

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS



PAUL SUMMARIZES
THE GOSPEL STORY
& HOW IT SHOULD RESHAPE EVERY PART OF
OUR STORY.

1-3 THE GOSPEL STORY

"THEREFORE"

4-6 OUR STORY

1:3-14
OPENING POEM

PRAISE GOD FOR
WHAT HE'S DONE
IN CHRIST

ACTS
CHAPTER 2

1:15-23 PRAYER

EXPERIENCE
THE POWER
THAT RAISED JESUS
FROM THE DEAD

WE JEW
YOU GENTILE
COVENANT FAMILY
FORGIVENESS
GRACE

1:10 UNITY OF EVERYTHING UNDER THE MESSIAH

2:1-10 GOD'S GRACE...

2:11-22 ...A NEW, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY

NEW HUMANS
NEW PURPOSE & TASKS
ACCESS TO
NO PURPOSE
DECEPTION
SELFISHNESS
SIN

"A NEW, UNIFIED HUMANITY THAT LIVES IN
PEACE" (2:15)

3 PAUL'S UNIQUE ROLE AS
MESSENGER TO NON-JEWS

MAY YOU BE STRENGTHENED
BY GOD'S SPIRIT & GRASP
THE LOVE OF CHRIST

4:1-16

UNITY DOES NOT = UNIFORMITY

**one SPIRIT,
MANY GIFTS**

• APOSTLE • PROPHET • TEACHER
 • PASTOR • EVANGELIST

TO BUILD UP THE CHURCH:

1
NEW TEMPLE

2
JESUS THE HEAD
OF A NEW HUMANITY

4:17-6:9

OLD **NEW**

TAKE OFF	PUT ON
LIES	TRUTH
ANGER	PEACE
THEFT	GENEROSITY
GOSSIP	ENCOURAGE
REVENGE	FORGIVENESS
PROMISCUITY	SELF-CONTROL
DRUNK	GOD'S SPIRIT

SIGNS of the SPIRIT

- 1 SINGING TOGETHER
- 2 SINGING ALONE
- 3 BEING THANKFUL
- 4 ELEVATING OTHERS

CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD
= CHURCH =

6:10-24 THE ARMOR OF GOD

**SPIRITUAL
EVIL**

**‘Peace be to the brothers and sisters,
and love with faith, from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be
with all those who love our Lord Jesus
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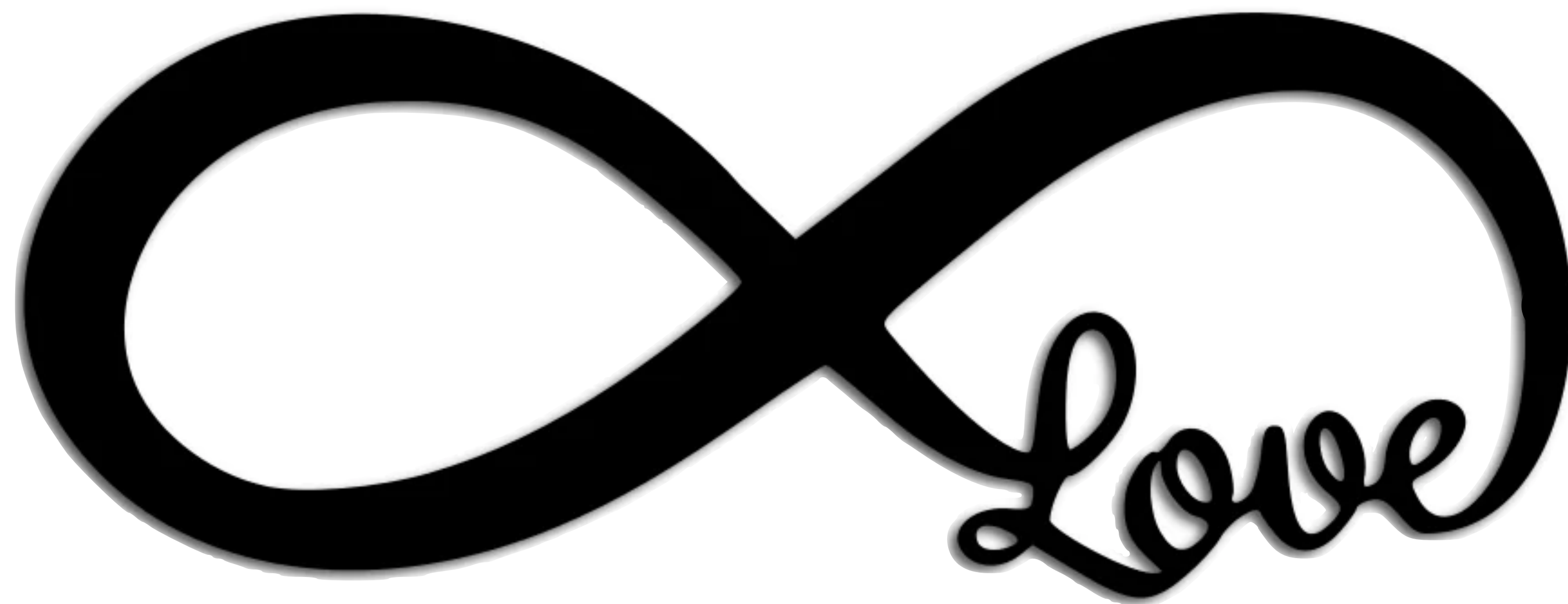
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INCORRUPTIBLE

