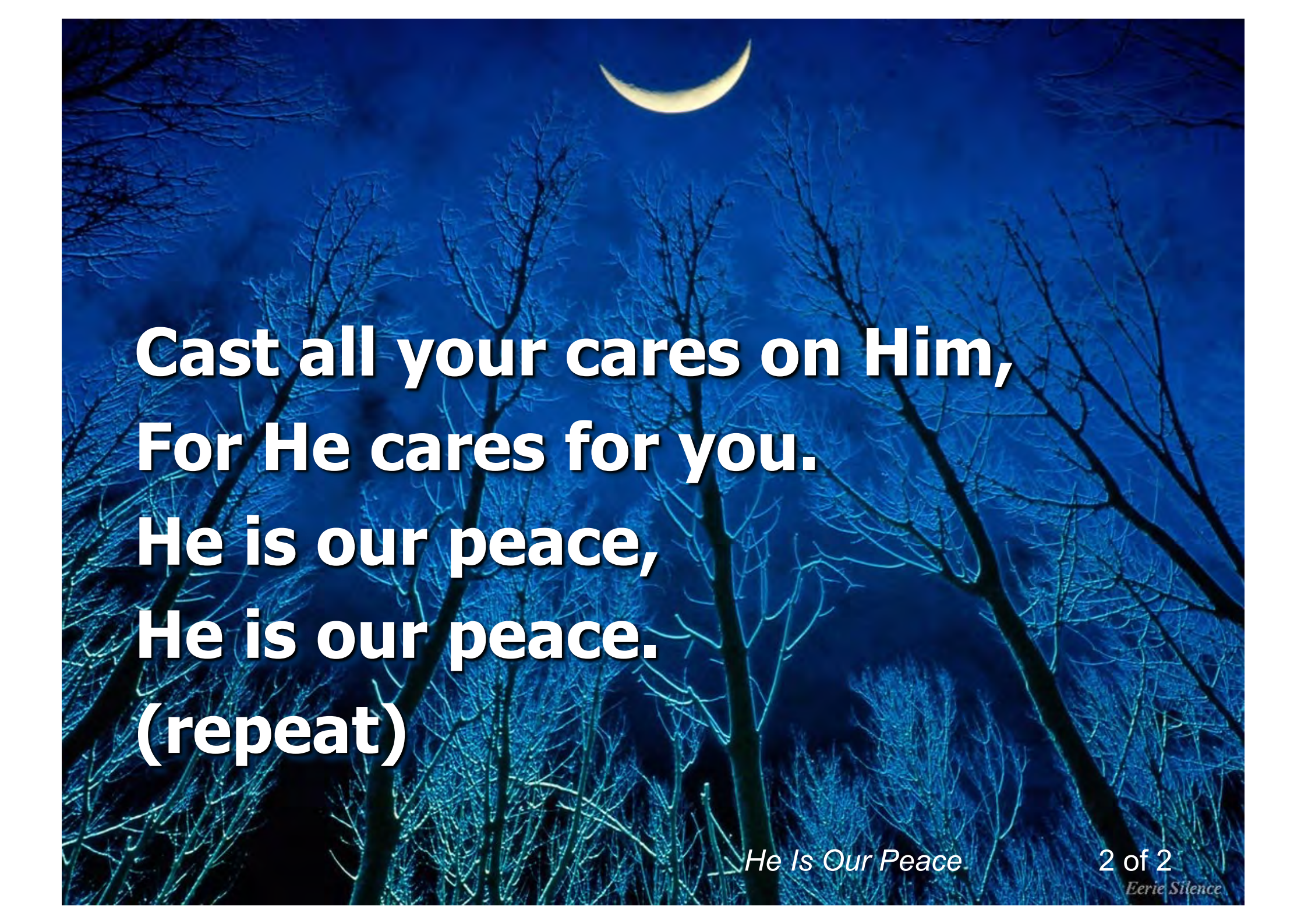
# He Is Our Peace

**He is our peace, who has  
broken down every wall.**

**He is our peace,**

**He is our peace.**

**(repeat)**

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**Cast all your cares on Him,  
For He cares for you.  
He is our peace,  
He is our peace.  
(repeat)**

*We are now brought near to God*  
(Eph 2:13-18)

- Christ makes peace with God by paying for our sin (2:13)
- Christ makes peace with God by fulfilling the Law (2:14-15)
- Christ makes peace with God by proclaiming the gospel message (2:16-18)

*We are built up in Christ (Eph 2:19-22)*

- We are elevated to a new status (2:19)



**So then,**

**you are no**

**longer**

**strangers**

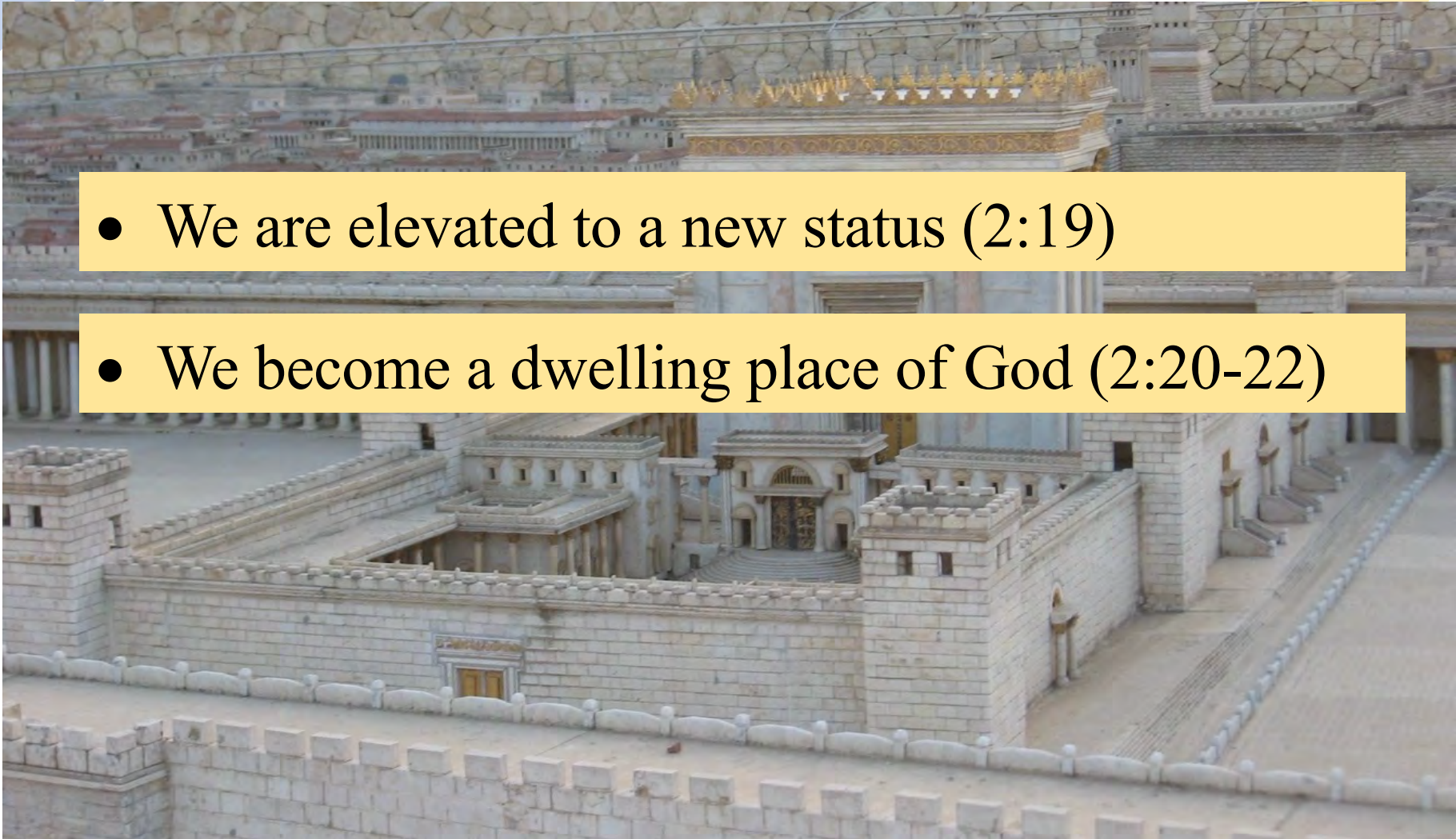
**and aliens**

**but you are  
fellow citizens  
with the saints  
and members of  
the household of  
God.**

**EPHESIANS 2:19**

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- We become a dwelling place of God (2:20-22)



# Are there apostles today?



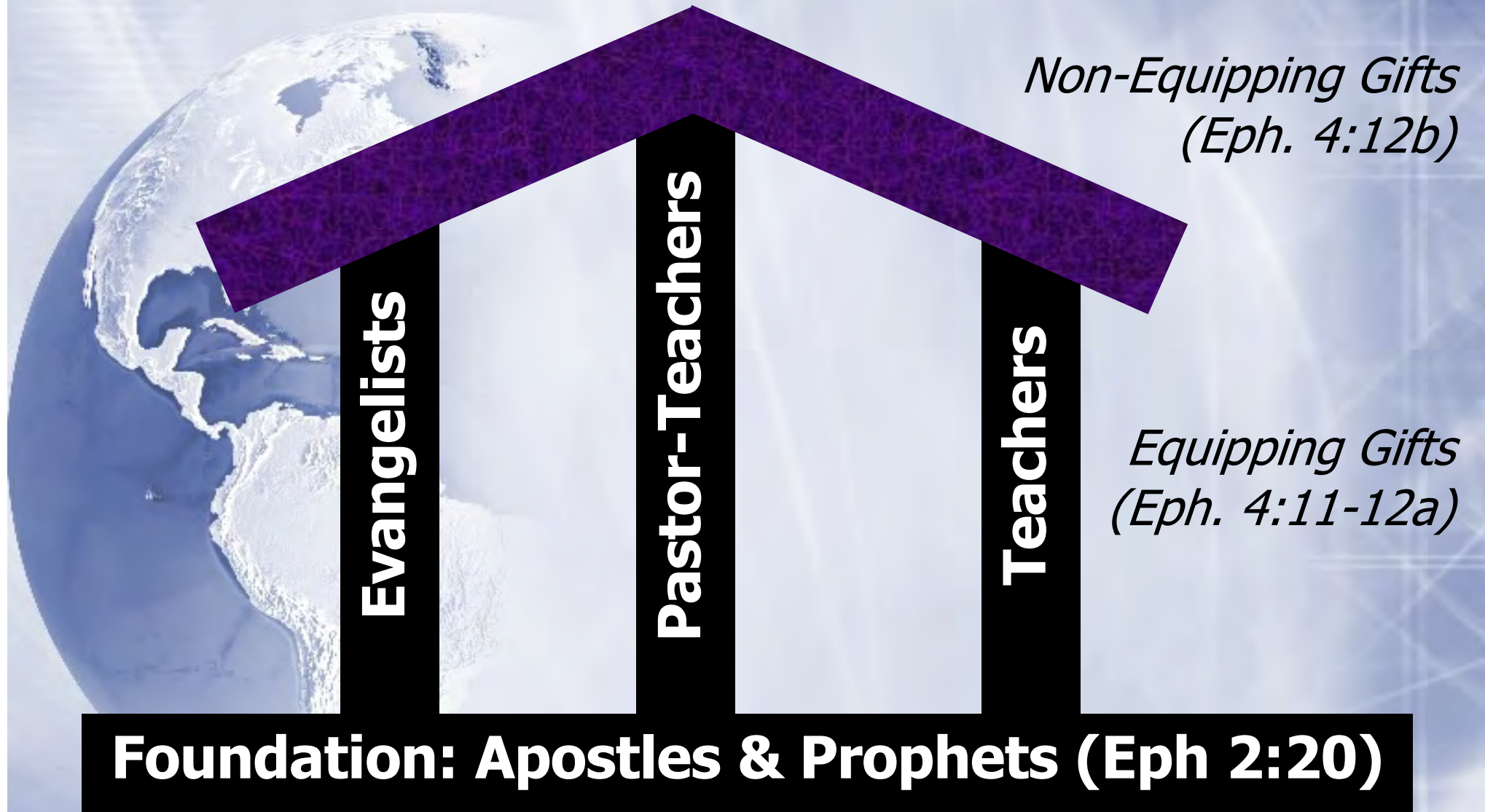
God's household (the church) is:

**"built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone"**

(Ephesians 2:20)

# God's Household (Eph. 2:19-22)

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*Non-Equipping Gifts  
(Eph. 4:12b)*

*Equipping Gifts  
(Eph. 4:11-12a)*

**Foundation: Apostles & Prophets (Eph 2:20)**

**Foundation: The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)**

# Contemporary Application

- Rest secure in your salvation
- Praise God no matter what happens
- Guard against legalism
- Pursue peace within the Church
- Unity of ethnic & cultural groups
- Intercessory prayer
- Agape love

# Ephesians 3



**We are God's Radical Plan for His Glory**

*Ephesians 3:1-13*

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PLOT  
TWIST

# *New People*

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for the glory of God

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*We must understand the mystery of the gospel plan*  
(Ephesians 3:1-6)

- It was progressively revealed (vs. 1-5)

# DISPENSATIONS (EPH. 3:2)

"...you know  
God gave me  
the **special  
responsibility**  
of extending his  
grace to you  
Gentiles"  
(NLT)

"...you have  
heard of the  
**stewardship**  
of God's  
grace which  
was given to  
me for you"  
(NAU)

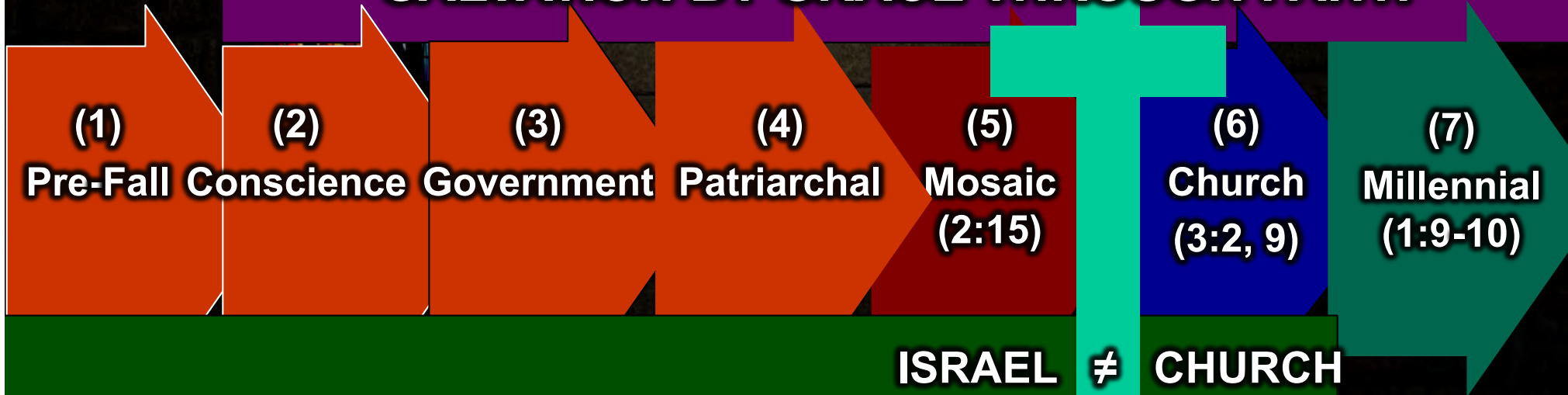
"**administration**" (NIV)  
"**dispensation**" (KJV)  
*οἰκονομία* (Greek)  
*οἶκος* (house) + *νόμος* (law)  
"**responsibility of  
management, management  
of a household, direction,  
office**" (BDAG)

Time before Paul's  
dispensation (Gentiles  
came through Israel  
under law)

Time of Paul's  
dispensation (Gentiles  
equal to Jews  
under grace)

# DISPENSATIONS IN EPHESIANS

**SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**



**ISRAEL ≠ CHURCH**

**PROGRESSIVE REVELATION**

# οἰκονομία IN THE NT

Luke 16:2

16:2 καὶ φωνήσας αὐτὸν εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τοῦτο ἀκούω περὶ σου; ἀπόδος τὸν λόγον τῆς **οἰκονομίας** σου, οὐ γὰρ δύνη ἔτι οἰκονομεῖν. <sup>3</sup> εἶπεν δὲ ἐν ἑαυτῷ ὁ οἰκονόμος· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι ὁ κύριός μου ἀφαιρεῖται τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** ἀπ' ἐμοῦ; σκάπτειν οὐκ ἰσχύω, ἐπαιτεῖν αἰσχύνομαι. <sup>4</sup> ἔγνων τί ποιήσω, ἵνα ὅταν μετασταθῶ ἐκ τῆς **οἰκονομίας** δέξωνται με εἰς τοὺς οἴκους αὐτῶν.

Cor. 9:17

Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἐκὼν τοῦτο πράσσω, μὴ ἔχω· εἰ δὲ ἄκων, **οἰκονομίαν** πεπίστευκα.

Eph. 1:10

ἡμεῖς τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** τοῦ πληρώματος τῶν καιρῶν, ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι τὰ πάντα ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ, τὰ ἐπὶ τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐν αὐτῷ.

Luke 16:2

16:2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup> "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my <sup>1</sup>master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.'

1 Cor. 9:17

1Cor. 9:17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a <sup>a</sup>reward; but if against my will, I have a <sup>b</sup>stewardship entrusted to me.

Eph. 1:10

...with a view to an administration <sup>1</sup>suitable to <sup>a</sup>the fullness of the times, that is, <sup>b</sup>the summing up of all things in Christ, things <sup>2</sup>in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

# οἰκονομία IN THE NT

Eph. 3:2

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Εἰ γε ἠκούσατε τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ τῆς δοθείσης μοι

Eph. 3:2

if indeed you have heard of the <sup>a</sup>stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

Eph. 3:9

καὶ φωτίσαι [πάντας] τίς ἡ **οἰκονομία** τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ θεῷ ὅτι πάντα κτίσαντι,

Eph. 3:9

to <sup>1</sup>bring to light what is the administration of the <sup>a</sup>mystery which for ages has been <sup>b</sup>hidden in God <sup>c</sup>who created all things;

Col. 1:25

ἣς εγενόμην ἐγὼ διάκονος κατὰ τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθείσάν μοι εἰς ὑμᾶς πληρῶσαι τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ

Col. 1:25

for this church I <sup>1</sup>was made a minister according to the <sup>b</sup>stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might <sup>2</sup>fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

1 Tim. 1:4

μηδὲ προσέχειν μύθοις καὶ γενεαλογίαις ἀπεράντοις, αἵτινες ἐκζητήσεις παρέχουσιν μᾶλλον ἢ **οἰκονομίαν** θεοῦ τὴν ἐν πίστει.

