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On a journey, and not there yet.

Human, this means I am not perfect.

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Ephesians 5: 1 to 20

Author: Paul

Type: Letter

Purpose: To show how God's love should bring unity among those who follow him.

Book Summary - Ephesians

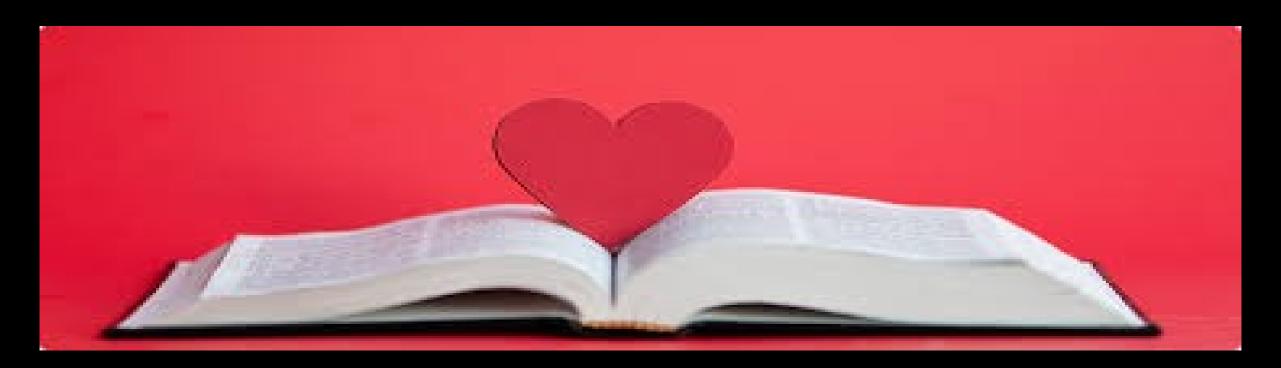
Ephesians follows a theme common in Paul's writings: connecting theory with practice. In this book, however, he goes into greater depth before making the transition. As a letter meant to be read by more than just the believers at Ephesus, this is an important look at how Christian belief should translate into Christian action. The first three chapters lay out spiritual ideas, the last three chapters show how these truths should be applied in the life of a mature believer. Paul focuses heavily on love, the unity of the Christian church, and the incredible value of our salvation through Christ.

Three subject headings:-

- Living in God's Love
 (Love an intense feeling of deep affection)
- Living in God's Light
 (Choosing God's light is a leap of faith. It's about trusting that His ways are better than ours)
- Living in God's Wisdom
 (Wisdom the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement, the quality of being wise)

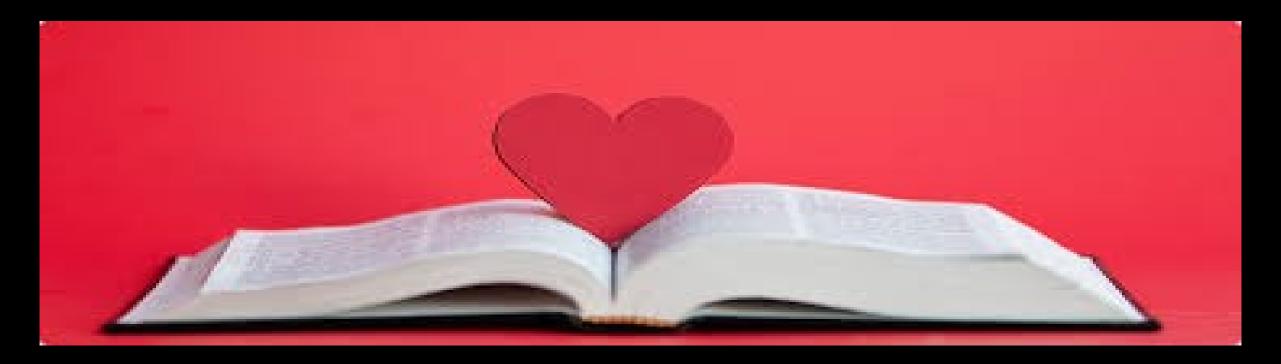
Living in God's Love

1 Be imitators of God in everything you do, for then you will represent your Father as his beloved sons and daughters. 2 And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for he surrendered his life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance.



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3 And have nothing to do with sexual immorality, lust, or greed—for you are his holy ones and let no one be able to accuse you of them in any form. 4 Guard your speech. Forsake obscenities and worthless insults; these are nonsensical words that bring disgrace and are unnecessary. Instead, let worship fill your heart and spill out in your words.



Living in God's Love

5 For it has been made clear to you already that the kingdom of God cannot be accessed by anyone who is guilty of sexual sin, or who is impure or greedy—for greed is the essence of idolatry. How could they expect to have an inheritance in Christ's kingdom while doing those things?



6 Don't be fooled by those **Who** speak their empty words and deceptive teachings telling you otherwise. This is what brings God's anger upon the rebellious! 7 Don't listen to them or live like them at all.



8 Once your life was full of sin's darkness, but now you have the very light of our Lord shining through you because of your union with him. Your mission is to live as children flooded with his revelation-light!

9 And the supernatural fruits of his light will be seen in you—goodness, righteousness, and truth.



- 10 Then you will learn to choose what is beautiful to our Lord.
- 11 And don't even associate with the servants of darkness because they have no fruit in them; instead, reveal truth to them.
- 12 The very things they do in secret are too vile and filthy to even mention.



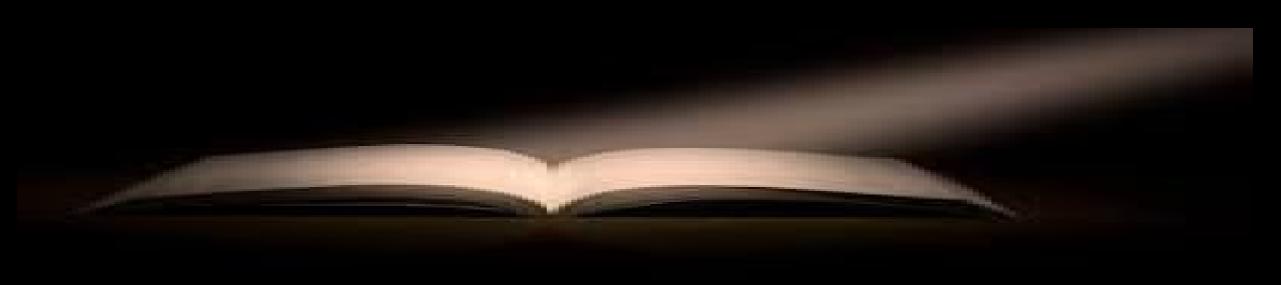
13 Whatever the revelation-light exposes, it will also correct, and everything that reveals truth is light to the soul.

14 This is why the Scripture says, "Arise, you sleeper! Rise up from your coffin and the Anointed One will shine his light into you!"



Living in God's Wisdom

15-16 So be very careful how you live, not being like those with no understanding, but live honourably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. Take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for his purposes. 17 And don't live foolishly for then you will have discernment to fully understand God's will. 18 And don't get drunk with wine, which is rebellion; instead, be filled continually with the Holy Spirit.



Living in God's Wisdom

19 And your hearts will overflow with a joyful song to the Lord. Keep speaking to each other with words of Scripture, singing the Psalms with praises and spontaneous songs given by the Spirit! 20 Always give thanks to Father God for every person he brings into your life in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



If you remember one thing about the book of Ephesians.....

All Christians are part of the same 'body'; we should all remain united in love.