Love

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- NIV: Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an **undying love**.
- NASB: ...with **incorruptible love**.





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WHY?

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ACCEPTED

ACCESS

ADOPTED

BLAMELESS

BLESSED

BODY

BOLDNESS

CHOSEN

CITIZEN

CONFIDENCE

DELIVERANCE

ENLIGHTENMENT

ETERNAL

FAITH

FAVOR

FILLED

FORGIVENESS

FREEDOM

GLORY

GRACE

HERITAGE

HOLY

HOPE

INHERITANCE

INTIMACY

KNOWLEDGE

LOVE

MERCY

NEW LIFE

OBEDIENCE

PEACE

POWER

PRAISE

PREDESTINED

PURPOSE

RAISED

RECONCILED

REDEEMED

REST

REVELATION

RICHES

SALVATION

SANCTIFIED

SEALED

SEATED

STRENGTH

SUCCESS

TEMPLE

UNDERSTANDING

UNITED

UNITY

WISDOM

WORKMANSHIP

INCORRUPTIBLE

Love

WHAT....?



Forgetting God's blessings, grace,
love, revelation/gospel, Holy Spirit

Contempt for One Another: racial/ethnic,
political, socio-economic, generational

Relational Issues: pride, arrogance, impatience,
anger, bitterness, slander; marriage and parenting

“You can’t earn spiritual maturity by checking off devotions. A person can have perfect quiet times for 30 years and still be angry, anxious, or self-centered.”

Dallas Willard

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Walking in Darkness: sexual sins, greed, drunkenness, unwholesome talk and language

Neglecting God's Power: not taking a stand or failing to equip ourselves with His armor



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HOW?