1 Tim. 1:4

nor to <sup>1</sup>pay attention to <sup>a</sup>myths and endless <sup>b</sup>genealogies, which give rise to mere <sup>c</sup>speculation rather than <sup>d</sup>furthering <sup>2</sup>the administration of God which is by faith.

## **Genesis 12:3**

“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

## **Galatians 3:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” <sup>9</sup> So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

## Isaiah 49:6

He says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

## Acts 13:46-47

<sup>46</sup> And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”



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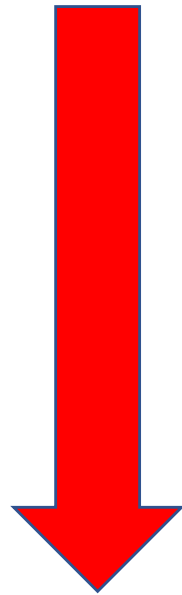
- It was progressively revealed (vs. 1-5)
- It confounds our thinking (v. 6)

**Colossians 1:27**

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

# God

**Jews**



**Gentiles**

# **Jew/Gentile body of Christ**

**Same reward**

**Same body**

**Same promise**

## Tense Jew/Gentile situations



- Paul's riot (Acts 22)
- Early church councils (Acts 11:1-18; 15:1-29)
- Paul circumcised Timothy (Acts 16:1-5)
- Rome (Romans 14–15)
- Corinth (1 Corinthians 8, 10)
- Galatia (Galatians 1–3)
- Philippi (Philippians 3)
- Colossae (Col 3:17)





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## **Revelation 5:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open  
its seals, for you were slain, and by your  
blood you ransomed people for God from every  
tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and  
you have made them a kingdom and priests to  
our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”



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- We honor God by the gospel (vs. 10-13)

# Why the Church?

**"God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places"  
(Ephesians 3:10 NLT).**



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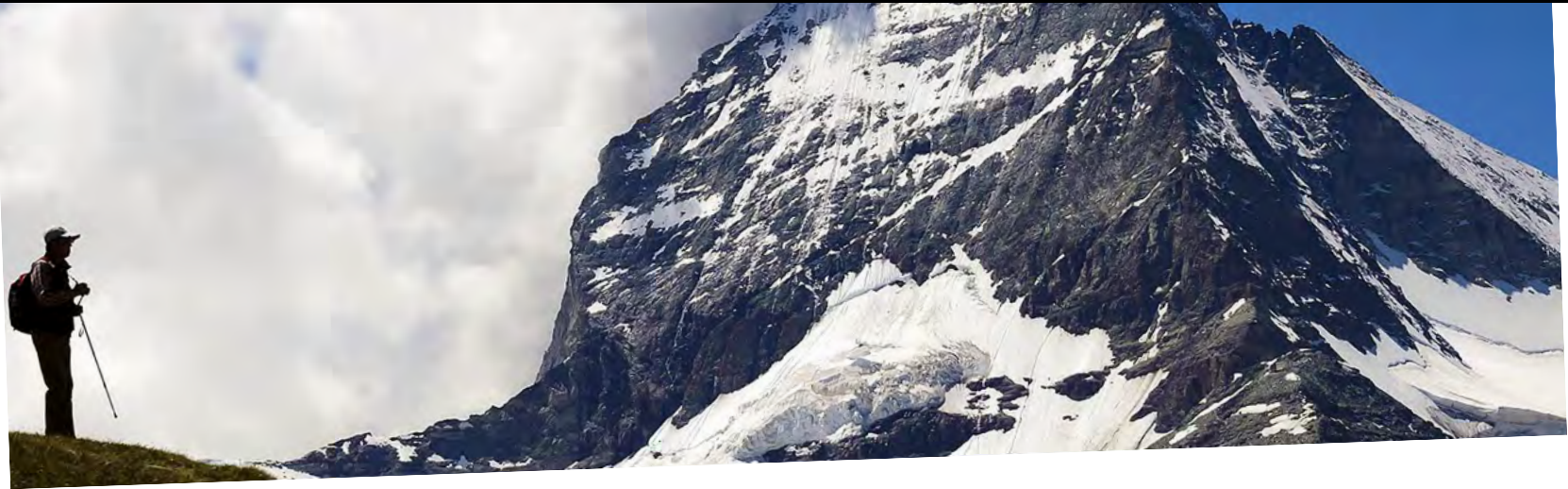
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19)*





“The definite goal to which the Christian life must move, and for which therefore the apostle prays, is for his readers *to know the love of Christ*, to know how He loved and loves, and to experience His love in loving Him and loving others for His sake.”

**Francis Foulkes**

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accomplish what we never thought about doing (3:20)*

*God receives the glory to realize an impossible idea  
(3:21)*

Great God in Heaven,

We bend our knee before you because you are our Father in heaven and can do all things. You have transformed our lives through Christ and he is alive in us. Help us to grow in understanding his love for us and be empowered by your Spirit so we can in turn love each other. Do an incredible work in this church body beyond anything we could possibly accomplish. Do something we never considered before so that everyone will know you are the one who did it. We ask that you glorify your name in this church through Christ who teaches us how to love.

Amen.

# What About the Gift of Apostle?

The Twelve Apostles  
(Melbourne, Australia)



# Are Apostles Living Today?



**Mormons say "Yes!"**

# Singapore even claims its own apostles...





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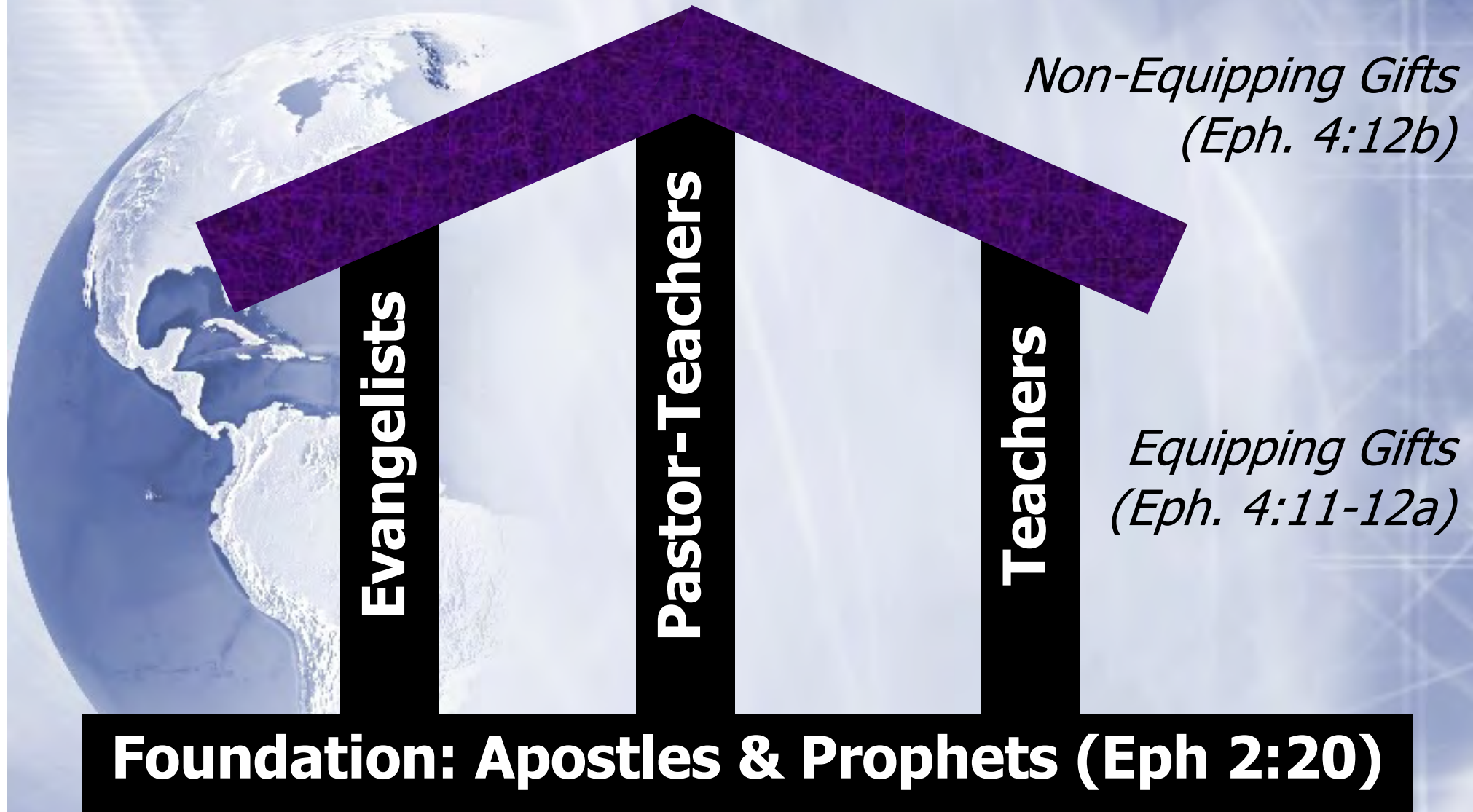
"See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, **a precious Cornerstone** for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it need never be afraid anymore" (Isaiah 28:16)

# Some take Christ as "cornerstone" more literally



# God's Household (Eph. 2:19-22)

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**Foundation: Apostles & Prophets (Eph 2:20)**

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# What is the gift of **apostleship**?



- "The divinely ordained gift to **establish** the Church on earth by divine **revelation**, unquestioned **authority**, and authentication by **miracles**."



***Biblical Roles  
Are now fuzzy***

How can our church  
**be united**  
despite our many different  
kinds of people?



# How to be united...



**Eph 1–3**

# How to be united...



**Love the Church**


**Love  
God**

**Eph 4–6**

# Ephesians 4

**Oneness**


**Ephesians 4:1-6 (NLT)**



**<sup>1</sup> Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.**

**<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.**

**Ephesians 4:1-2 (NLT)**



**<sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.**


**<sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.**

**Ephesians 4:3-4 (NLT)**



**<sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all,  
who is over all, in all, and living through all.**

**Ephesians 4:5-6 (NLT)**



**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

**Ephesians 4:3**

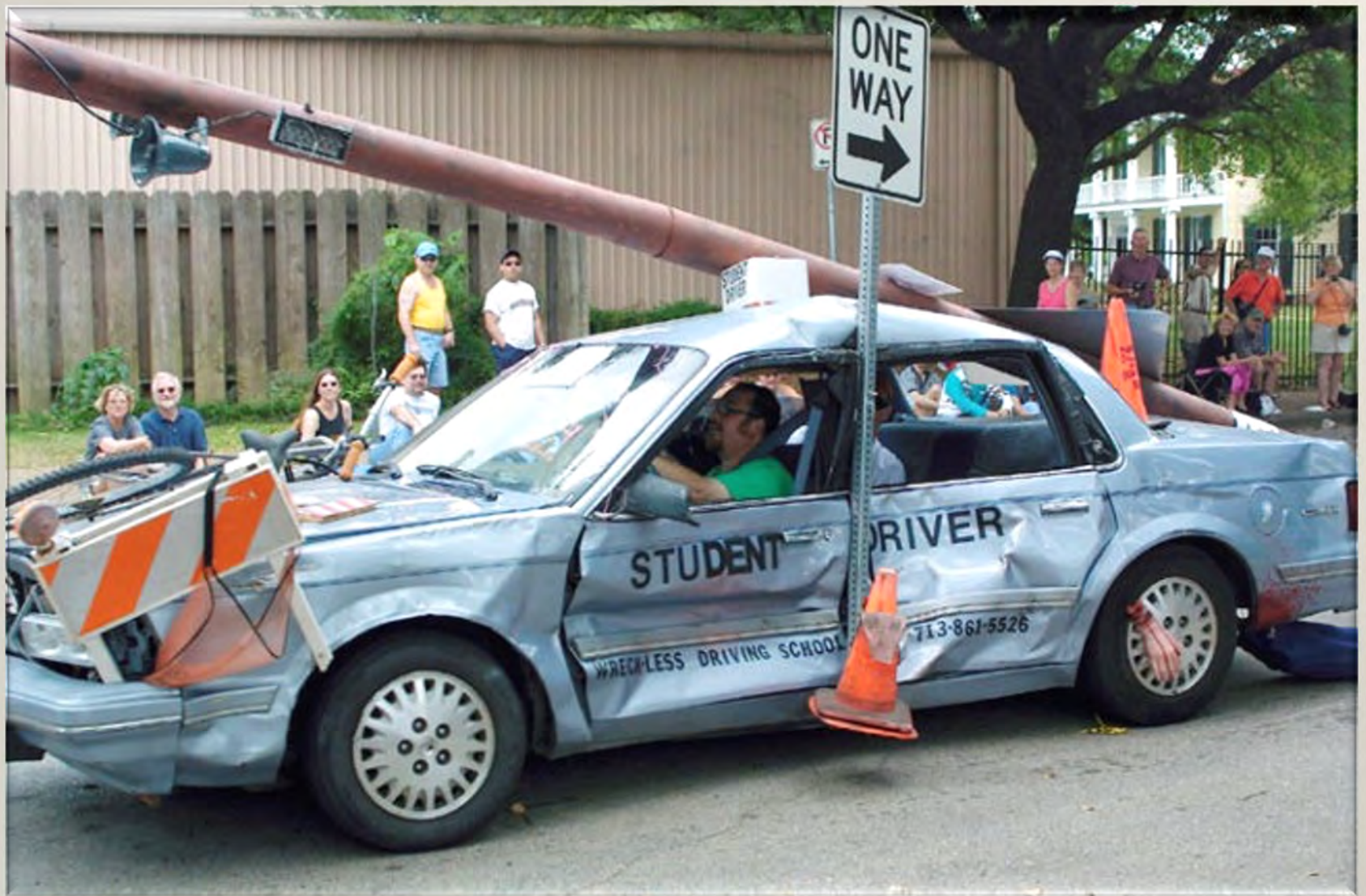




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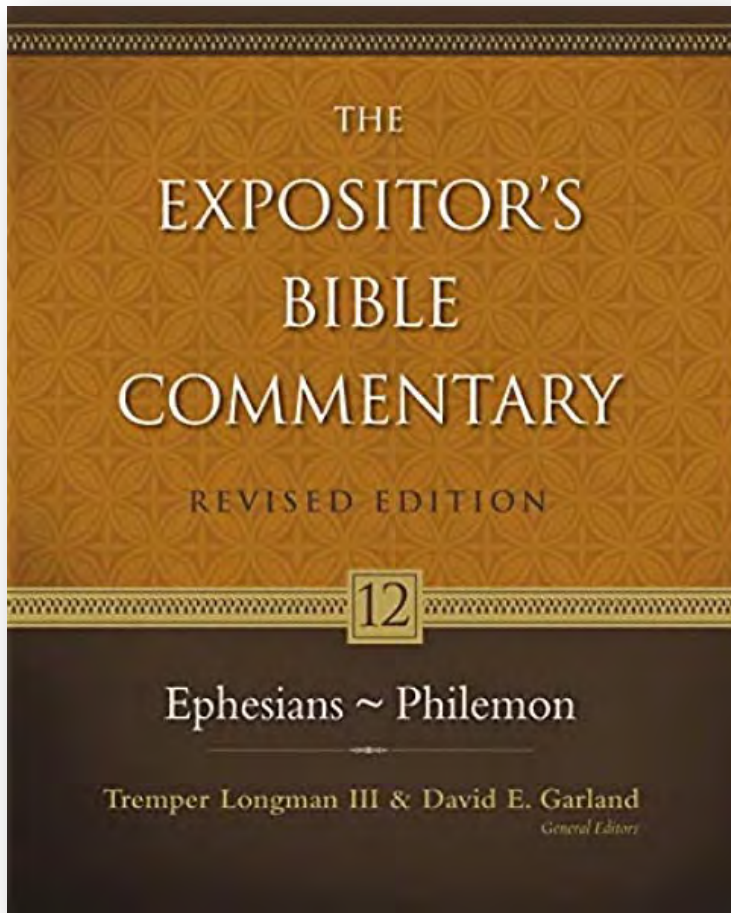
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*We remind ourselves of our new identity (4:1)*

*We work hard to keep the Spirit's unity (4:2-3)*

- We are to be humble (2a)
- We are to be meek (2b)



**“This quality does not suggest weakness but characterizes the person who does not need to assert or dominate and is not touchy, resentful, or retaliatory.”**

**William Klein**





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- We are to be eager for peace (3)



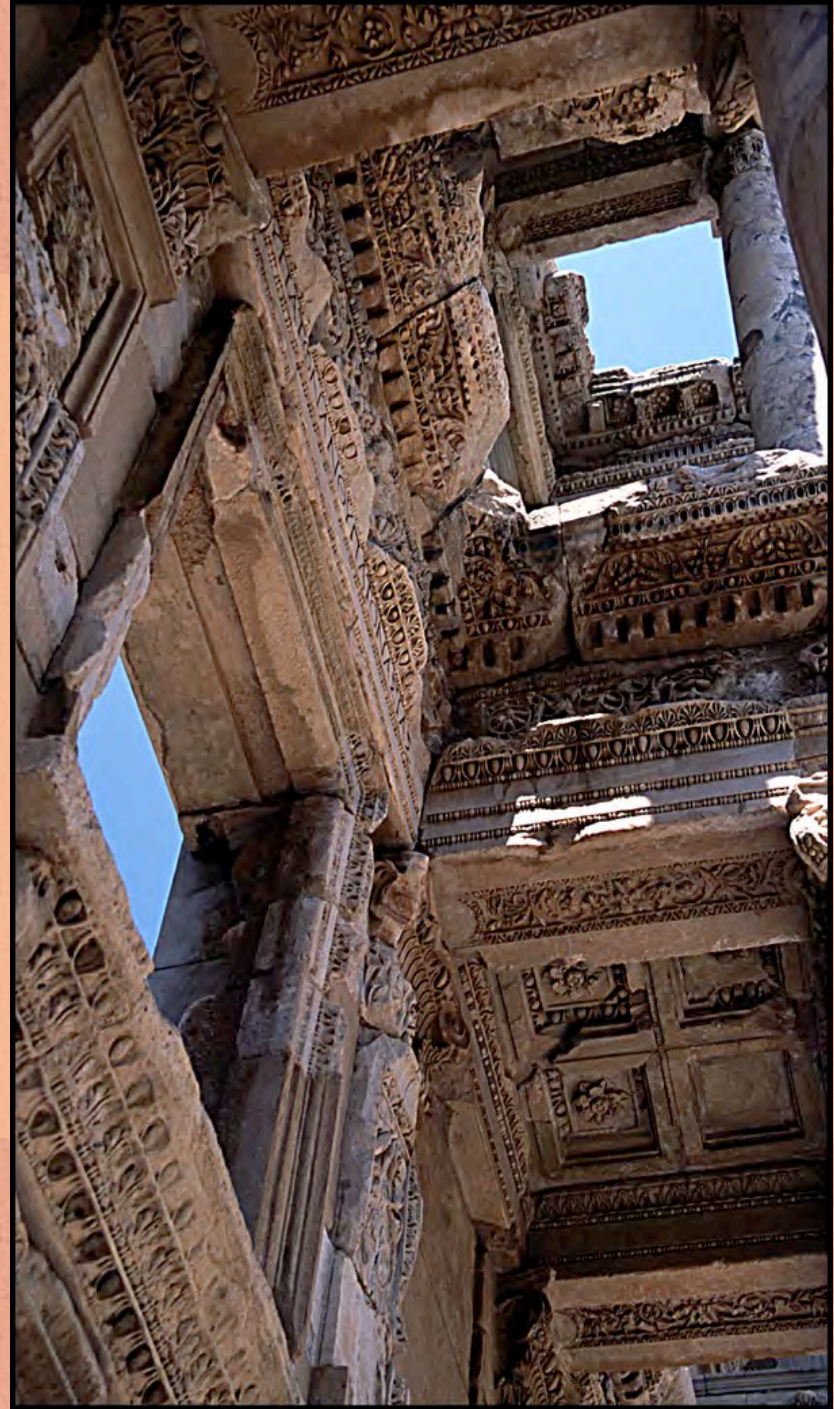
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## Ephesians 4:1–5:21

