

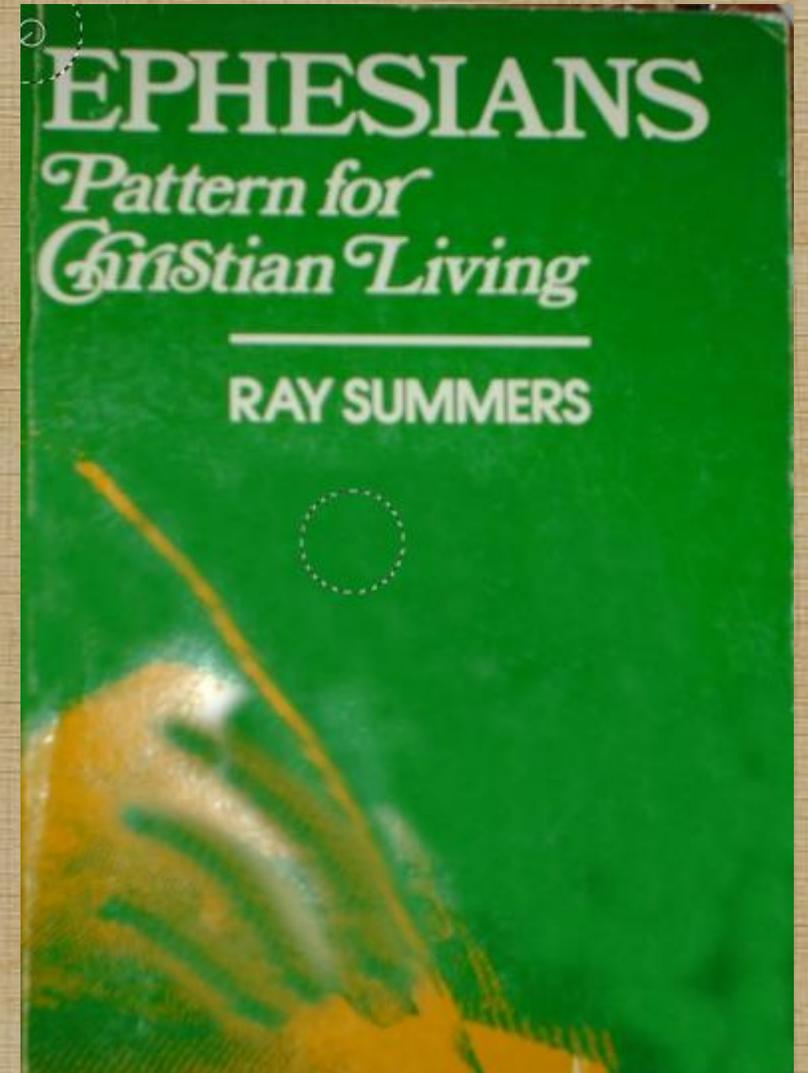
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- Basically, there are two doctrines in the New Testament: how to be saved---that is, (1) justification buy grace through faith plus nothing; (2)and how the saved ought to live.
- Comprehensively this covers the New Testament in a very real sense, every other doctrine is properly placed in one of these statements.

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Verse 4, *just as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, in order that we might be holy and blameless before him in love.* This verse constitutes what is known as a modal clause. It tells *how* the previous activity was carried out. It was carried out by means of God's elective choice. From the word translated "he chose" we derive our word "election." God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing by means of his elective choice.

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We do not understand, of course, exactly what this involves. It does not mean, as some have assumed, that God saves or condemns men in violation of their own wills. Nor should it cause disturbance in one's mind by raising the question about those who are outside of the Christian religion, that is, "Were they not chosen of God?" Paul's emphasis here is not on those who are not Christians. It is an expression of praise to God for what he has done for those who *are* Christians.