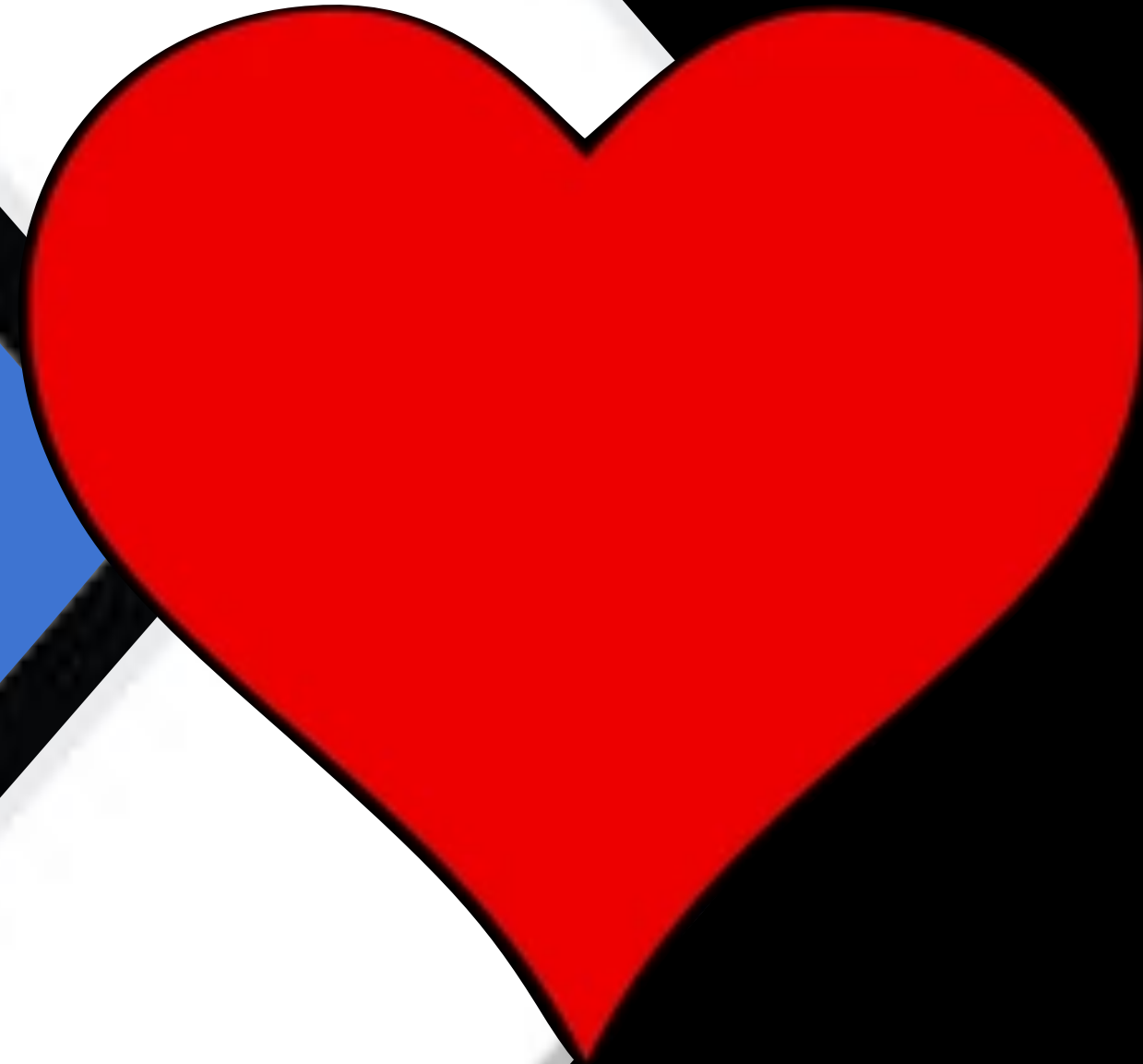
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Sincere Love for One Another: regardless of
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Working on Ourselves: humble, gentle, kind,
patient, forgiving; marriage and parenting



No	Sometimes	Usually	Yes	Adult Maturity Marker
				I've moved from "me" to "we," caring for multiple people in mutually satisfying ways. I partner well and value fairness.
				I attune to others' feelings and needs while expressing my own.
				I form strong peer bonds, using our shared strength to pursue truth and enjoy close relationships.
				I stay grounded and relational in hard moments, helping myself and others return to joy.
				I protect my personal and group identity when boundaries are crossed.
				I own my actions, use my power responsibly, and integrate my sexual and spiritual selves.
				My personality is integrated & remain the same person when facing different roles or when stressed or under duress.
				I live authentically while honoring the unique identities of others.
				I contribute meaningfully to my family and community.



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Conflict Resolution Tool

1. Acknowledge **Weakness(es)**
2. Identify **Fear(s)**
3. Express **Needs**
4. Share **Feelings** (gently)
5. Take **Responsibility** (do differently)
6. **Apologize** (if necessary)
7. Express **Forgiveness**