- Unity
- Walking with God



# What unites us (Eph. 4:4-6)?

**Body** – fellowship of believers (Church)

**Spirit** – Holy Spirit activates fellowship

**Hope** – of the future

**Lord** – to whom we belong

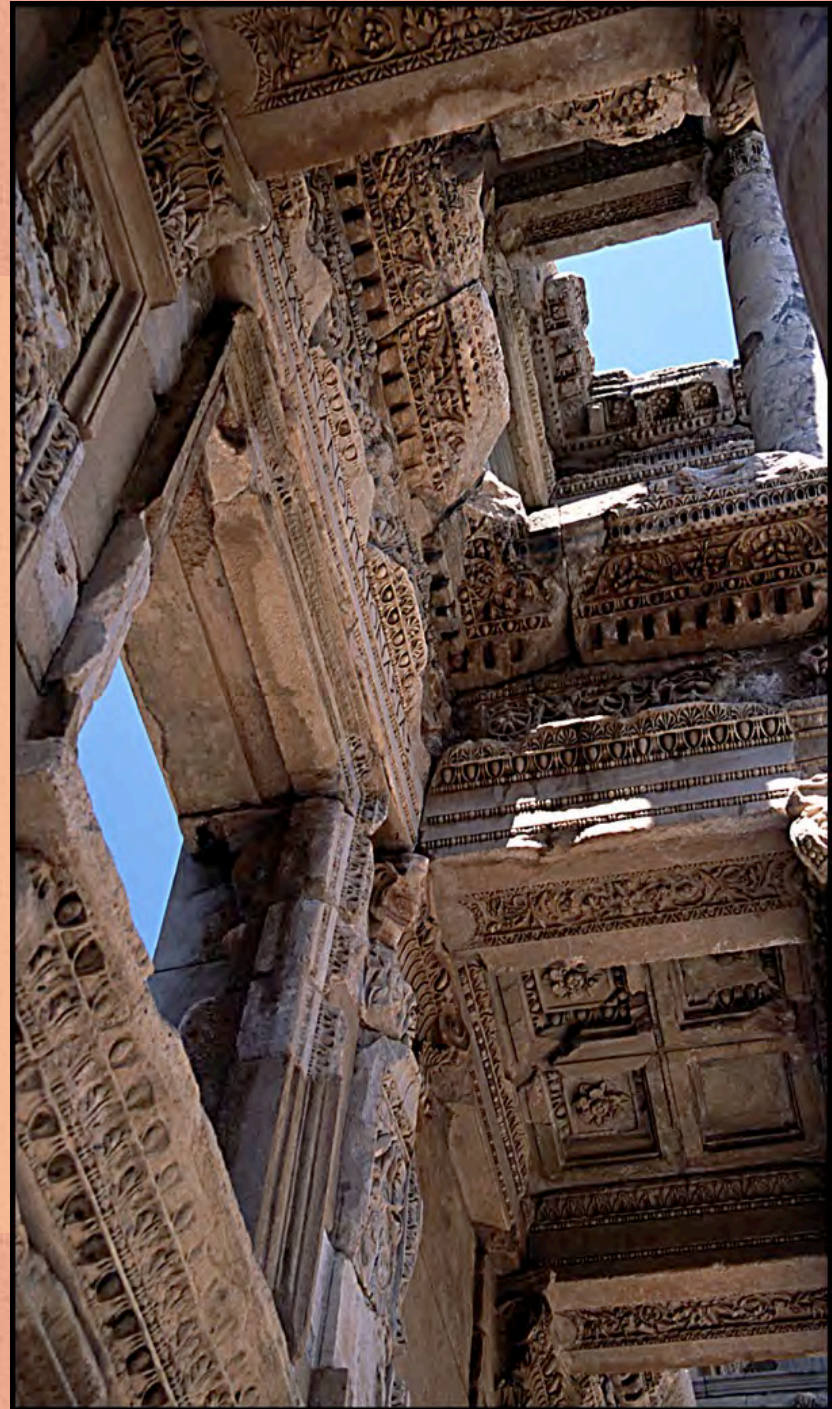
**Faith** – singular commitment

**Baptism** – sign of entry into the Church

**God** – our Father keeps us for eternity

## **Ephesians 4:1-16**

- **Call to Unity (1-6)**
- **Way to Unity (7-16)**
  - Ascension (7-10)
  - Roles (11-12a)
  - Purpose (12b-13)
  - Results (14-16)



# The Transfer to Paradise

Eph. 4:8-10

"...today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43

2 Cor. 12:2-4

"I was caught up to the third heaven...I was caught up to paradise"

"That is why the Scriptures say, 'When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.'

<sup>9</sup>Notice that it says 'he ascended.' This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. <sup>10</sup>And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself."

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Bliss



"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— <sup>20</sup>those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood."

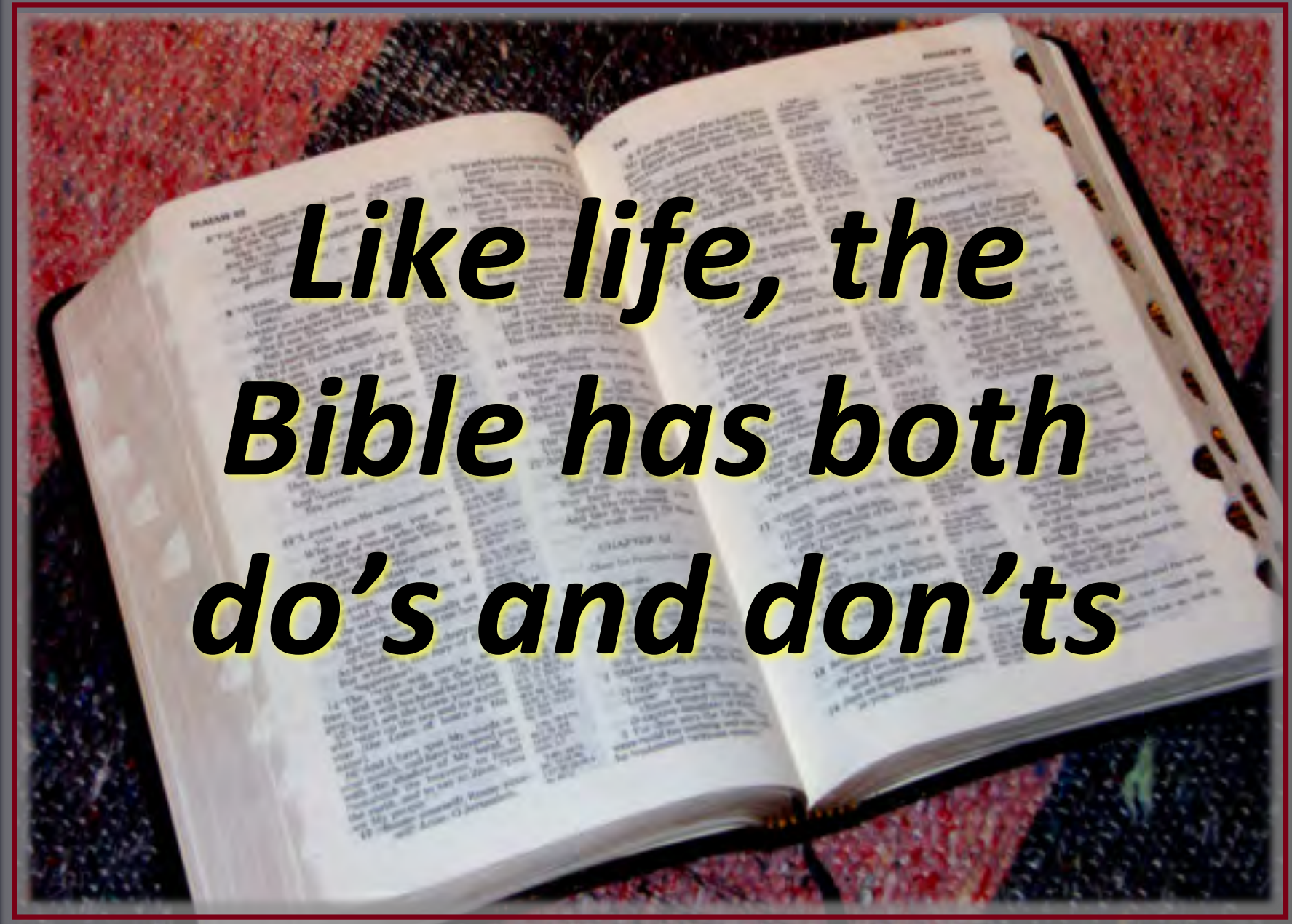
HADES

1 Pet.  
3:18-20

Luke 16:26

"...there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there."

"Then death and [Hades] were thrown into the lake of fire... <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

An open Bible is shown lying flat on a red and black patterned surface. The pages are filled with text, and the spine of the book is visible on the right side. Overlaid on the center of the Bible is the text "Like life, the Bible has both do's and don'ts" in a bold, italicized, black font with a yellow outline.

***Like life, the  
Bible has both  
do's and don'ts***

# The Do's (4:17–5:2)

- Put on your new self (4:17-22)
- Think anew (4:23)
- Be holy (4:24)
- Tell the truth (4:25)
- Do not sin in anger (4:26-27)
- Don't steal (4:28)
- Speak graciously (4:29)
- Be kind, compassionate & forgiving (4:31–32)
- Imitate God's love (5:1-2)

# Ephesians at a Glance

## Jew-Gentile Unity Shown in Love

**Unity as Equals**

**Love as Testimony**

**Chapters 1–3**

**Chapters 4–6**

**Doctrine**

**Application**

**Position**

**Practice**

**Belief**

**Behaviour**

**Privileges**

**Responsibilities**

**Fall AD 60 (first Roman imprisonment)**



# Let's see Eph. 4:11-13

**Roles**



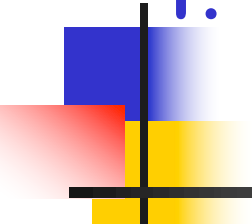
**Purpose**

**The What**



**The Why**

# What are our roles?

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1. What is the pastor-teacher supposed to do?
  2. What are the people supposed to do?

**The issue in Eph. 4:11-13**

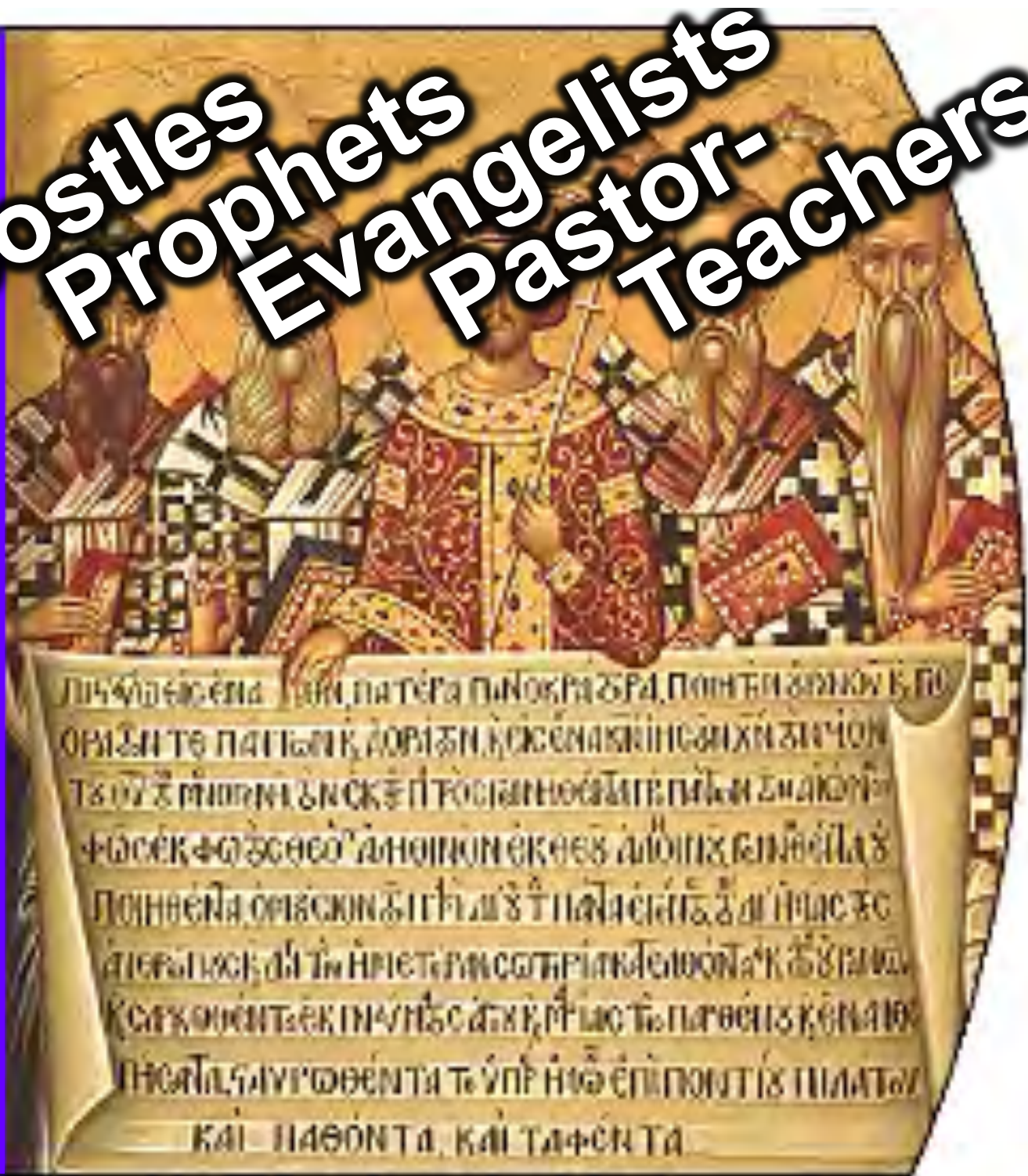
**The What**

## **Main Point #1**

**Christ called  
pastor-  
teachers to  
equip you for  
your  
ministries  
(11-12a)**

# "The Professionals"

Apostles  
Prophets  
Evangelists  
Pastor-  
Teachers





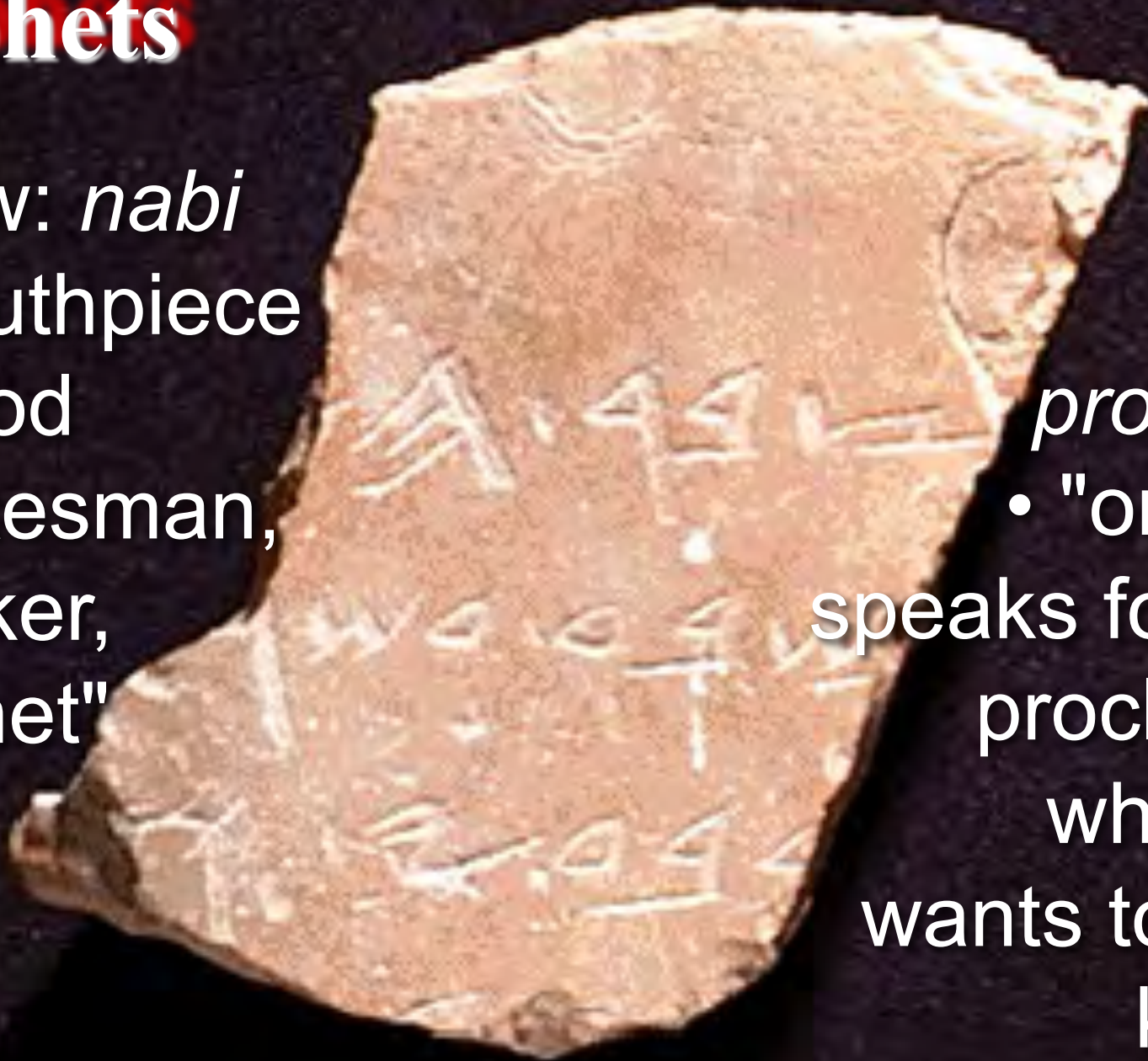
# **The Gift of Prophecy**

- **What is it?**
- **Is it here today?**

# Prophets

Hebrew: *nabi*

- a mouthpiece for God
- "spokesman, speaker, prophet"