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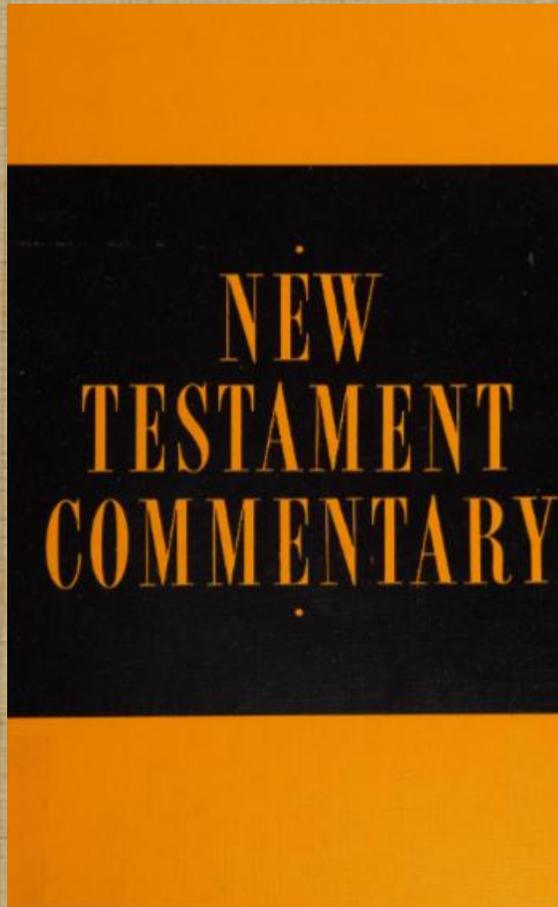
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Ray Summers makes a distinction between doctrine and application as follows:

Epistle	Doctrine	Application
Ephesians	1-3	4-6
Romans	1-11	12-16
Galatians	1-4	5-6
Colossians	1-2	3.4
1 Peter	1:1 to 2:10	2:11 to 5:14
Hebrews	1:1 top 10:18	10:19 to 13:25

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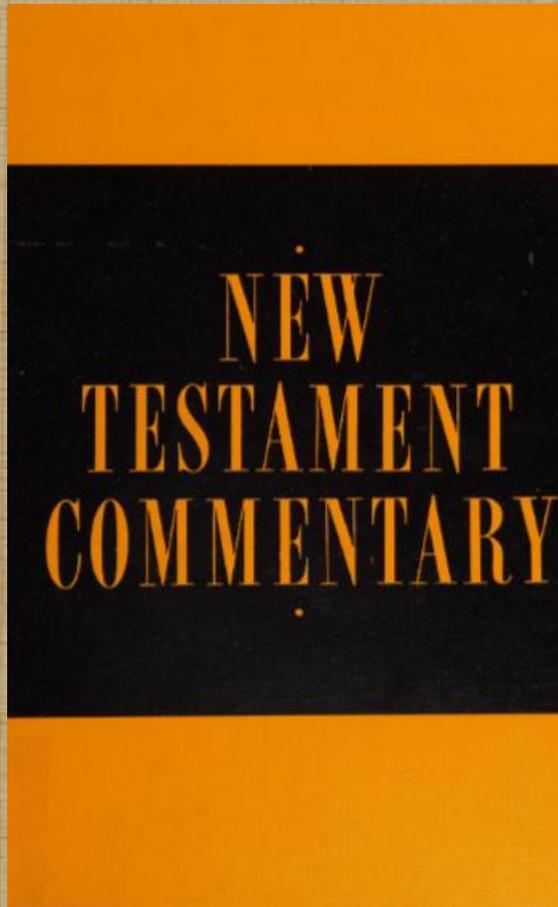
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I. Timeliness

Loathsome wickedness marked the world of Paul's day (Eph. 2:2; cf. Rom. 1:18-32). Efforts to improve this condition were largely unsuccessful. Mankind was "without hope" (2:12). The same perversity coupled with pessimism obtains today. At the present time, too, efforts are being put forth to banish crime and to improve man's environment. Among the means to this end are the following: slum clearance, better housing, development of parks and playgrounds, a higher minimum wage scale, job retraining, rehabilitation of educational drop-outs, and psychiatric aid for those who find it hard "to adjust themselves." Some call for better laws. Others emphasize the need of more rigid law-enforcement or the establishment of rules that will no longer favor the criminal at the expense of society.

The merit in all this must not be *under*-estimated. But neither should it be *over*-estimated. Government totalitarianism, the tendency to look upon the state to provide for every need "from the cradle to the grave," with consequent loss of the sense of individual responsibility and initiative, is one danger. Another is the misapprehension of man's *basic* need. That need is nothing less than the removal of the load of guilt by which he, being by nature a child of wrath (2:3), is oppressed. What he needs is something more than *job rehabilitation*. He needs *reconciliation to God*. Ephesians proclaims that for all true believers this great blessing has been provided by means of the vicarious, atoning death of God's own Son (2:13). The motivation for this supreme sacrifice was "his great love" (2:4).

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