Re-Framing Your Hurts

WHY YOU DON'T HAVE TO
FEAR EMOTIONAL PAIN

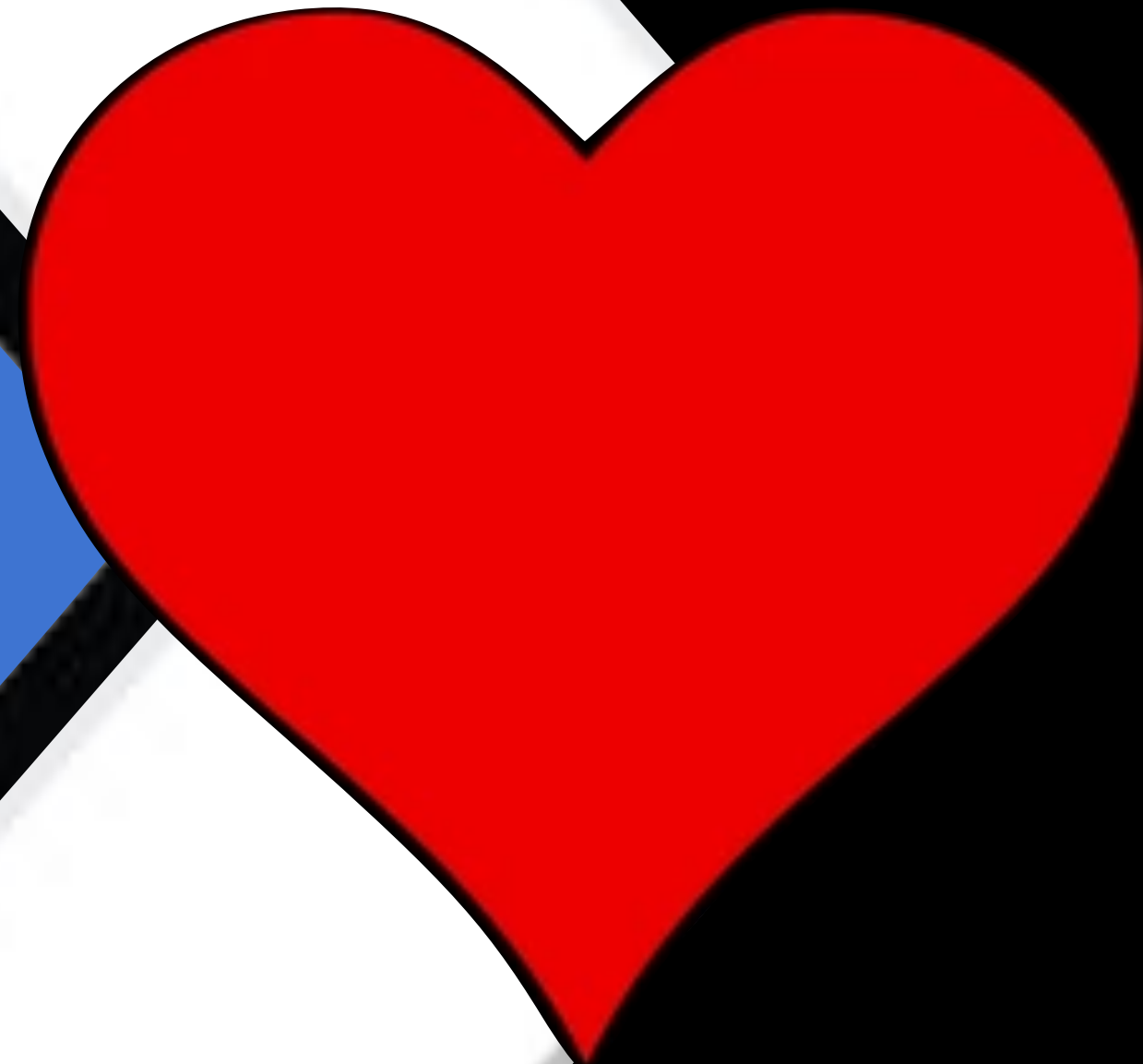
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Walking as Children of Light: righteousness, holiness, goodness and truth; testing all things

Relying on God's Power: equipping ourselves with His armor; taking a stand



OUR PART

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance as **our way of life**.