Greek: *prophetes*

- "one who speaks for God, proclaiming what God wants to make known"

# What is Prophecy?

*"knowing this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"*

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)

# Tests of a True Prophet (Deut. 18:18-20)



1. Predictions  
100% true

2. Worships the  
LORD

# *God's Household*



**Foundation: The Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11)**



# A Stern Warning (Rev. 22:18-19)

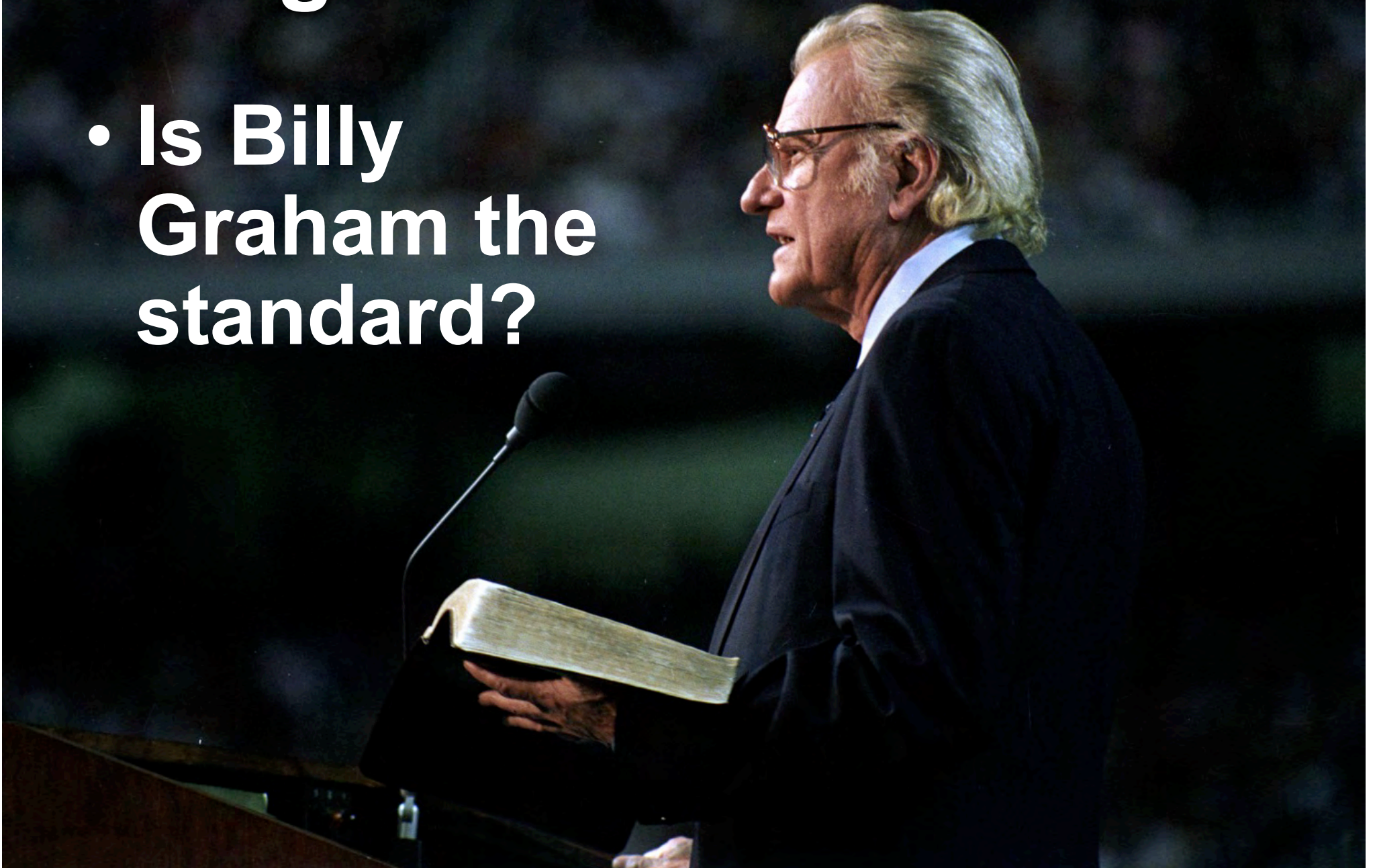
THE WORD OF GOD

"I warn everyone who hears the prophecy of this book:

- If anyone **adds** anything to them, God will **add** to him the plagues described in this book.
- If anyone **takes** words away from this book of prophecy, God will **take** away from him his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this book"

# Evangelists

- Is Billy Graham the standard?



# Pastor-Teacher



**Too often we think only of those with  
the *position* of pastor-teacher**

# Christ is the Good Shepherd



# THE DUAL GIFT

And He gave  
some, apostles;  
and (δε) some, prophets;  
and (δε) some, evangelists;  
and (δε) some, [pastors and (καί) teachers]

# The Only "Dual" Gift

Pastor

Protection

Discipline

Leading

Caring

Teacher

Study

Instruction

Applying

Warning





**"Of course, feel free anytime to let me know what you think of the job I'm doing as your pastor."**

# Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV)

## The Comma



v. 11  
KJV

And He gave  
some, apostles;  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some, prophets;  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some, evangelists;  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some, pastors and ( $\kappa\alpha\iota$ ) teachers

v. 12  
KJV

for ( $\pi\rho\omicron\sigma$ ) the perfecting of the saints,  
for ( $\epsilon\lambda\omicron$ ) the work of the ministry,  
for ( $\epsilon\lambda\omicron$ ) the edifying of the body of Christ.

**This implies the gifted men do all three ministries!**

# The Advertisement Read...

**"Wanted: Pastor for a growing church—a real challenge for the right man. Must know about all problems of birth, life, sickness and death. Must know how to operate and fix copier. Able to sound learned at times but most of the time sounds like good-ole-Joe. Must pretend he likes hearing women talk. Applicant's wife must be both stunning and plain, never discouraged. Applicants will undergo evaluation by a committee of 100 to determine sanity."**

# What's inside the church?



# "Equipping" (NAU, 4:12) "to prepare" (NIV)

*καταρτισμός* (katartismos = noun)

equipping, training

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*καταρτίζω* (katartizo = verb)

mend, restore, set right,  
make complete

*καταρτίζω* (katartizo = verb)

**mend, restore, set right,**

**make complete**

NAU 1 Thessalonians 3:10

**complete** what is lacking in your faith

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NIV Hebrews 13:21

**equip** you with everything good for  
doing his will

# **Don't Expect Leaders to Hold the Sun!**



# Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)

v. 11 And He gave  
NASB some *as* apostles,  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some *as* prophets,  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some *as* evangelists,  
and ( $\delta\epsilon$ ) some *as* pastors and ( $\kappa\alpha\iota$ ) teachers.

v. 12 for ( $\pi\rho\omicron\sigma$ ) the equipping of the saints  
NASB for ( $\epsilon\lambda\omicron$ ) the work of service  
to ( $\epsilon\lambda\omicron$ ) the building up of the body of Christ.

God gave gifted men to train *others* to do ministry!

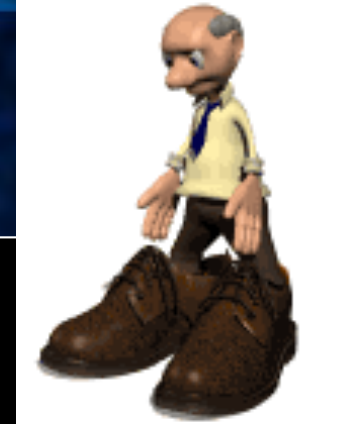
# Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)

**v. 11** It was he who gave  
**NIV** some to be apostles,  
and some to be prophets,  
and some to be evangelists,  
and some to be pastors and teachers.

**v. 12** to prepare God's people  
**NIV** for works of service  
so that the body of Christ may be built up.

**God gave gifted men to train *others* to do ministry!**

# Why No Comma?



**v. 12** to prepare God's people  
**NIV** for works of service  
so that the body of Christ may be built up.

1. All have the same "grace" (4:7)
2. The church is one body with parts that need each other (1 Cor. 12)
3. All are called and have the same armor (6:10-17)

**God gave gifted men to train *others* to do ministry!**

# B. As pastor-teachers our role is to train you for your **own** ministry (12a)

Pastor-Teachers

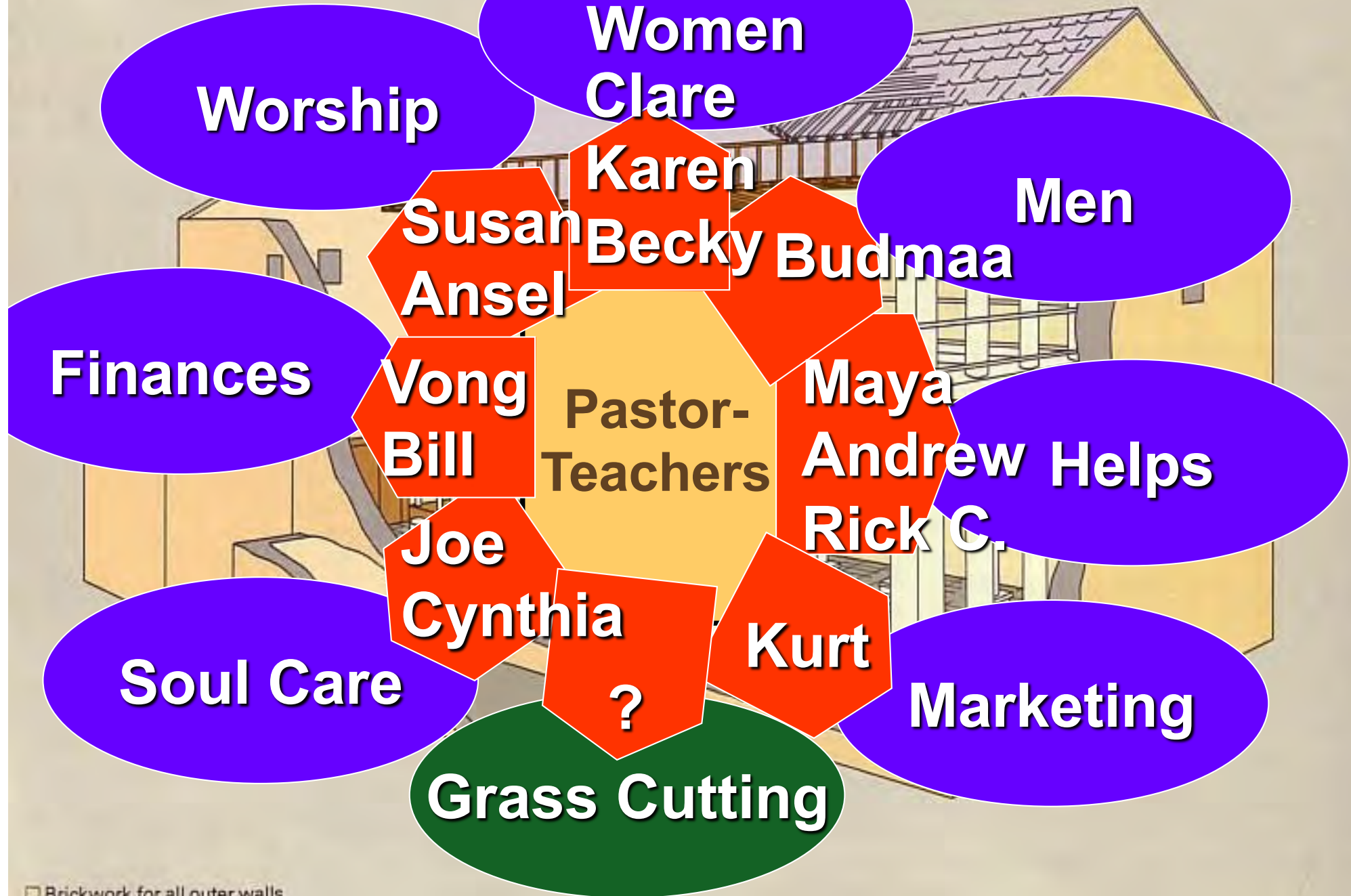
EQUIP

DO

Works of Service



# How are we equipping?



# Flow of Eph. 4:11-13

**Roles**



**Purpose**

**The What**



**The Why**

# The What

## Main Point #1

Christ called  
pastor-teachers  
to **equip** you for  
your ministries  
(11-12a)

# The Why

## Main Point #2

Your being  
equipped will  
make the  
church like  
**Christ**  
(12b-13)

# Results of Equipping

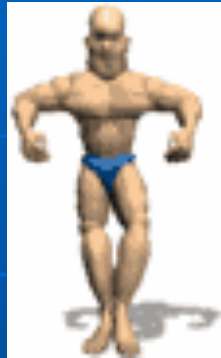
Encourages **us** (12b)

**Christ-  
likeness  
(13c)**



# The Meaning of "Build Up"

*οἰκοδομὴν*



**Upbuilding  
Strengthening  
Encouragement  
Building  
Structure**

The Same Word for "Build Up"

*οἰκοδομῆν*

**NIV Ephesians 4:16**

**From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and **builds itself up** in love, as each part does its work.**





The Same Word for "Build Up"

*οἰκοδομῆν*

**NAU Ephesians 4:29**

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for **edification** according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

# Results of Equipping

**Encourages us (12b)**

**Unites us (13a)**

**Teaches us (13b)**

**Matures us (13c)**

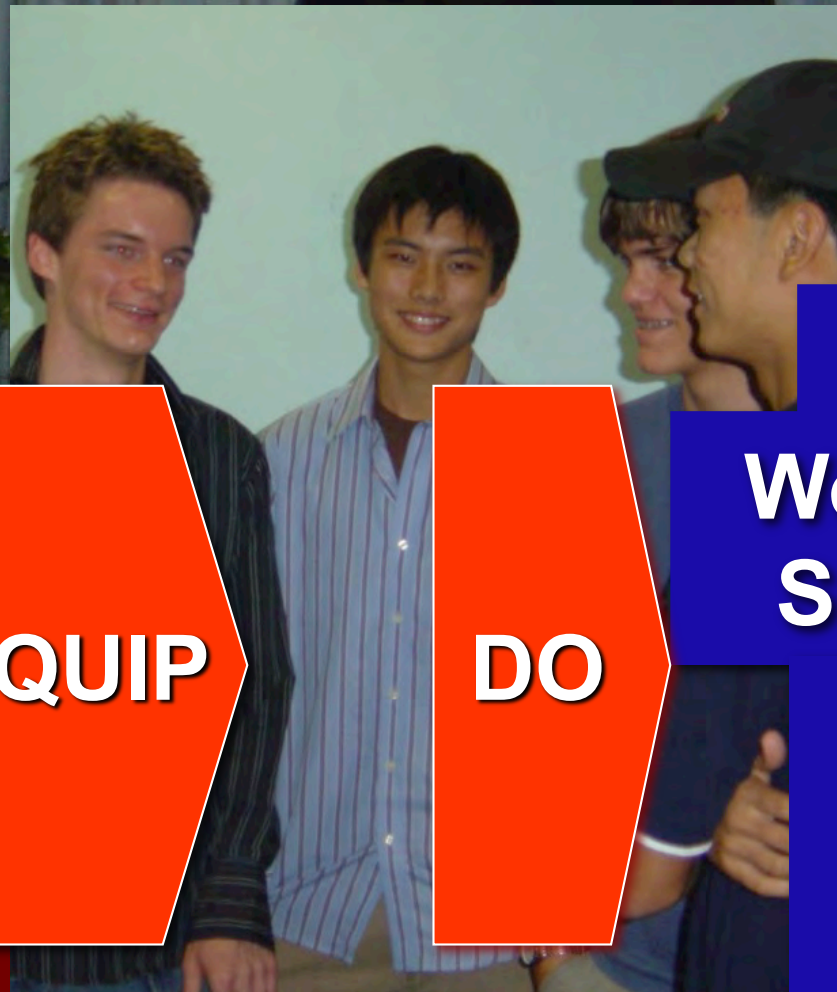
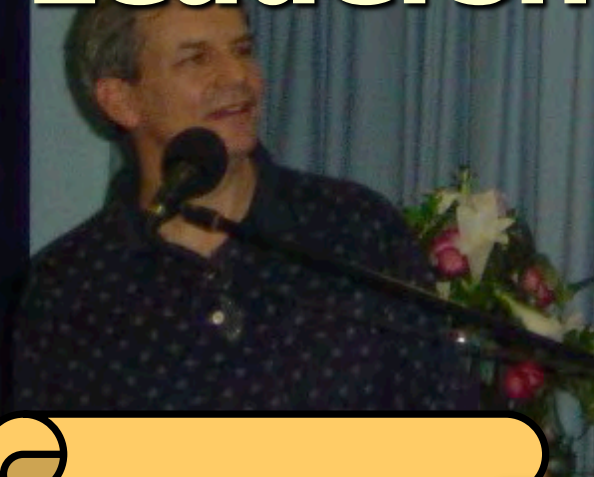
**Christ-  
likeness  
(13c)**





**Why** did  
**God** bring you  
here?

# God's Design for Church Leadership



**Pastor-Teachers**

**EQUIP**

**DO**

**Works of Service**



**—Main Idea—**

**Christ called pastor-teachers to  
*equip* you to be like Christ!**



**So what?**

# ***Action Points***

## **⊕ Your Role**

- ⊕ How can your pastor-teacher(s) better equip you for your unique role to better minister together?**
- ⊕ What role are you being equipped for?**

# Ministry/Servant Response Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_ hp \_\_\_\_\_ office \_\_\_\_\_

**Usher**

**Set Up & Take Down**

**Administration**

**Deacon**

**Women's Ministry**

**Worship leader/Song leader**

**Musician: what instrument** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vocalist**

**A/V Tech**

**Evangelism/Outreach**

**Missions**

**Small group leader**

**Nursery worker**

**Children SS teacher**

**Food service**

**Prayer Ministry**

**Pastoral Care**

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# ***Action Points***

## **Your Role**

- # How can the pastor-teachers better equip you for your unique role here?**
- # What role are you being equipped for?**

