



blessings review

- ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you **heard** the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you **believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a **deposit** guaranteeing our **inheritance** until the redemption of those who are **God's possession**—to the **praise of his glory.**



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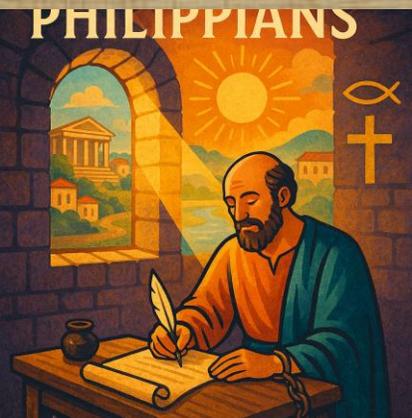
- ⁹ he **made known** to us the **mystery** of his will according to **his good pleasure**, which he **purposed in Christ**,¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their **fulfillment**—to bring **unity** to all things in **heaven and on earth under Christ**.

the prayer- knowing theme

- Eph 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your **faith** in the **Lord Jesus** and your **love** for all **God's people**, ¹⁶ I have not stopped **giving thanks** for you, **remembering** you in my **prayers**. ¹⁷ I keep **asking** that the God of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, the **glorious Father**, may **give** you the spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation**, so that you may **know** him better.

the prayer- knowing theme

- ¹⁸ I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may **know**:
{{the **hope** to which he has **called** you, the **riches** of his **glorious inheritance** in his **holy people**, ¹⁹ and his **incomparably great power** for **us who believe**.



Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

- Philippians 1:9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in **knowledge** and depth of **insight**,¹⁰ so that you may be able to **discern** what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

understand

- **3** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
- **2** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made **known** to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will be able to **understand** my insight into the mystery of Christ,

knowing theme

- ⁵ which was **not made known** to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

- (now known!)

knowing theme

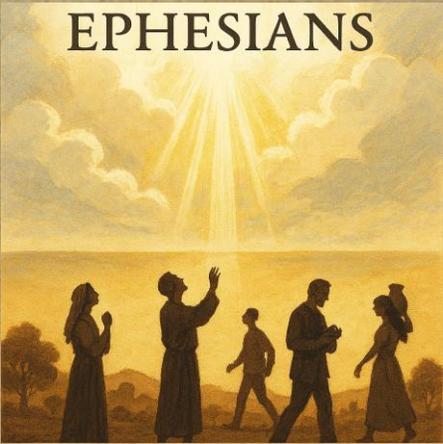
- ⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to **make plain to everyone** the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

knowing theme

- . ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be **made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

Prayer part 2 knowing theme

- ¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^l in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being **rooted** and **established** in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to **grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to **know** this love that surpasses **knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



New theme

- ²⁰ 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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen

Spiritual Realms

Heard, made known, wisdom, revelation, know Him better, enlightened, know hope, knowledge, insight, discernment, understanding. Made plain

ALIVE



DEAD

¹⁸ being **darkened** in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **hardness of their heart**; ¹⁹ and they, having become callous, have given themselves up to indecent behavior for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

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Islam, Judaism, Atheism, Agnostic, Nothingism (ignoring)

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**Gnosticism, Mysticism, Roman Emperors,
Artemis, Polytheism, Judaizers,
Hybrid Christianity**

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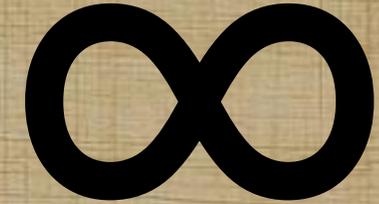
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- Catholic Church of St. Rochus in Jülich Germany now a bicycle shop.
- 600 churches closed in 25 years.

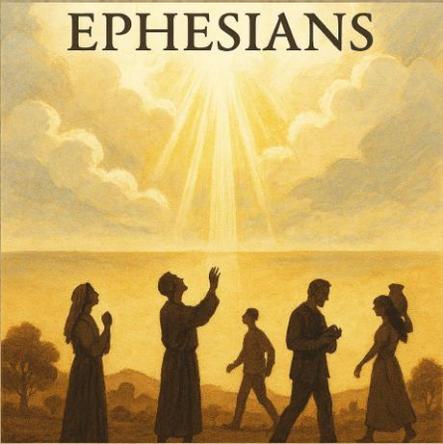
- Infinity is a concept
- The symbol was introduced in 1655.
- God is an infinite Spiritaul being.
- His attributes ae also infinite.
- Omnipresent etc.
- Love, Mercy, Justice, Jealousy, Wrath are available in infinite quantity
- Scripture is filled with reference to the infinite.
- John 3:16 “eternal life”



Symbol for
Infinity

New theme infinity

- 3:20 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, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, **for ever and ever!**
Amen



New theme infinity

- 1:18 I pray that the **eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know: {{the **hope** to which he has called you, the **riches** of his **glorious inheritance** in his **holy people**, ¹⁹ and **his incomparably great power** for us who believe.