Ephesians 2:10 (BSB)

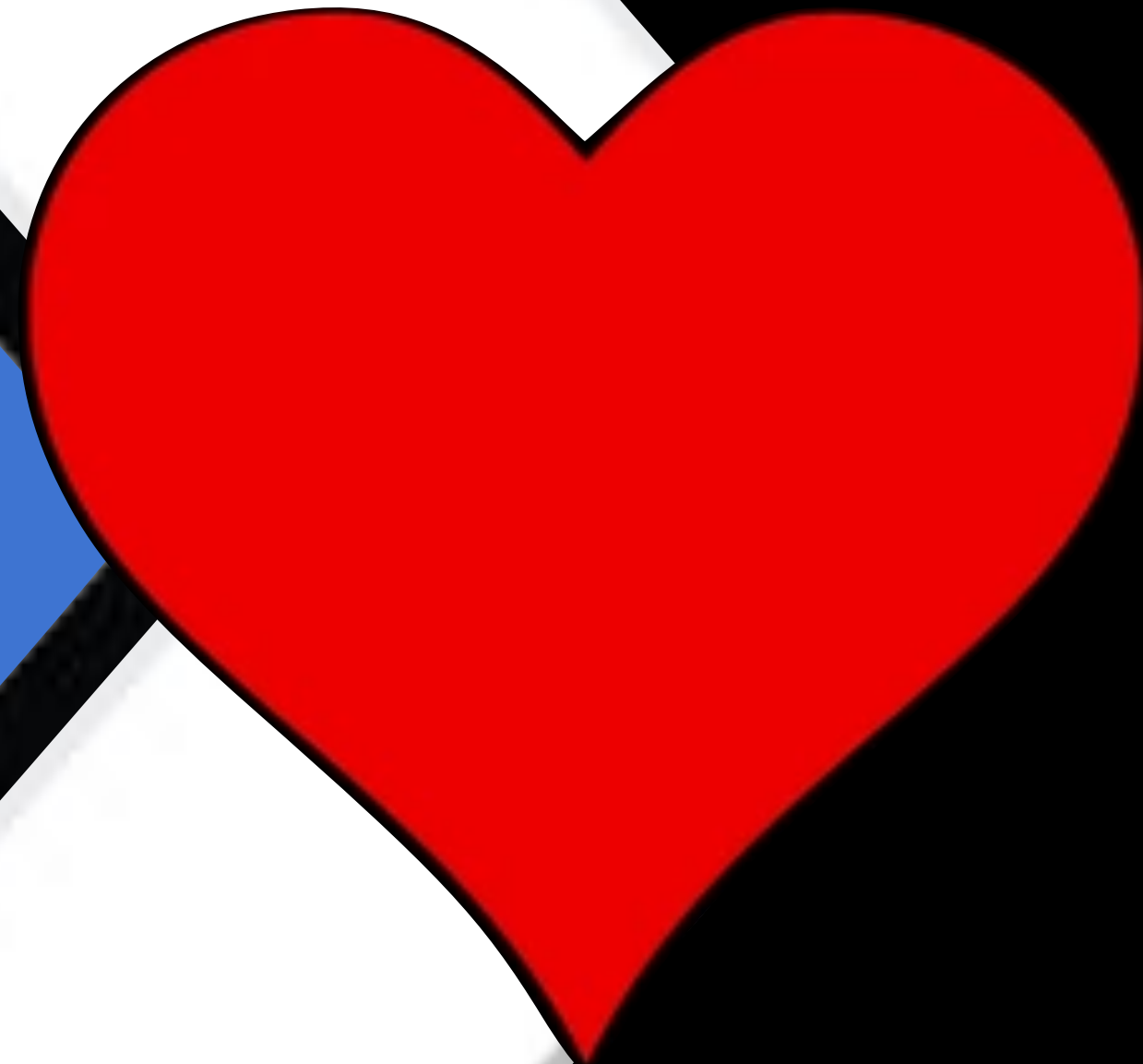
Mindful & grateful of being 'In Christ'

Growing in a Sincere Love for One Another

Working on our Emotional and Spiritual Maturity

Walking as Children of Light

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The Role of the Spirit in Ephesians

Helps us know God better

Guides our words and conversations

Builds a new temple of God through our love and unity

Fosters mutual submission and humility within the church

Strengthens us in our inner being so we can grow and mature

Aids our family dynamics and working relationships

Grieves when we ignore Him because He wants to help us

Speaks words of God to guide, form and protect us

Helps us walk as children of light, to become imitators of God

Deepens our connection with God in prayer

**'love our Lord Jesus Christ with
incorruptible love.'**

Ephesians 6:24 (NASB)

I know your deeds, your labor, and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate those who are evil, and you have tested and exposed as liars those who falsely claim to be apostles. Without growing weary, you have persevered and endured many things for the sake of My name.