## **Your Goal**

- # What character trait of Christ are you trusting God to equip in you this next year?**
- # How can we better help you develop here?**



**We Walk in Diversity**

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

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暗黒地獄

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# *New People*

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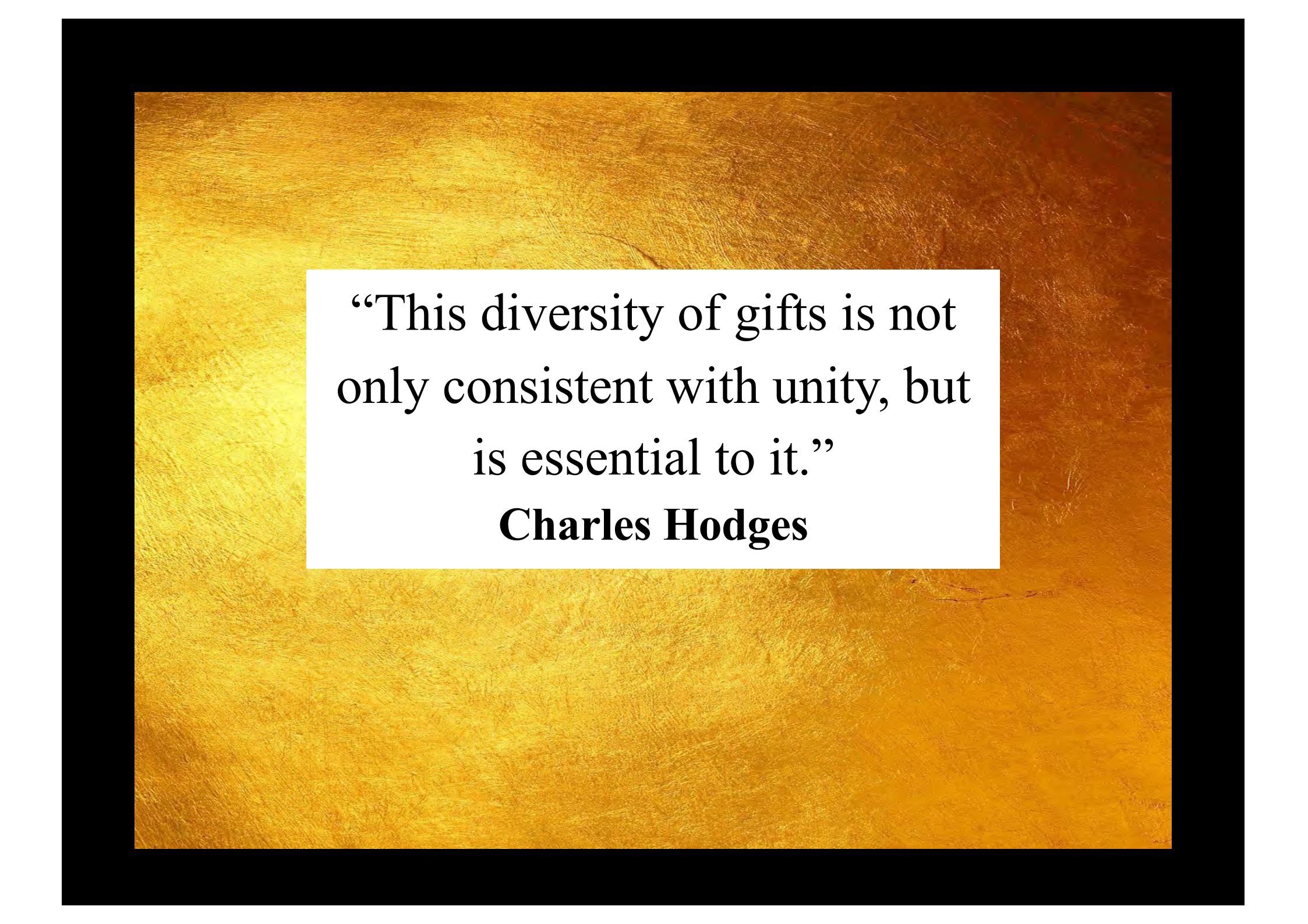
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**We Walk in Diversity**

*Ephesians 4:7-16*



“This diversity of gifts is not  
only consistent with unity, but  
is essential to it.”

**Charles Hodges**



*Our diversity is a gracious work of Christ (4:7-10)*

*Our diversity develops our maturity (4:11-16)*

- We mature through leaders who guide by God's instruction (4:11)

## **2 Corinthians 12:12**

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.



*Our diversity is a gracious work of Christ (4:7-10)*

*Our diversity develops our maturity (4:11-16)*

- We mature through leaders who guide by God's instruction (4:11)

### **James 5:14**

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



*Our diversity is a gracious work of Christ (4:7-10)*

*Our diversity develops our maturity (4:11-16)*

- We mature through leaders who guide by God's instruction (4:11)

### **Titus 1:5**

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you



*Our diversity is a gracious work of Christ (4:7-10)*

*Our diversity develops our maturity (4:11-16)*

- We mature through leaders who guide by God's instruction (4:11)
- We mature by actively ministering to each other (4:12-13)
- We mature by discerning error (4:14)
- We mature by speaking the truth in love (4:15-16)



*Vital issues that can cause division*

***Sin*** = *Selfishness* = *Division*

*Check: Self-evaluation & confession*

***Communication*** = *Frustration* = *Division*

*Check: Clarify & consider*

***Authority*** = *Abuse & rebellion* = *Division*

*Check: Biblical balance*



# **We Do Not Walk Like the World**

*Ephesians 4:17-24*



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# *New People*

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# We Do Not Walk Like the World

*Ephesians 4:17-24*



## 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



## Galatians 5:16-17

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.



## 2 Corinthians 4:4

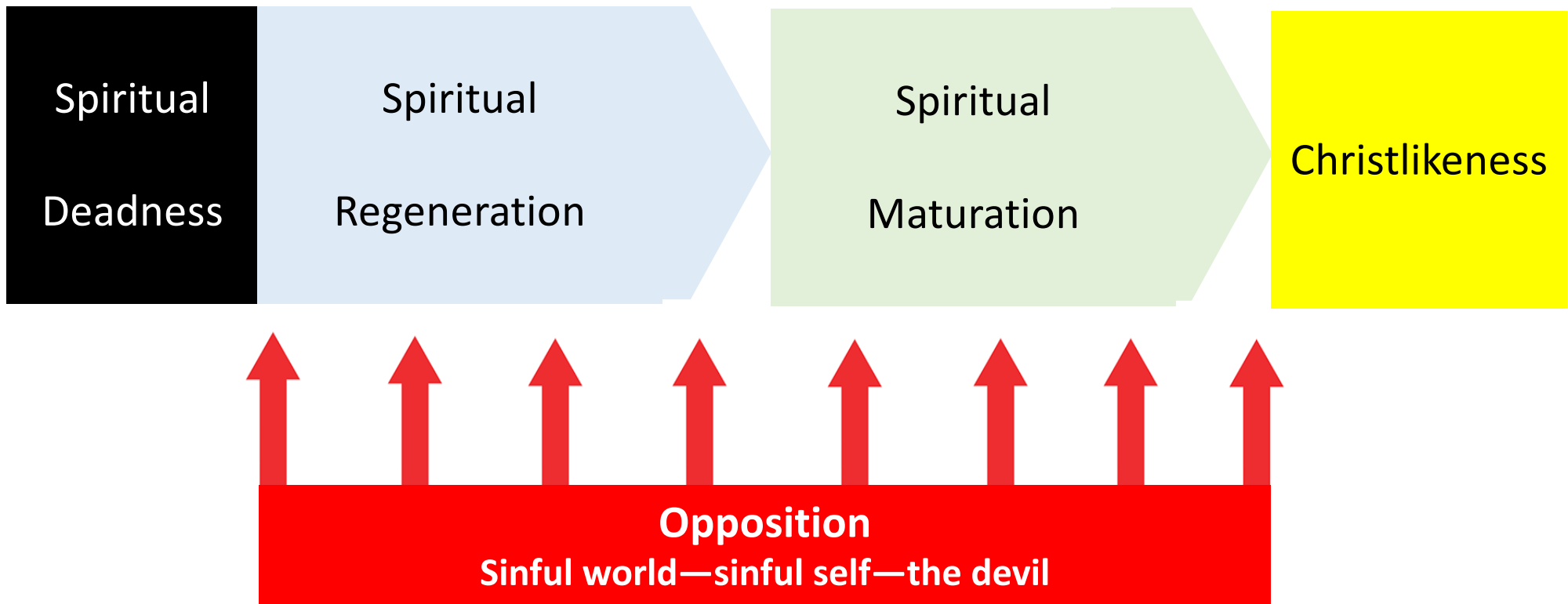
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



## John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.





*Stop living  
like an  
unregenerate  
person (4:17-  
19)*



- A mindset without purpose (4:17)

“Because it lacks a true relationship with God, Gentile thinking suffers from the consequences of having lost touch with reality and is left fumbling with inane trivialities and worthless side issues.”

**Peter O’Brien**



- A mindset without purpose (4:17)

- Darkened in understanding (4:18a)

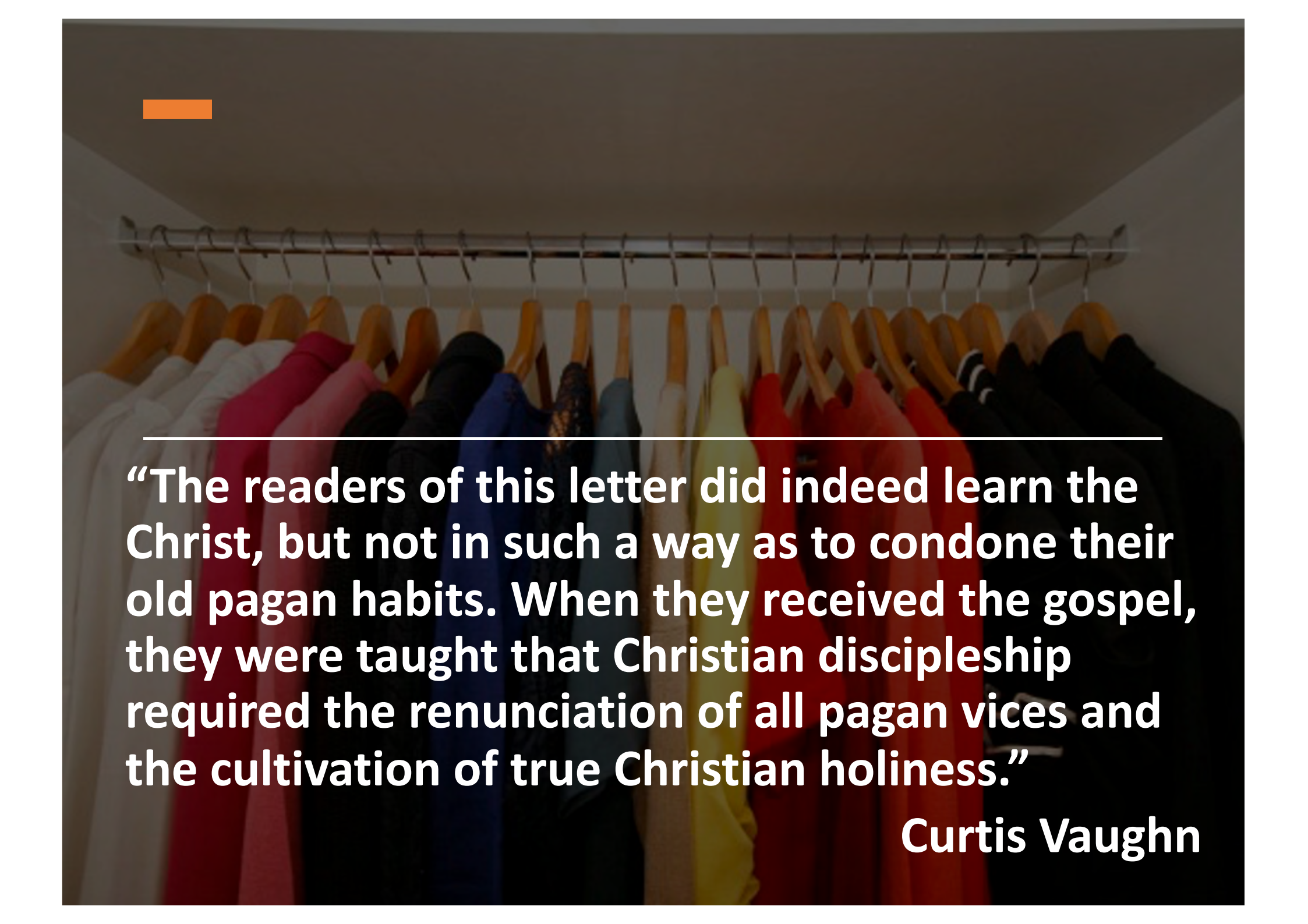
- Hard hearted towards God (4:18b)

- Callous in conscience towards  
impurity (4:19)



A woman with long, straight brown hair is seen from behind, looking into a closet. The closet is filled with various clothes hanging on hangers, including a white shirt, a colorful patterned shirt, and a dark polka-dot dress. The lighting is soft, and the overall tone is contemplative.

***Replace sinful  
lifestyle with  
new lifestyle  
consistent  
with  
profession of  
faith (4:20-24)***



**“The readers of this letter did indeed learn the Christ, but not in such a way as to condone their old pagan habits. When they received the gospel, they were taught that Christian discipleship required the renunciation of all pagan vices and the cultivation of true Christian holiness.”**

**Curtis Vaughn**



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- *Put off old self*  
(4:22)
  - *Put on new self*  
(4:22-24)

## 2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



# *Autobiography in 5 short chapters*

**P o r t i a      N e l s o n**

## **Chapter 1**

**I walk down the street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I fall in.**

**I am lost. . . I am hopeless.**

**It isn't my fault.**

**It takes forever to find a way out.**



# *Autobiography in 5 short chapters*

**P o r t i a   N e l s o n**

## **Chapter 2**

**I walk down the same street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I pretend I don't see it.**

**I fall in again.**

**I can't believe I'm in the same place.**

**But it isn't my fault.**

**It still takes a long time to get out.**



# *Autobiography in 5 short chapters*

**P o r t i a   N e l s o n**

## **Chapter 3**

**I walk down the same street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I see it is there.**

**I still fall in. . . it's a habit.**

**My eyes are open.**

**I know where I am.**

**It is my fault.**

**I get out immediately.**



# *Autobiography in 5 short chapters*

**P o r t i a      N e l s o n**

## **Chapter 4**

**I walk down the same street.**

**There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.**

**I walk around it.**



# *Autobiography in 5 short chapters*

**P o r t i a   N e l s o n**

## **Chapter 5**

**I walk down another street.**



# We Do Not Walk Like the World

*Ephesians 4:25-32*



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*We change from dishonest deception to integrity of truth  
(4:25)*

### **Zechariah 8:16-17**

*<sup>16</sup> These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; <sup>17</sup> do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD.”*

*We change from dishonest deception to integrity of truth  
(4:25)*

*We change from quickly giving in to temptations of  
anger to quickly resolving anger (4:26-27)*



## **Psalm 4:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*

<sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

<sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

## **James 1:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

<sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

*We change from dishonest deception to integrity of truth  
(4:25)*

*We change from quickly giving in to temptations of  
anger to quickly resolving anger (4:26-27)*

*We change from selfish taking to generous giving (4:28)*

*We change from destructive words to spiritually edifying  
words (4:29-30)*

*We change from embittered grudges to compassionate  
forgiveness (4:31-32)*

Let no un**wholesome**  
word proceed from your  
mouth, but only such a  
word as is good for  
**edification**  
according to the need  
of the **moment**,  
so that it will give **grace**  
to those who hear.

**Ephesians 4:29 NASB**



# MAIN MENU

CITY OF EPHESUS

BACKGROUND

OUTLINE

SCRIPTURE IN SONG

CHAPTERS 1–3

▶▶ CHAPTERS 4–6

CONCLUSION

Overview  
Emphasis  
Application

# Ephesians 5

# The Don'ts (5:3-18)

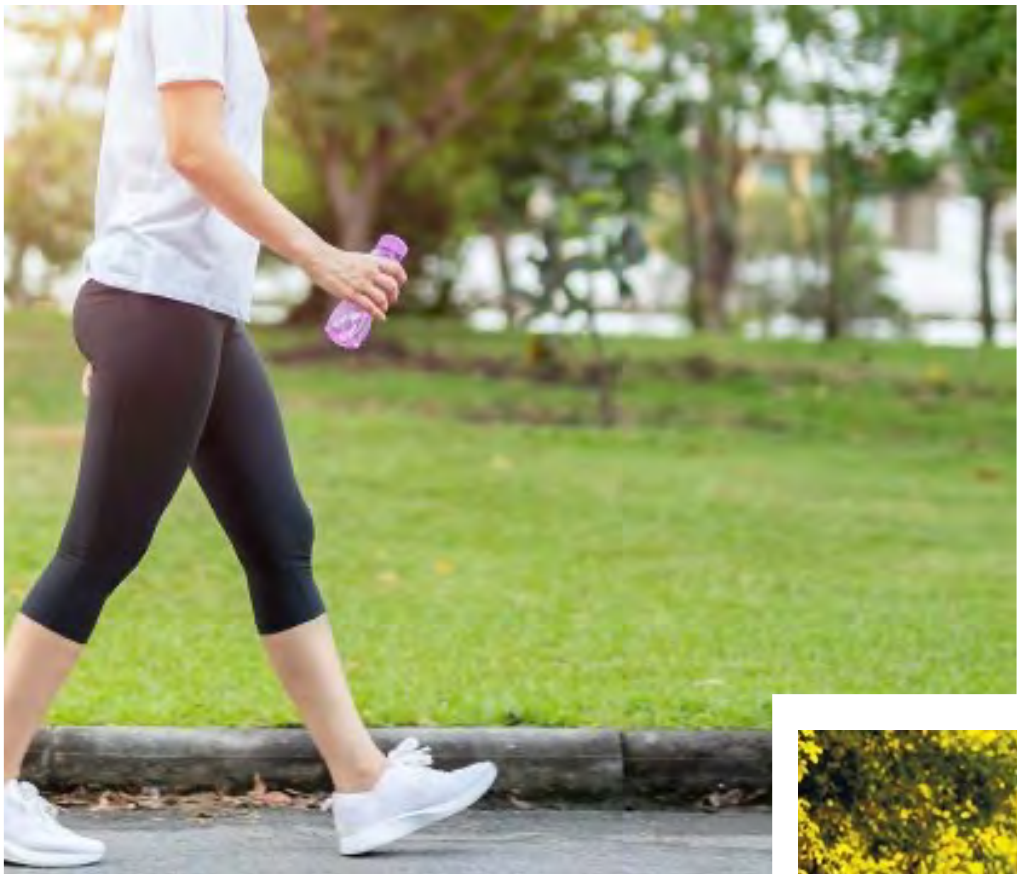
- Sexual immorality (5:3)
- Greed (5:3)
- Impurity (5:3)
- Obscenity (5:4)
- Foolish talk, coarse joking (5:4-5)
- Drunkenness (5:18)

EPHESIANS 5:1 – 14

♡ WALK IN LOVE.



