

## CALLED TO BELIEVE

### EPHESIANS

- 1:3-6 **CHOSEN:** THE GOODNESS OF GOD
- 1:7-12 **REDEEMED:** THE GLORY OF THE GOSPEL
- 1:13-14 **KEPT:** THE GUARANTEE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- 1:15-23 **ENLIGHTENED:** THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER
- 2:1-7 **SAVED:** THE GOAL OF GOD'S GRACE

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<sup>11-13</sup>DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT YOU WERE BORN "GENTILES," KNOWN BY THOSE WHOSE BODIES WERE CIRCUMCISED AS "THE UNCIRCUMCISED."

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YOU WERE WITHOUT CHRIST, YOU WERE UTTER STRANGERS TO GOD'S CHOSEN COMMUNITY, THE JEWS, AND YOU HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF, OR RIGHT TO, THE PROMISED AGREEMENTS.

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YOU HAD NOTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO AND NO GOD TO WHOM YOU COULD TURN. BUT NOW, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST,

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YOU WHO WERE ONCE OUTSIDE THE PALE ARE WITH US INSIDE THE CIRCLE OF GOD'S LOVE AND PURPOSE.  
<sup>14-18</sup>FOR CHRIST IS OUR LIVING PEACE.

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HE HAS MADE A UNITY OF THE CONFLICTING ELEMENTS OF JEW AND GENTILE BY BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIER WHICH LAY BETWEEN US. BY HIS SACRIFICE

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HE REMOVED THE HOSTILITY OF THE LAW, WITH ALL ITS COMMANDMENTS AND RULES, AND MADE IN HIMSELF OUT OF THE TWO, JEW AND GENTILE, ONE NEW MAN,

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THUS PRODUCING PEACE. FOR HE RECONCILED BOTH TO GOD BY THE SACRIFICE OF ONE BODY ON THE CROSS, AND BY THIS ACT MADE UTTERLY IRRELEVANT THE ANTAGONISM

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BETWEEN THEM. THEN HE CAME AND TOLD BOTH YOU WHO WERE FAR FROM GOD AND US WHO WERE NEAR THAT THE WAR WAS OVER.

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AND IT IS THROUGH HIM THAT BOTH OF US NOW CAN APPROACH THE FATHER IN THE ONE SPIRIT.  
—EPHESIANS 2:11-18 (J.B. PHILLIPS NEW TESTAMENT)

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NOW THE LORD SAID TO ABRAM, "GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR KINDRED AND YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE TO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.

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AND I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT, SO THAT YOU WILL BE A BLESSING.

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"...IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH  
SHALL BE BLESSED." —GENESIS 12:1-2, 3B

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"GENTILE BELIEVERS ARE NOT MERELY OUTSIDERS  
PARTICIPATING IN THE PROMISE. THEY ARE COUNTED AS THE  
CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM; THEY ARE PART OF RESTORED ISRAEL.

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THEY AREN'T MERELY BENEFICIARIES  
OF THE PROMISE MADE TO ABRAHAM;  
THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM...

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THE RESTORED ISRAEL CONSISTS OF BOTH  
JEWS AND GENTILES WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS."  
—THOMAS SCHREINER

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NOW THE PROMISES WERE MADE TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS  
OFFSPRING. IT DOES NOT SAY, "AND TO OFFSPRINGS,"  
REFERRING TO MANY,

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BUT REFERRING TO ONE,  
"AND TO YOUR OFFSPRING," WHO IS CHRIST.  
—GALATIANS 3:16

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## I. SEPARATION ANXIETY

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<sup>28</sup>FOR NO ONE IS A JEW WHO IS MERELY ONE OUTWARDLY,  
NOR IS CIRCUMCISION OUTWARD AND PHYSICAL.  
<sup>29</sup>BUT A JEW IS ONE INWARDLY,

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AND CIRCUMCISION IS A MATTER OF THE HEART,  
BY THE SPIRIT, NOT BY THE LETTER. HIS PRAISE IS  
NOT FROM MAN BUT FROM GOD. —ROMANS 2:28-29

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"APART FROM CHRIST, YOU ARE FARTHER FROM GOD  
THAN YOU FEARED. IN CHRIST, YOU ARE CLOSER TO GOD  
THAN YOU HOPED." —MARK DRISCOLL

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## 2. IDENTITY IDOLATRY

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<sup>27</sup>FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST  
HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. <sup>28</sup>THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK,  
THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NO MALE AND

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FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS. <sup>29</sup>AND IF YOU ARE CHRIST'S, THEN YOU ARE ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING, HEIRS ACCORDING TO PROMISE. —GALATIANS 3:27-29

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### 3. GOSPEL COMMUNITY

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<sup>9</sup>AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD NUMBER, FROM EVERY NATION, FROM ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES,

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STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB, CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES, WITH PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS, <sup>10</sup>AND CRYING OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE,

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"SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND TO THE LAMB!"  
—REVELATION 7:9-10

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