Revelation 2:2-3 (BSB)

But I have this against you: You have **abandoned your first love**. Therefore, keep in mind how far you have fallen. Repent and perform the **deeds** you did at first.

Revelation 2:4-5 (BSB)

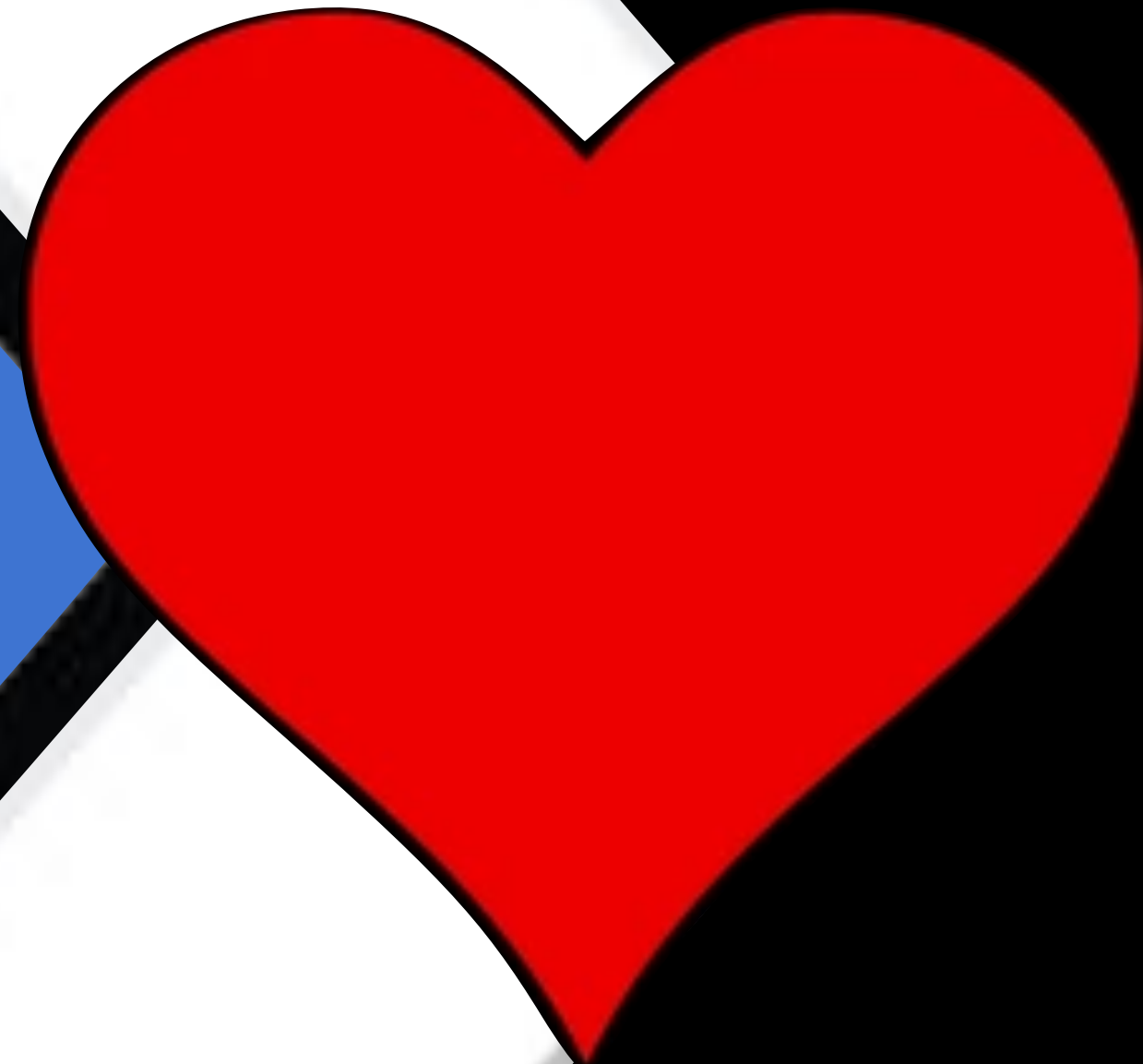
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COMMUNION

But because of His **great love for us,**
God, who is rich in mercy,
made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead in transgressions—
it is by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2:4-5