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*Walk*



*Run*



## *Taking a walk with the Ephesians*

### **How**

4:1 – “in a manner worthy of the calling”

4:17 – “no longer . . . as the Gentiles”

5:15 – “as wise”

### **Where**

2:10 – in prepared “good works”

5:1 – “in love”

5:8 – “as children of light”

# *New People*

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EPHESIANS 5:1 – 14

♡ WALK IN LOVE.





## *Sacrifice self for others (5:1-2)*

### **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**

**<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. <sup>15</sup> For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, <sup>16</sup> to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.**





*Sacrifice self for others (5:1-2)*



*Live in purity and contentment (5:3-7)*



*Contrast the world's darkness (5:8-14)*

- **Remind yourself of your identity (5:8-9)**

**“If they are *light*, then let them behave as *children of light*, and this will mean living by values that are diametrically opposed to those of their surrounding society.”**

**Peter O’Brien**



***Sacrifice self for others (5:1-2)***



***Live in purity and contentment (5:3-7)***



***Contrast the world's darkness (5:8-14)***

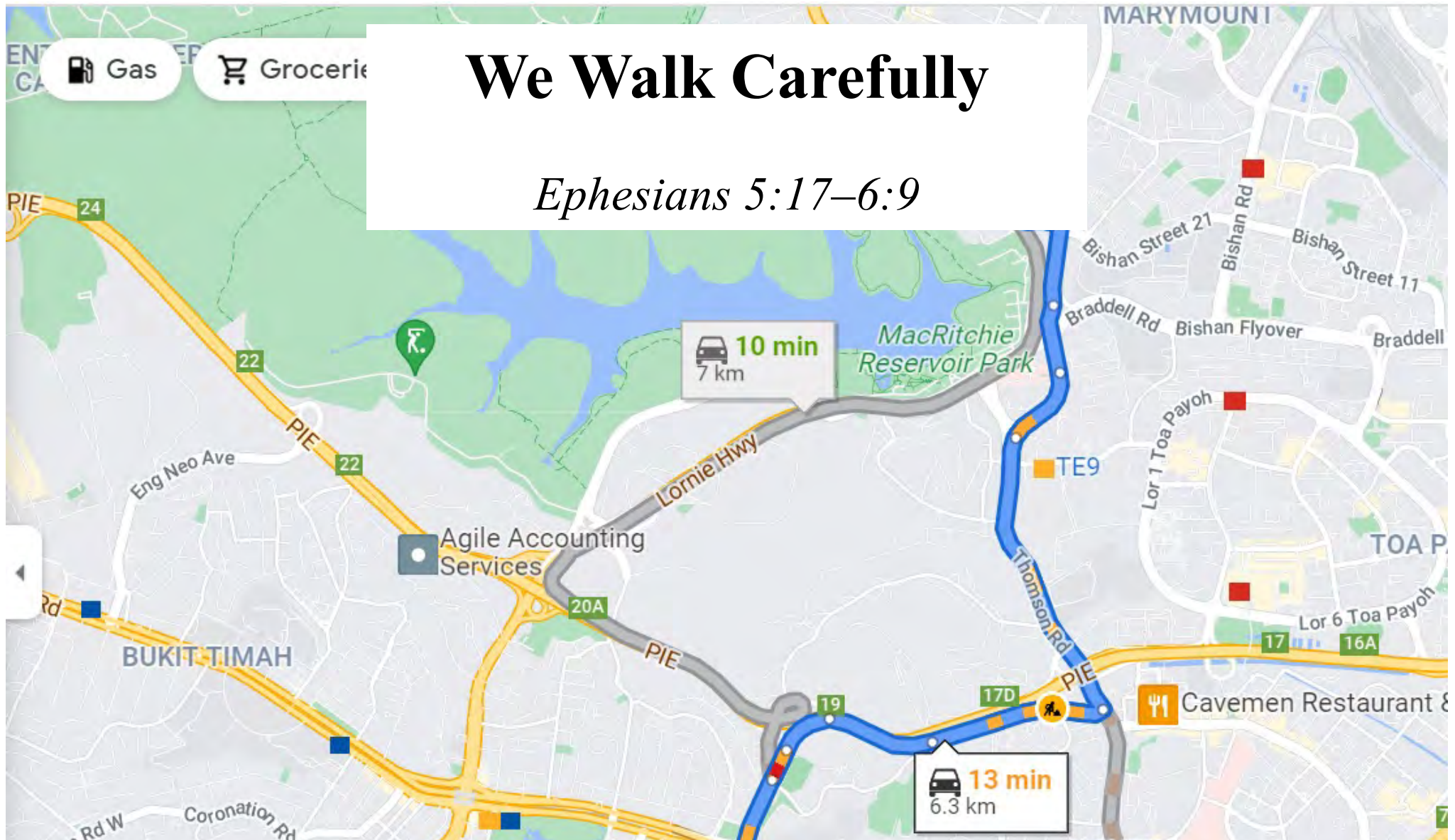
- **Remind yourself of your identity (5:8-9)**
- **Discern what is pleasing to God (5:10)**
- **Expose and transform darkness (5:11-14)**

# *Light in the Valley of the Kwai*

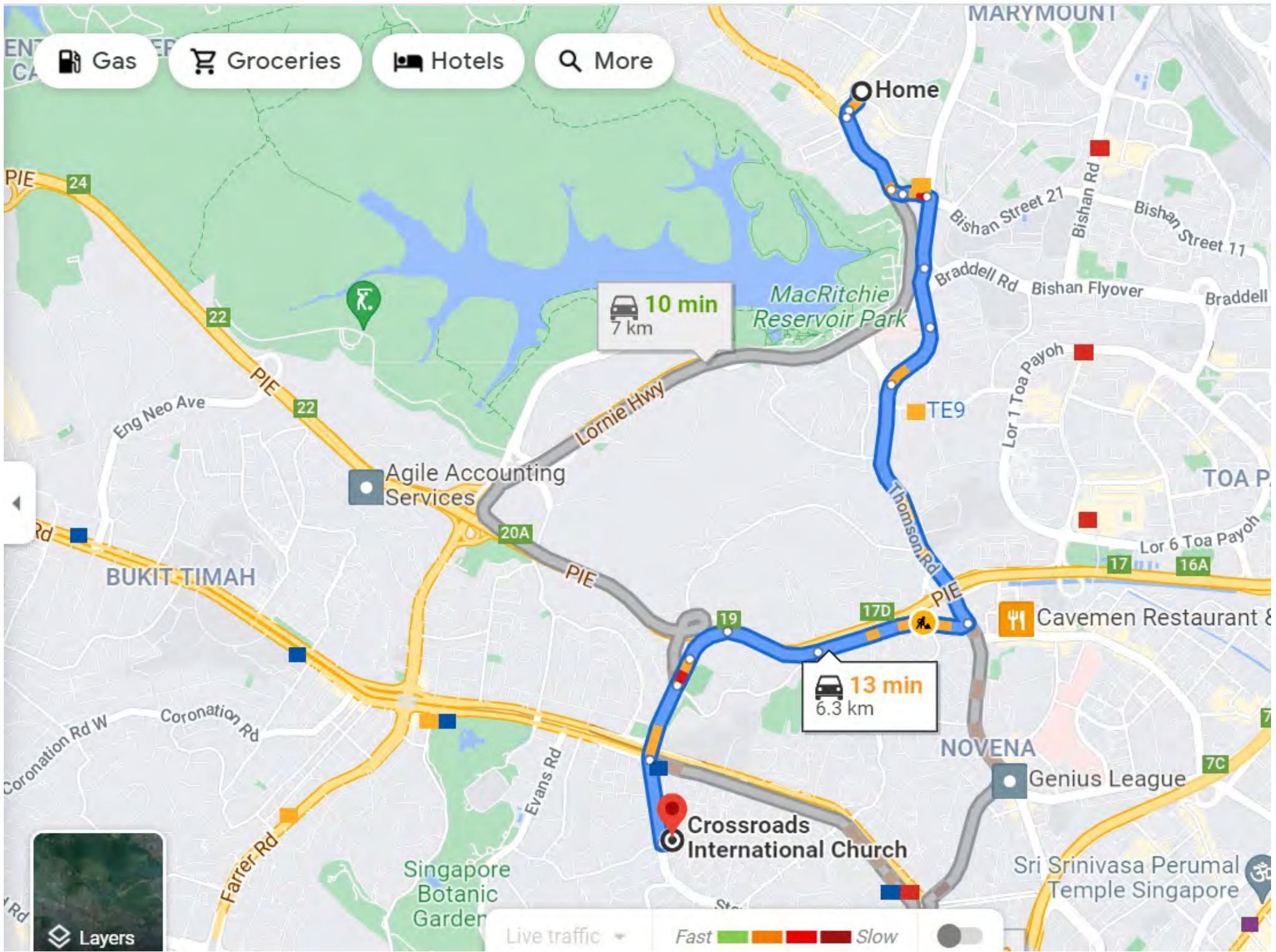


# We Walk Carefully

*Ephesians 5:17–6:9*



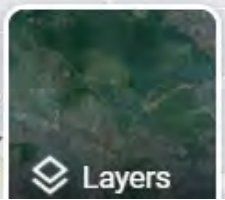
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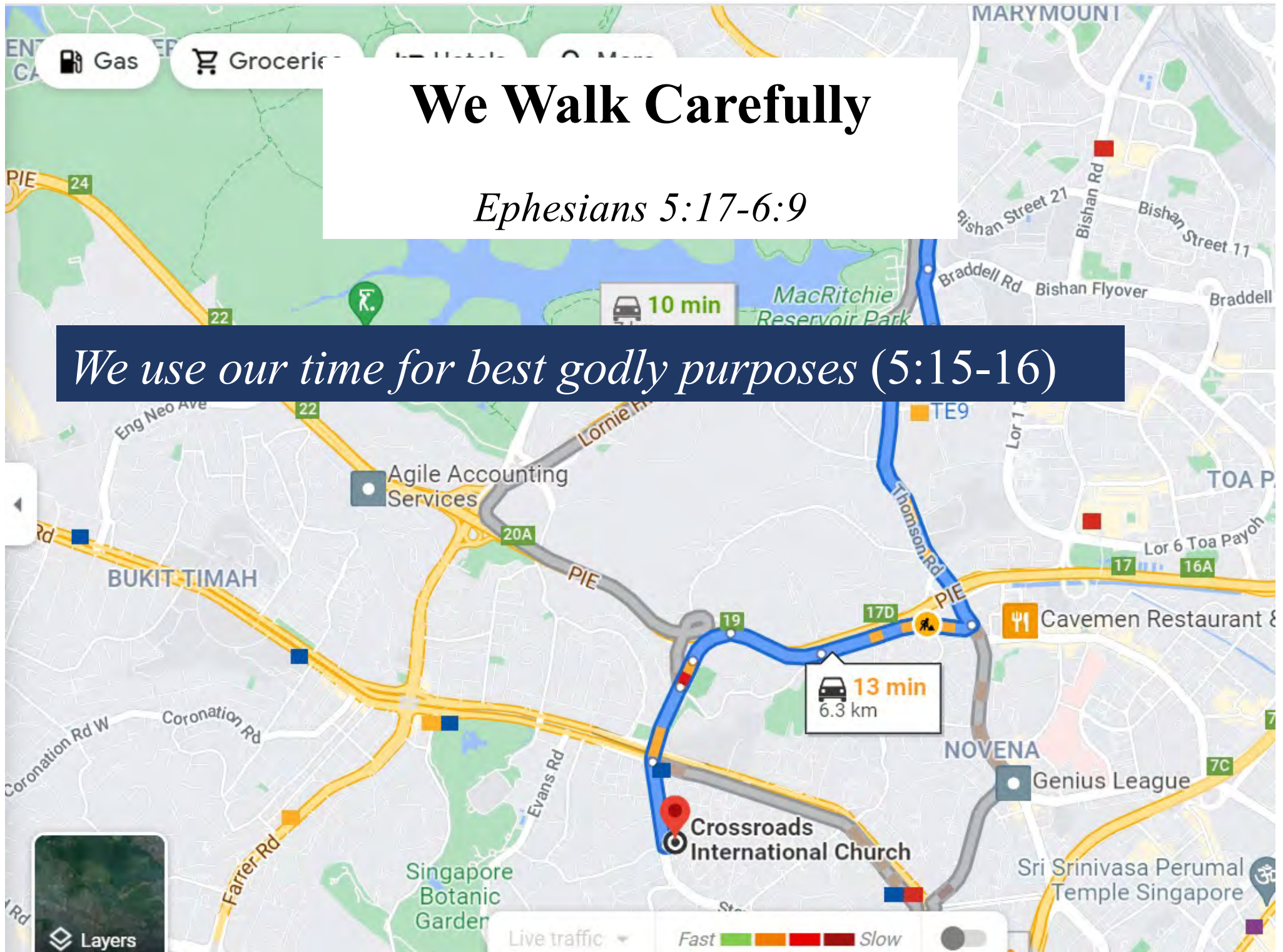
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*Studies in Ephesians*

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*We use our time for best godly purposes (5:15-16)*



"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup>Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. <sup>17</sup>Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do" (Eph 5:15-17 NLT).

"Therefore, **be careful** how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of your time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So then **do not be foolish**, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:15-17 NAU).

How can you “redeem the time”?





# Bartering



“Certainly wise people know that time is a precious commodity. All of us have the same amount of time at our disposal, with sixty minutes in every hour and twenty four hours in every day. None of us can stretch time. But wise people use it to the fullest possible advantage. They know that time is passing, and also that *the days are evil*. So they seize each fleeting opportunity while it is there. For once it has passed, even the wisest people cannot recover it.”

**John Stott**

A map of Singapore showing a route from MacRitchie Reservoir Park to Crossroads International Church. The map includes various landmarks like the Singapore Botanic Garden, Cavemen Restaurant, and Sri Srinivasa Perumal Temple. A blue route is highlighted, with a callout box indicating a 13-minute drive of 6.3 km. Text overlays are placed over the map, including a title, a Bible verse, and three statements. A search bar at the top left shows 'Gas' and 'Groceries' filters.

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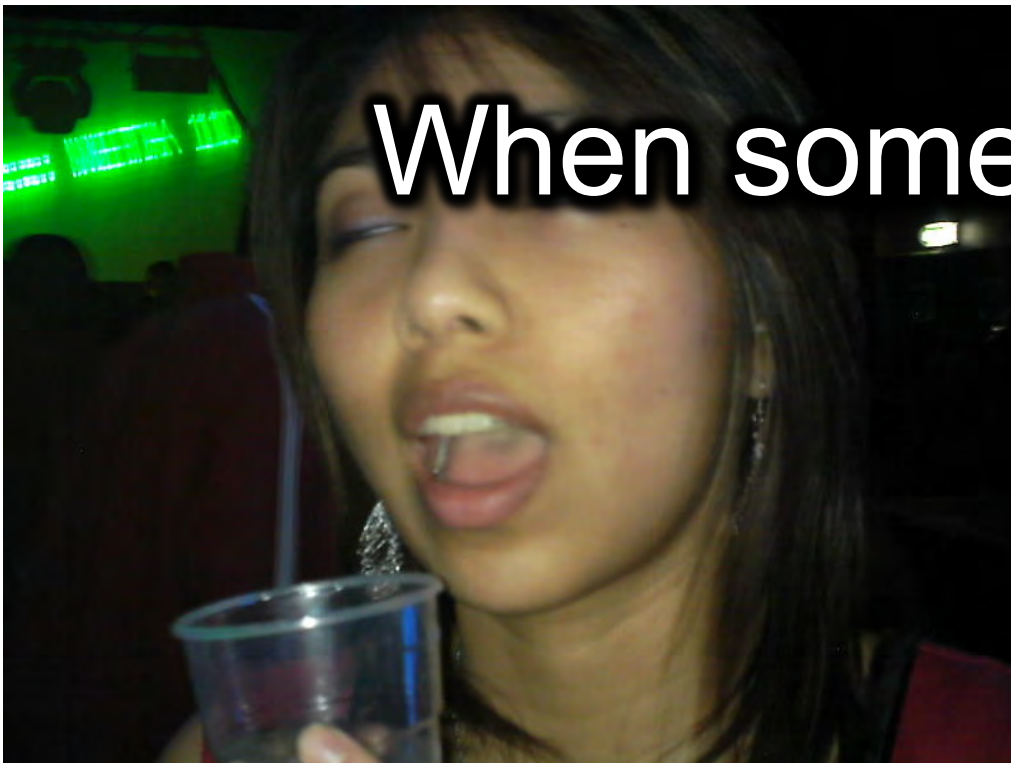
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When someone is drunk...



