

# Ephesians



Revealing our True identity

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- Purpose: Reveal the Christ's sufficiency, The Churches Unity and the Christian's Duty through the study of Paul's Prison Epistle to the Ephesians.
- **Theme:** Building the body Christ in image the image and likeness of Christ.
- **Title:** Revealing Our True Identity.

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- Ephesians 3-4 reveals the Churches unity.
- Ephesians 5-6 reveals the Christians duty.





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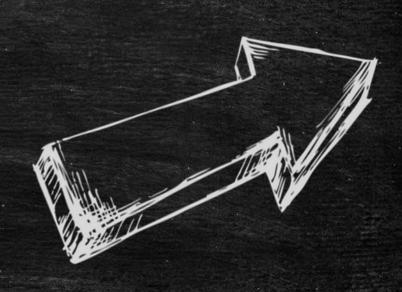
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### Introduction

Ephesians 6:10-18

 We don't send babies into battle, We send men.

### 1 Corinthians 14:20

Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.



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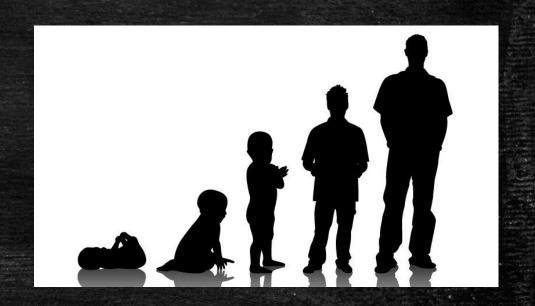
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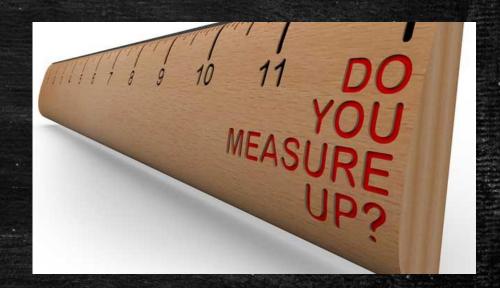
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  - 2. Spiritual Maturity develops apart from physical maturity.

1 Samuel 3:19
And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

C. God provides Christians a way to measure up!



#### Seven stages of spiritual Growth:

- 1. Repentance (Children, Ephesians 6:1)
- 2. Enlightenment (Children, Ephesians 6:1)
- 3. Ministry Training (Adolescence or Servant, Ephesians 6: 5)
- **4. Leadership Development** (Adolescence or Servant, *Ephesians 6:5*)
- 5. Re-evaluation, Separation and Renewed Consecration (Young adult or Master, *Ephesians 6:9*)
- **6. Responsible Leadership** (Master or mature adult, *Ephesians* 6:9)
- 7. World Vision & Complete Consecration (Master & Soldier, Ephesians 6:11-24)



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#### Jeremiah 9:22-23

Speak, Thus saith the LORD, Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest man, and none shall gather them. 23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

#### Isaiah 31:1

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

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#### Isaiah 40:25-26

To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Zechariah 4:6
Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Matthew 16:18** 

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

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Romans 7:18

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

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  - 4. Paul was one of the most brilliant men of his era and he didn't trust in his own <u>ability</u>!
  - 5. God has provided us <u>all</u> the power we need through Him; our job is to put on the **whole armor** of God. *Ephesians* 6:11



#### 1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

#### Numbers 25:3-12

- And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.
- And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto
- Baalpeor.
- And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

  And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among
- the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
- And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

  And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

- Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.
- Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace:



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For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

#### 1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.



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**Jude 1:9** 

Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.



#### Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

#### 2 Corinthians 11:2-3

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.



## F. Wise up to the enemy's tactics.

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  - a. Do away with the attitude of **ingratitude**.
  - b. Don't listen to **gossip**.
  - c. <u>Give</u> People the benefit of the doubt. d. Exercise Matthew 18.



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Ephesians 4:26-27

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.



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- 7. Practical advice *Romans* 16:19

#### **Romans 16:19**

For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.



God provides the Christian Warrior everything necessary to stan in battle



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Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.



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  - D. This armor does not **reflect** light it is light!

#### **Romans 13:12**

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

II. The Christian Warrior must <u>use</u> his armor not just wear it.

Ephesians 6:14-17



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Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

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  Ephesians 6:14-17
  - A. Gird up your **loins** with truth.



#### 1 Peter 1:13-14

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

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  Ephesians 6:14-17
  - A. Gird up your **loins** with truth.
  - B. Have on the breastplate of righteousness.



Romans 5:19
For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1 Thessalonians 5:8
But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

#### Isaiah 59:17

For he put on **righteousness as a breastplate**, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

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**Ephesians 6:15**And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Isaiah 52:7
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

### 1 Thessalonians 2:4

But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

### 1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

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    - 1. The **priority** of faith.



Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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#### Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

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  - F. The **sword** of the Spirit which is the word of God.



### Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.



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  - A. The Christian Warrior is to stand in **Faith**.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

2 Timothy 2:1
Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

### 2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.



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  - A. The Christian Warrior is to stand in **Faith**.
  - B. The Christian Warrior is to stand in His grace.

### Romans 5:2

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.



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Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;



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#### Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.



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### Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.



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- F. In one **Spirit** and one **mind**.

### Philippians 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;



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- G. Not in man's wisdom.

1 Corinthians 2:5
That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.



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- H. Against the **wiles** of the devil.

**Ephesians 6:11**Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

### Where We Are Going:

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