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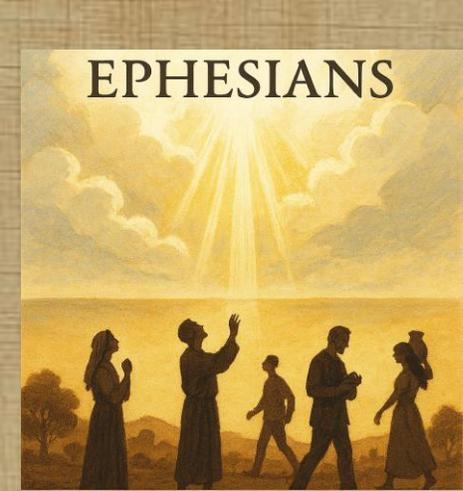
- 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the **incomparable riches** of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus .

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New theme infinity

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- **Ephesians differs from the other letters as it does not deal with a specific theological crisis.**
- **The crisis letters may have been written in haste with teachings and admonitions directed as a solution to particular issues.**



- **Having dealt with several situations Paul may have some preemptive teaching and solution for potential issues.**
- **A review of some issues follows.**



• 1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church.

- Corinthians 1:10 Now I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all **agree** and that there be **no divisions** among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – How you were Baptized.**
- Corinthians 1:11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brothers *and sisters*, by Chloe's *people*, that there are **quarrels** among you. ¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you I am with Paul," or "I *am* with Apollos



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – How you were Baptized.**
- **Corinthians 1:12^b** For I have been informed concerning you, my or “*I am with Cephas,*” or “*I am with Christ.*” ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – How you were Baptized.**
- **Corinthians 1:17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made of no effect.



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – Wisdom of the world**

- **Corinthians 1:18-31** The wisdom of the world as compared to knowing Christ.



• **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church –Lack of Spiritual Discernment**

- **1 Cor 2:14** But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.



• 1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – Lack of Spiritual Discernment

- 1 Cor 2:15 But the **one who is spiritual discerns all things**, yet he himself is discerned by no one. ¹⁶ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ..



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church –Arrogance**
- 1 Cor 4 :6 Now these things, brothers *and sisters*, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos on your account, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become **arrogant** in behalf of one against the other.



• **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church –Arrogance**

- **1 Cor 4 :7** For who considers you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – Unable to agree on Discipline**
- **5** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and sexual immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, *namely*, that someone has his father's wife.



- **1 Corinthians – Divisions in the Church – Unable to agree on Discipline**
- **5** ²You have become **arrogant** and have **not mourned** instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst



- **Galatians– Divisions in the Church – Judaizers / Hybrid Christians.**

- Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are **turning to a different gospel**—⁷ which is really no gospel at all.



- **Galatians– Divisions in the Church – Judaizers / Hybrid Christians.**

- Gal 1:7b. Evidently some people are **throwing you into confusion** and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!



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- **3** You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?



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- **Ephesians– Preemptive Teaching**
- **4** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.



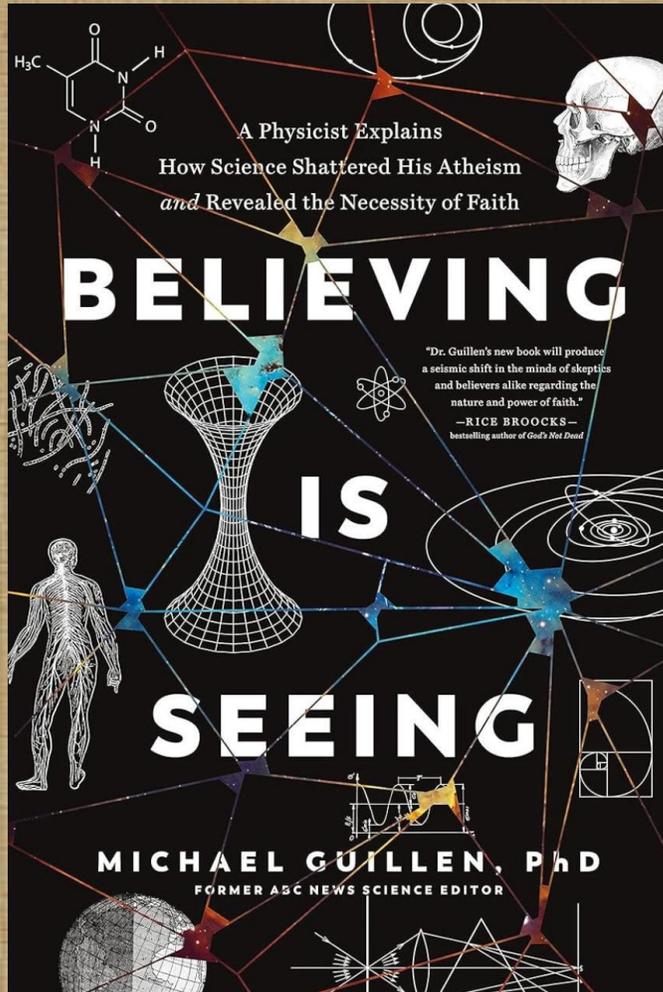
- **Ephesians– Preemptive Teaching**
- **4 : ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

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- **We are eternal spiritual beings living in a temporary earthly realm.**
- **Goal: Explore the heavenly realms described in Ephesians and review scriptures in light of what we learn.**

Atheist to Christian _ Michael Guillen



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