# Ephesians 5:18-20 NLT

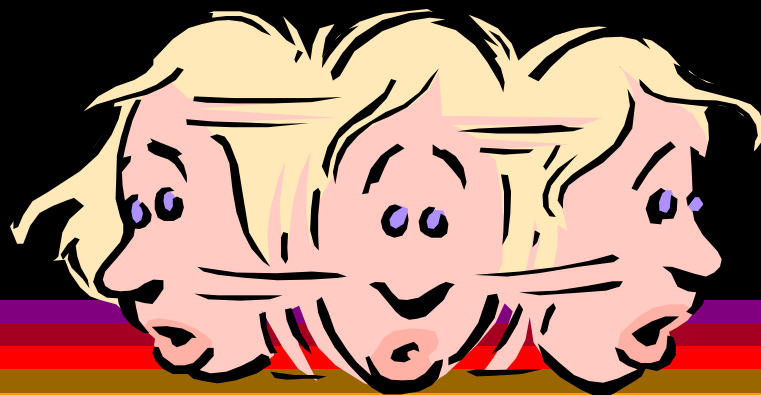
**Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.**



**Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,**



**<sup>19</sup>singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



***Can a believer sin to the extent  
that the Holy Spirit leaves?***

**Controversial Issues about the  
Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

# Baptism v. Filling

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## The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

## The Filling with the Holy Spirit

### Definition or Purpose

The Spirit's work of placing  
believers into the body of Christ

The Spirit's work to  
empower (control)  
believers for service &  
equip them with Christ's  
character

### Scripture

Propheesied (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8;  
Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5);  
Fulfilled (Acts 2:1ff.; cf. 11:15-16);  
Explained (1 Cor. 12:13)

“Walk by the Spirit”  
(Gal. 5:16)  
“Keep in step with the  
Spirit” (Gal. 5:25)  
Be “led by the Spirit”  
(Gal. 5:18)

### Key Passage

1 Corinthians 12:13

Ephesians 5:18

### Tense

Aorist: past event, action  
undefined

Present: continuous,  
action repeated

## The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

## The Filling with the Holy Spirit

### Mood

Indicative: states a fact (“were baptized”), never commanded or shown “how to get the baptism”

Imperative: a command to heed (“be filled”), shown how to receive the filling by yielding ourselves to Christ

### Time Occurs

At salvation: “promise...is for all” (Acts 2:38-39), when they believed (Acts 11:16-17), “every spiritual blessing” (Eph. 1:3), “complete in Him” (Col. 2:9-10), “everything pertaining to... godliness” (2 Pet. 1:3)

At and after salvation

# Baptism v. Filling

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	<b>The Baptism with the Holy Spirit</b>	<b>The Filling with the Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Not repeated (a one-time experience)</b>	<b>Repeated (throughout one's life; compare Acts 9:17; 13:9)</b>
<b>Participants</b>	<b>All Christians (spiritual and carnal) ("we were all baptized" 1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Gal. 3:2, 14; 4:6)</b>	<b>Spiritual Christians</b>
<b>Permanence</b>	<b>Eternal: cannot be undone</b>	<b>Temporal: can be lost (Acts 2:4; 4:8, 31)</b>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Faith in Christ</b>	<b>Yieldedness to Christ</b>
<b>OT occurrences?</b>	<b>No: never happened before Pentecost</b>	<b>Yes: OT believers sometimes empowered for service by the Spirit but not indwelt</b>

# Baptism v. Filling

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## The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

## The Filling with the Holy Spirit

Results

**Position:**  
Placed in the body of  
Christ (Church)

**Practice:** Praise, worship,  
thanksgiving, submissiveness  
(Eph. 5:19-21); Christ like  
character (Gal. 5:22-23);  
evangelism (Acts 2:4 with 2:41;  
4:31 with 5:14; 6:3 with 6:7)

Commanded?

No

Yes

Sought?

No (Acts 11:15-16)

Yes

## **John 14:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

## **Acts 6:3**

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

## **1 Corinthians 12:13**

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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# Being Spirit Controlled

- Spirit controlled words (5:19-20)

# **Results of Spirit Filling (Eph 5:18-21)**

- **Be filled with Spirit (5:18)**
- **Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (5:19a)**
- **Make music to the Lord (5:19b)**
- **Always be thankful (5:20)**
- **Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ (5:21)**

# Ephesians 5:21–6:9

**Submission in  
the family of God**



# **Family Life = Relationships Between...**

- **husband and wife (5:21–33)**
- **parents and children (6:1-4)**
- **masters and slaves (6:5-9)**

## **Specifics:**

- **Marriages should show mutual submission**
- **Raise children to obey their parents**
- **Employers & employees are both responsible**



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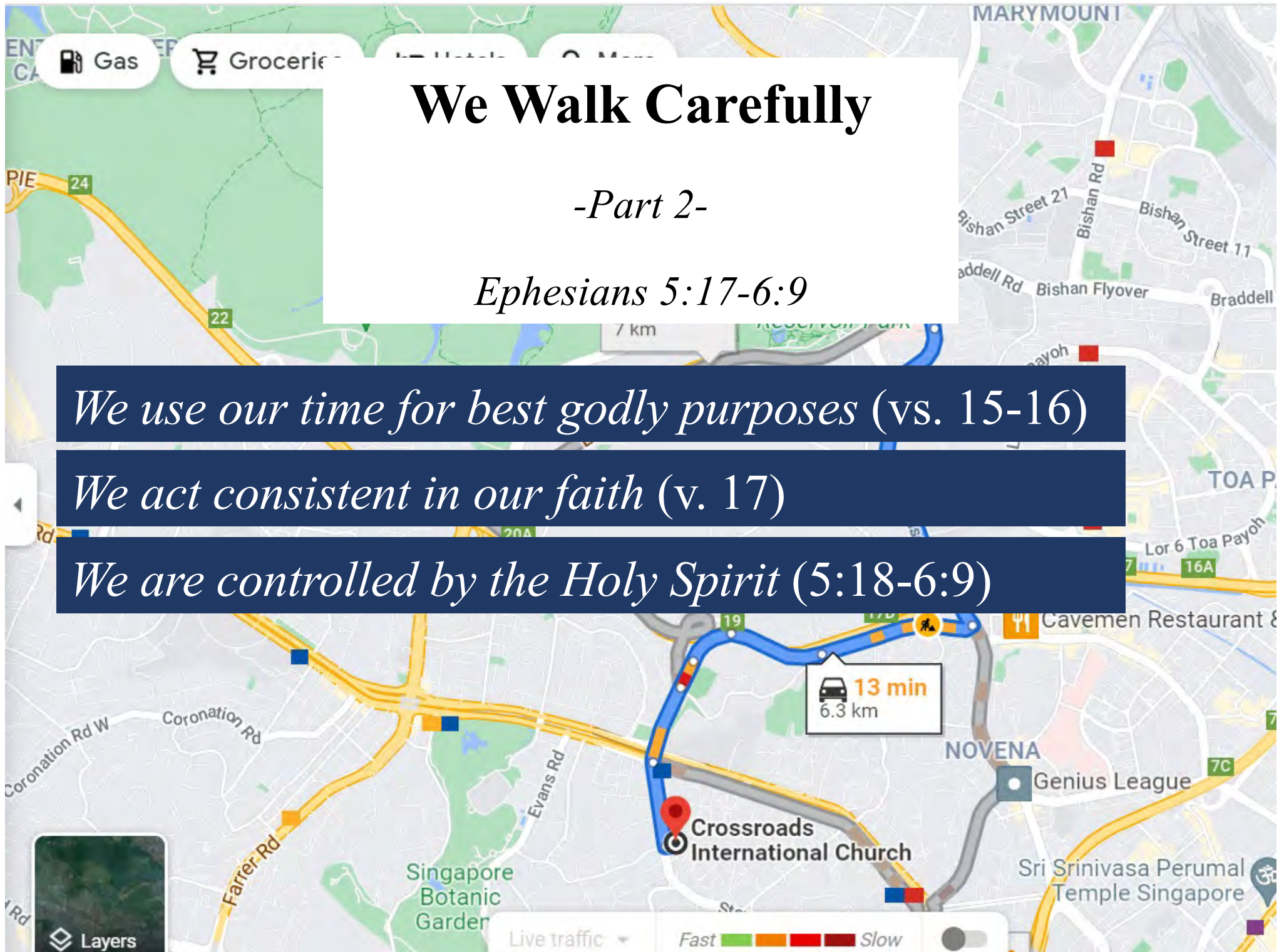
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# Unity Checklist

- ✓ sovereign election (1:3-5)
- ✓ security of salvation (1:13-14; 4:30)
- ✓ mixture of races in the church (2:13-19)
- ✓ the work of the Holy Spirit (4:7-16; 5:18)
- ✓ male headship (5:22-32)
- ✓ spiritual warfare (6:10-20)

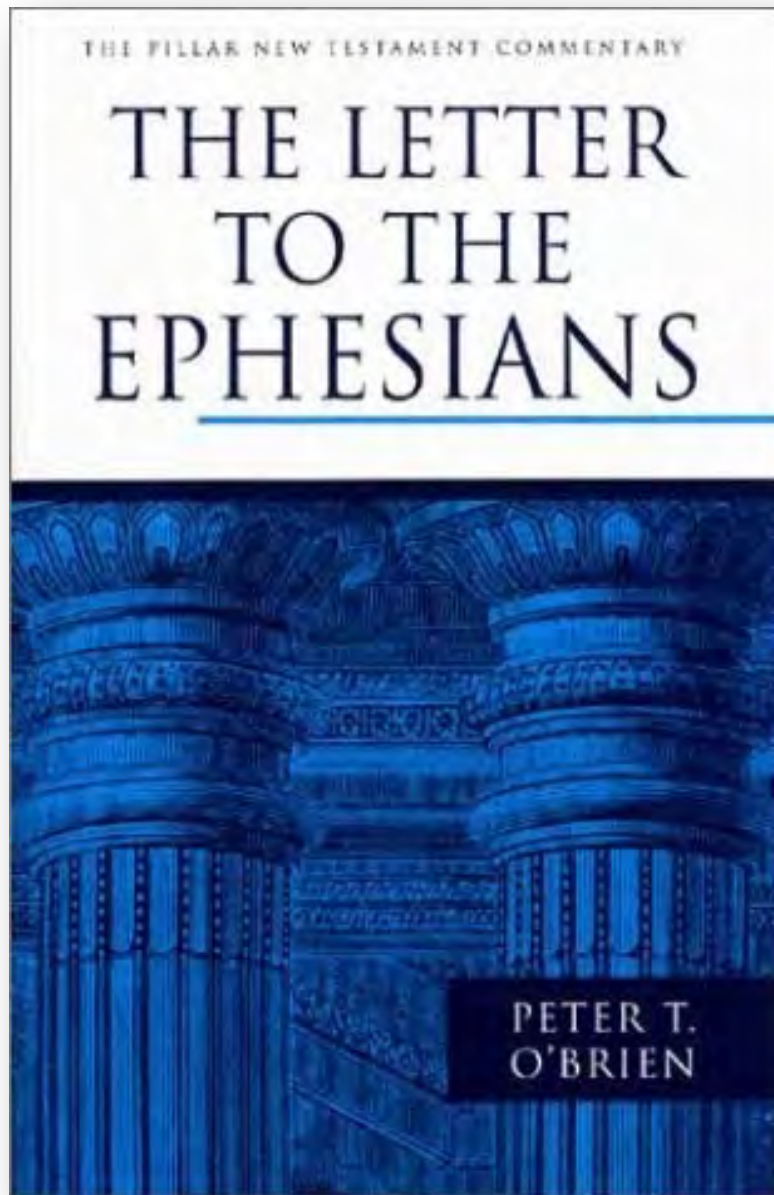
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# Mutual Submission (Ephesians 5:21).

*"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."*





“The idea of subordination to authority in general, as well as in the family, is out of favour in a world which prizes permissiveness and freedom. Christians are often affected by these attitudes. Subordination smacks of exploitation and oppression that are deeply resented. But authority is not synonymous with tyranny, and the submission to which the apostle refers does not imply inferiority.”

**Know**

**Do**





**Wives**, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

**Husbands**, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

—Ephesians 5:22-27 NIV—



# Know

A photograph of a wedding cake topper featuring a groom and a bride. The groom is on the left, wearing a black suit and a white shirt. The bride is on the right, wearing a white wedding dress with a pink and green floral corsage. They are standing on a white circular base. The background is a light, neutral color.

Wives submit to their husband's spiritual leadership  
(22-24)

Husbands lead their wives towards spiritual  
maturity (25-32)

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a green field towards a forest at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the trees are silhouetted against the bright horizon. The road is made of dirt and gravel, and the field is lush with green grass and yellow wildflowers.

# Christ's leading

Glorifier (v. 27)

Purifier (v. 26)

Savior (v. 23)



**Nourish**

**Cherish**



**Do**



Two gold wedding rings are shown on a wooden surface. The rings are positioned in the upper left quadrant of the image, with one ring slightly behind and to the right of the other. The wood grain is clearly visible, running horizontally across the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic sheen of the rings.

# Wives

- Speak with respect
- Pursue virtue

## 1 Peter 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

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## Wives

- Speak with respect
- Pursue virtue
- Promote godly leadership

Two gold wedding rings are positioned on a rustic wooden surface. The rings are simple, plain bands. One ring is in the foreground, slightly to the left, and the other is behind it, to the right. The wood grain is clearly visible, and the lighting creates soft shadows and highlights on the rings and the wood.

## Husbands

- Mature by modeling
- Love by serving
- Lead by fulfilling Christ's goal

# Ephesians 6



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*Ephesians 6:1-9*

## **Spirit Controlled Family & Employment**

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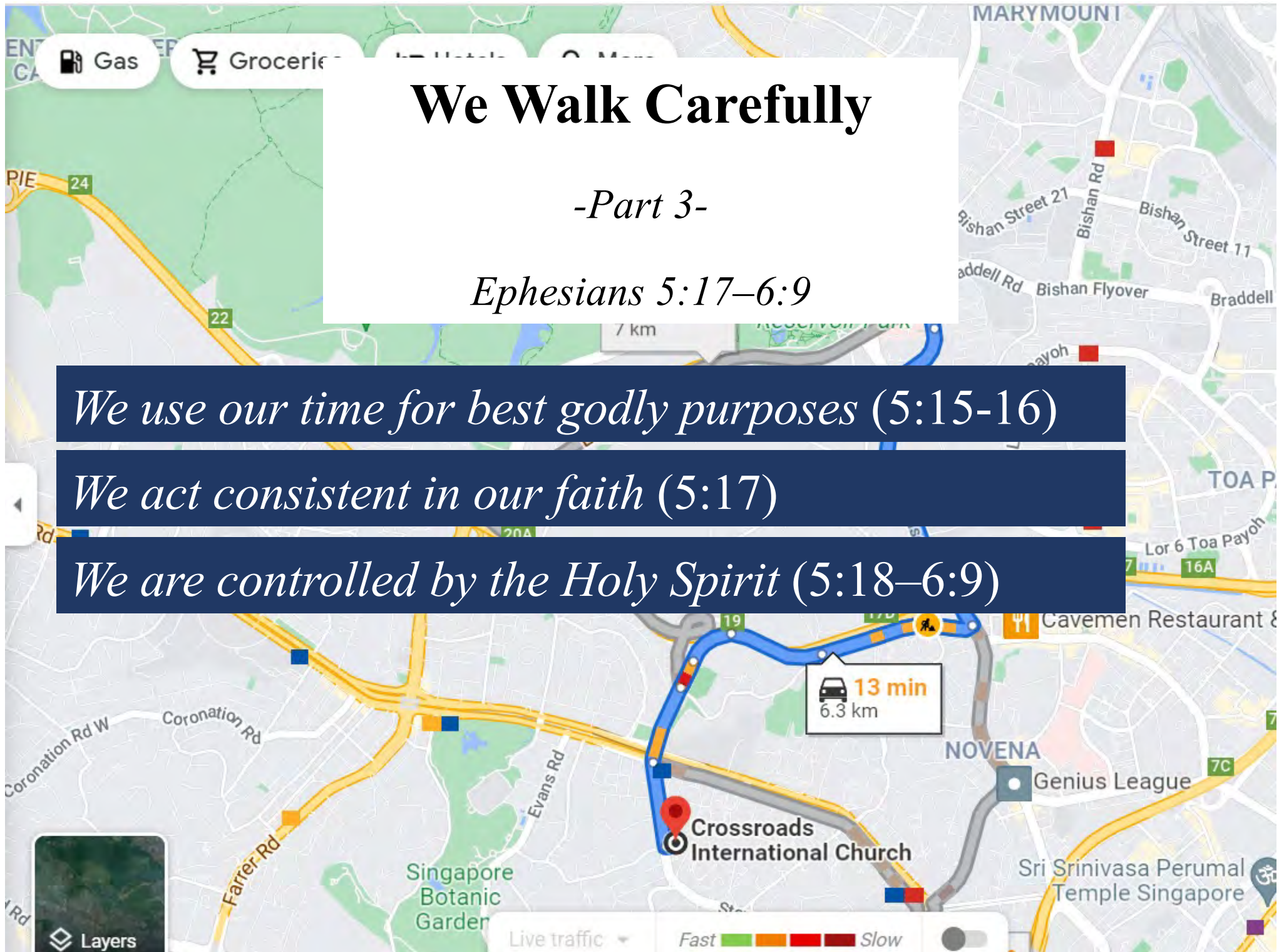
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# Parenting is the hardest job in the world





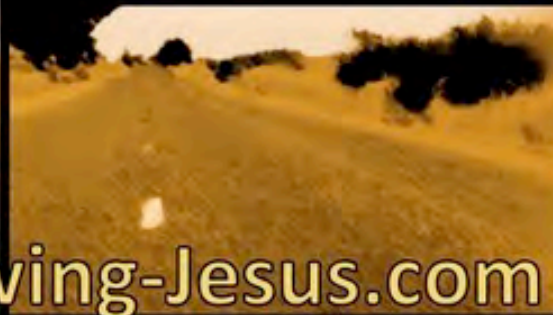
EPHESIANS 6:1

# CHILDREN



OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD

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➤ Children obey and honor parents

*“in the Lord”*      *“right”*



That it may go well with you  
and you live long in the land

Deuteronomy

4:40

5:16

5:29

6:2-3

11:9

12:25

12:28

22:7

**28:1-68**

Proverbs 3:1-2

# OBEY THE LAW OF GOD

**1<sup>st</sup> Generation  
Israelites**



**Did not enter the  
Promised Land**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation  
Israelites**



**Entered the Promised  
Land**

- Children obey and honor parents
- Parents nurture their children in the Lord



“Children are not allowed to grow up without care or control. They are to be instructed, disciplined, and admonished, so that they be brought to knowledge, self-control, and obedience.”

**Charles Hodge**

➤ Children obey and honor parents

➤ Parents nurture their children in the Lord

*“do not provoke”*

*“bring them up”*



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## **Love the Nations**

**"Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ"  
(Ephesians 6:5 NLT).**

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**"Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. <sup>7</sup>Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" (Ephesians 6:6-7 NLT).**

## Facts on Roman Slavery

- 50-60 million slaves in Roman Empire
- 1/3 population of Rome and Ephesus
- Became slaves due to debt, judicial sentence, & loss at war
- Some became slaves to gain Roman citizenship

### Under the Roman system slaves could

- Purchase their freedom
- Gain education
- Own land
- Own slaves

Paul said . . .

- Gain freedom if possible, but live for Christ if you remain a slave (1 Cor 7:21-24)
- Philemon to offer freedom to his runaway slave Onesimus, but the runaway is also encouraged to return home (Philemon 15-17)

➤ Employees work as unto the Lord

*“rendering service . . . as to the Lord”*

*“with a sincere heart”*

*“not by the way of eye-service”*

*“with a good will”*





### *Questions to ask*

- “Is this the best I can do?”
- “Would God approve of my work or work attitude?”
- “Do I treat others, either subordinates or superiors, with fairness, kindness, and respect?”
- “Am I a cheerful person to be around?”

- Employees work as unto the Lord
- Employers treat their employees with fairness

*“do the same to them”*





**Is there a  
battle  
between  
human  
armies?**

# Our Real Enemy

**Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.<sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.**

**—Ephesians 6:11-12 NLT—**



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Ephesians  
6:10-20

**The  
Armor  
of  
God**

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**Ephesians 6:10-20**

# **THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOUR**

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**Paul  
compared  
us to a  
Roman  
soldier**



**Belt of  
truth**

**Held up  
flowing  
robe and  
sword**

**= *integrity***



**Breastplate of  
righteousness**



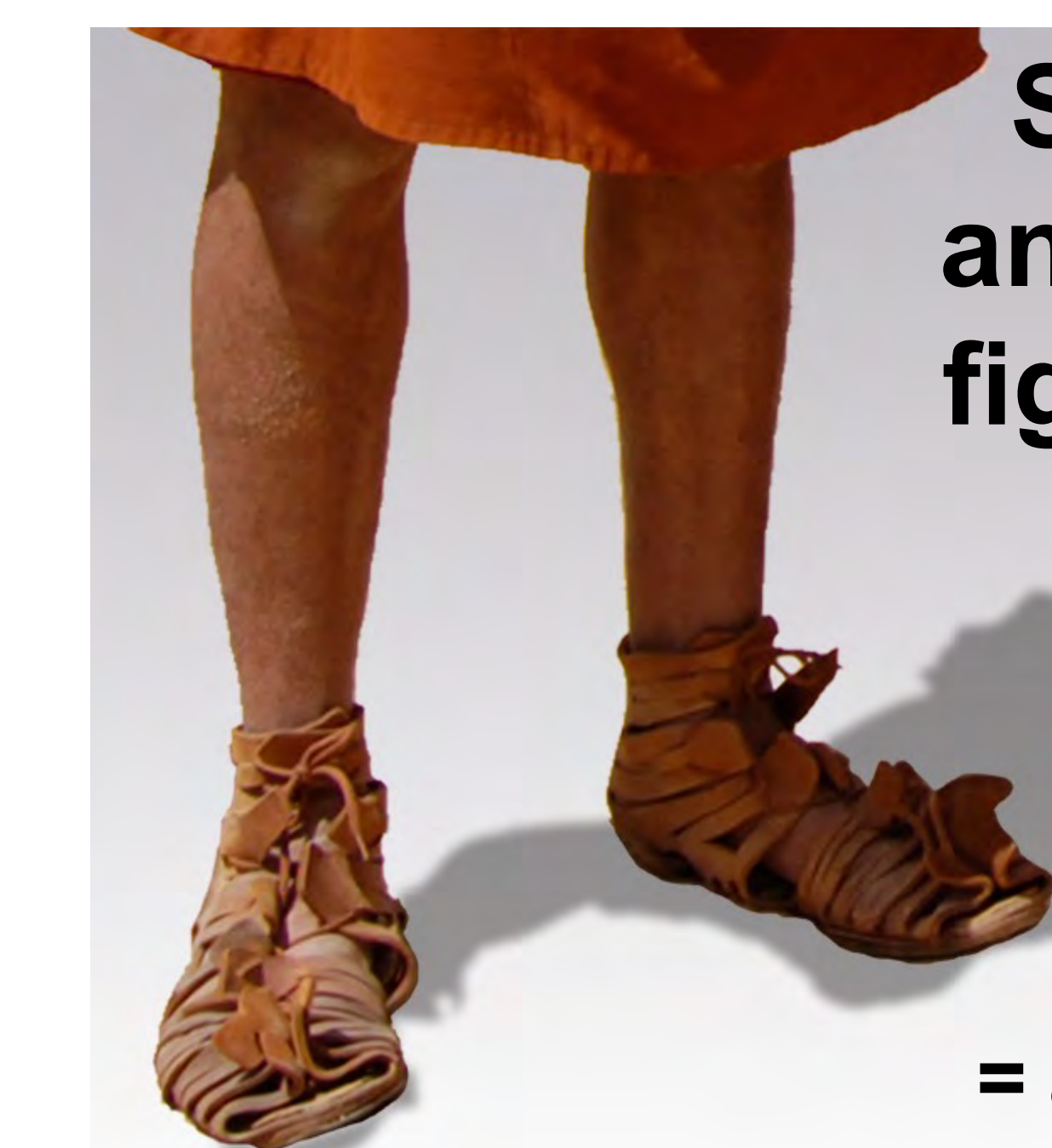


**Protected  
vital organs**

**= *imputed  
righteousness***

**Shoes  
that lead  
to peace**





**Sure footing  
and mobility to  
fight anywhere**

**= *availability in  
evangelism***



**Shield  
of faith**



**Shield  
of faith**

**Extinguished fiery  
arrows and fended  
off swords**

**= *faith to fight  
temptations***





**Helmet of  
salvation**



**Protected from  
head injury**

**= *assurance of  
salvation***

# Sword of the Spirit





**Attacked  
the foe or  
defended  
against  
attack**

**= *using God's  
Word***



**Unity in  
battle**

# ***“The Turtle”***



***= advancing  
together***

# Protecting one another





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# Roman Soldier



# Pieces of the Armor



Breastplate (14b)

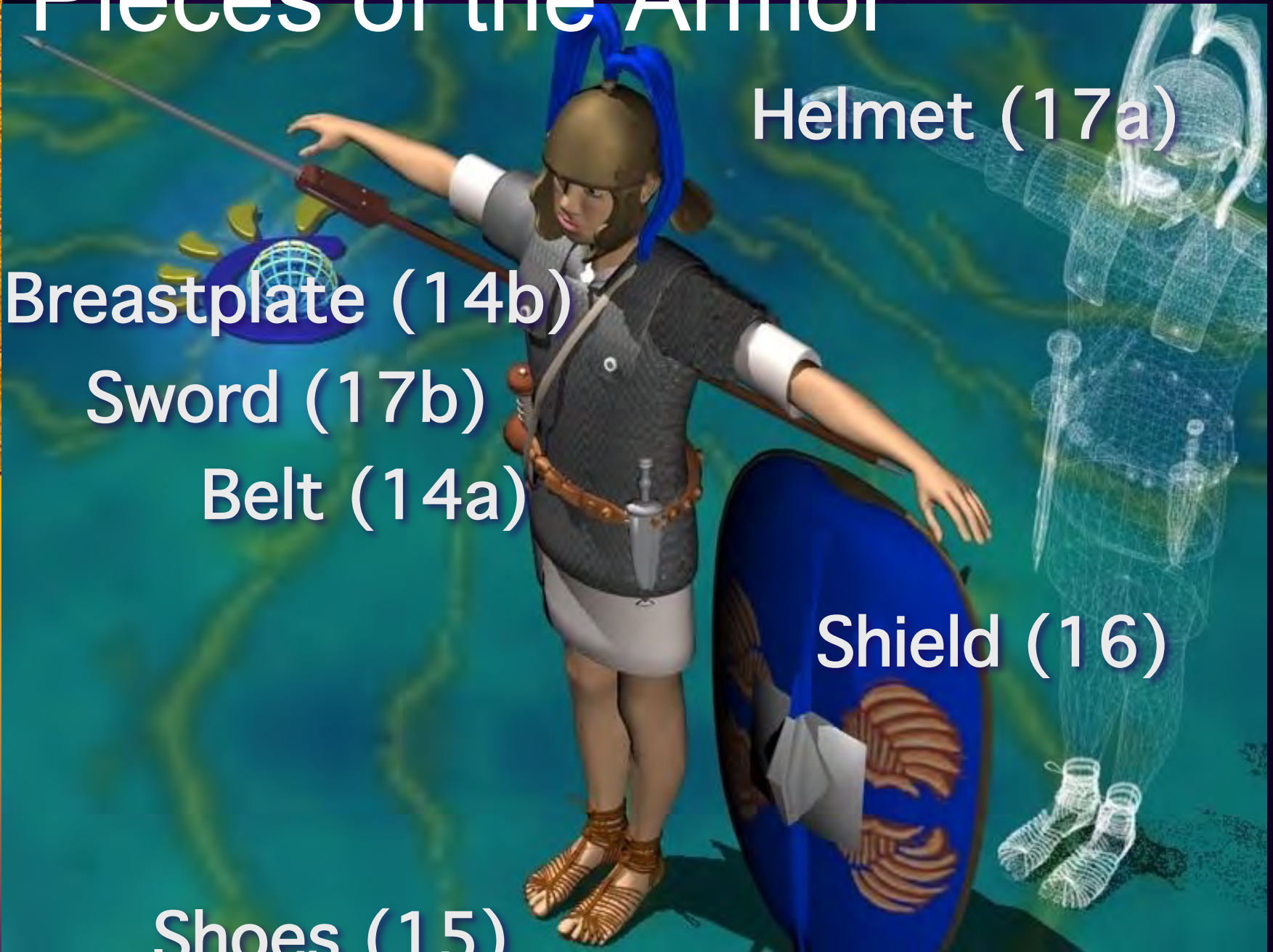
Sword (17b)

Belt (14a)

Helmet (17a)

Shield (16)

Shoes (15)



# 180i Weapons

Weapons	Roman Function	Spiritual Meaning	Defends Against Accusations of...	Practical Applications
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# 180i Weapons



Weapons	Roman Function	Spiritual Meaning	Defends Against Accusations of...	Practical Applications
<b>Belt of Truth</b> (14a)	Held up flowing robe and sword	Integrity	Hypocrisy	Ask one to note your inconsistencies
<b>Breastplate of Righteousness</b> (14b)	Protected vital organs	Imputed righteousness	Never being able to conquer sin	Discover position in Christ
<b>Shoes that lead to Peace</b> (15)	Sure footing and mobility to fight anywhere	Availability in evangelism	Uselessness in sharing the gospel	Share gospel at lunch
<b>Shield of Faith</b> (16)	Extinguished fiery arrows & fended off swords	Faith in God	Inability to fight temptations	Avoid magazine racks
<b>Helmet of Salvation</b> (17a)	Protected from head injury	Assurance of salvation	Doubt of salvation	Memorize eternal security verses
<b>Sword of the Spirit</b> (17b)	Attacked the foe or defended against attack	God's Word, the Bible	Inadequacy of God's Word (lies about us or God)	Read Bible 15 minutes each day

**Use Your Weapons!**



# MAIN MENU

CITY OF EPHESUS

BACKGROUND

OUTLINE

SCRIPTURE IN SONG

CHAPTERS 1–3

CHAPTERS 4–6

▶▶ CONCLUSION

Q&A

Recap

# RECAP: The Book of Ephesians

**Written in AD 60 at the first Roman imprisonment to strengthen Jew-Gentile unity in Ephesus to show love as a witness**

- **God's work of redemption and sanctification**
- **Response: the Christian's walk of unity, repentance and power**

**Key verses in 4:2-3 extol us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received**

## **Love the Nations**

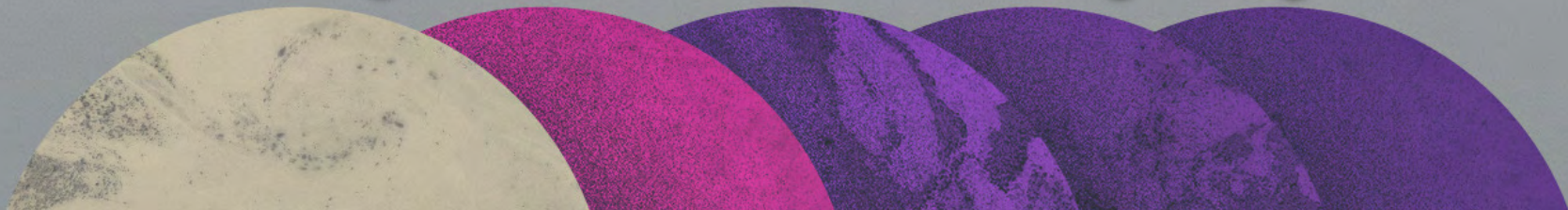
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# Love one another

**23** Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you **love** with faithfulness.

**24** May God's grace be eternally upon all who **love** our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 6: 23-24 (NLT)**



How can our church  
**be united**  
despite our many different  
kinds of people?



**Love God, love the church as  
**equals**, and love the nations**



***Main Idea of Ephesians***

# How to be united...



**Eph 1–3**

# How to be united...



**Love the Church**

**Love  
God**

**Eph 4–6**

**How to be united...**

**Love the Nations**

**Love the Church**

**Love  
God**

**Ephesians**

## **Love the Nations**

**"And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth"  
(Ephesians 1:10 NLT).**

## **Love the Nations**

**"God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church" (Ephesians 1:22 NLT).**

## **Love the Nations**

**"And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself"  
(Ephesians 1:23 NLT).**

## **Love the Nations**

**"So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus"  
(Ephesians 2:7 NLT).**

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**"Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them" (Ephesians 5:11 NLT).**

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# Think about it.



**Do you really act like you are equal with other members of the body of Christ?**

- **Maids?**
- **Former Muslims (Malays)?**
- **Believers in Prison?**
- **Poor churches of India, Myanmar, Bangladesh, etc.?**

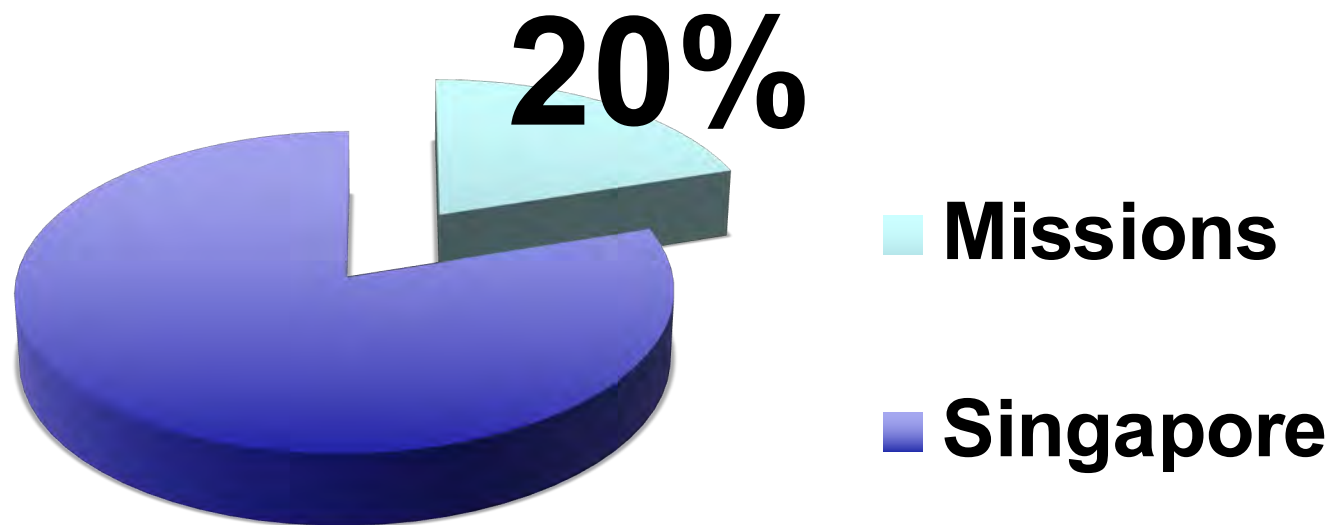
**How do you show your unity with believers different from you?**

# Crossroads in Missions





# Missions Giving



# Our Vision

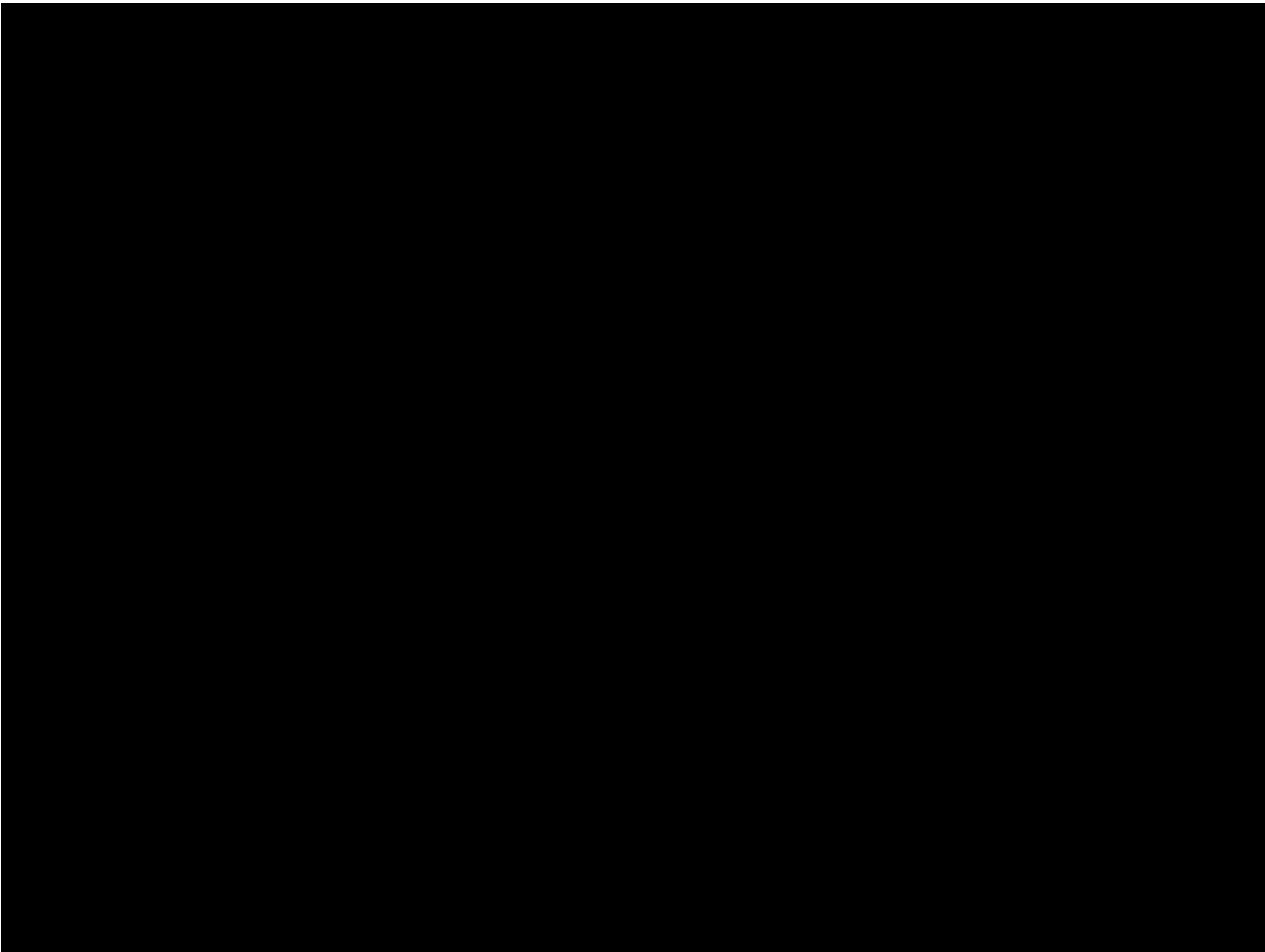
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**Love the Church**

**Love  
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**Unity in Diversity Brings Joy!**



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