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LIFE IN CHRIST

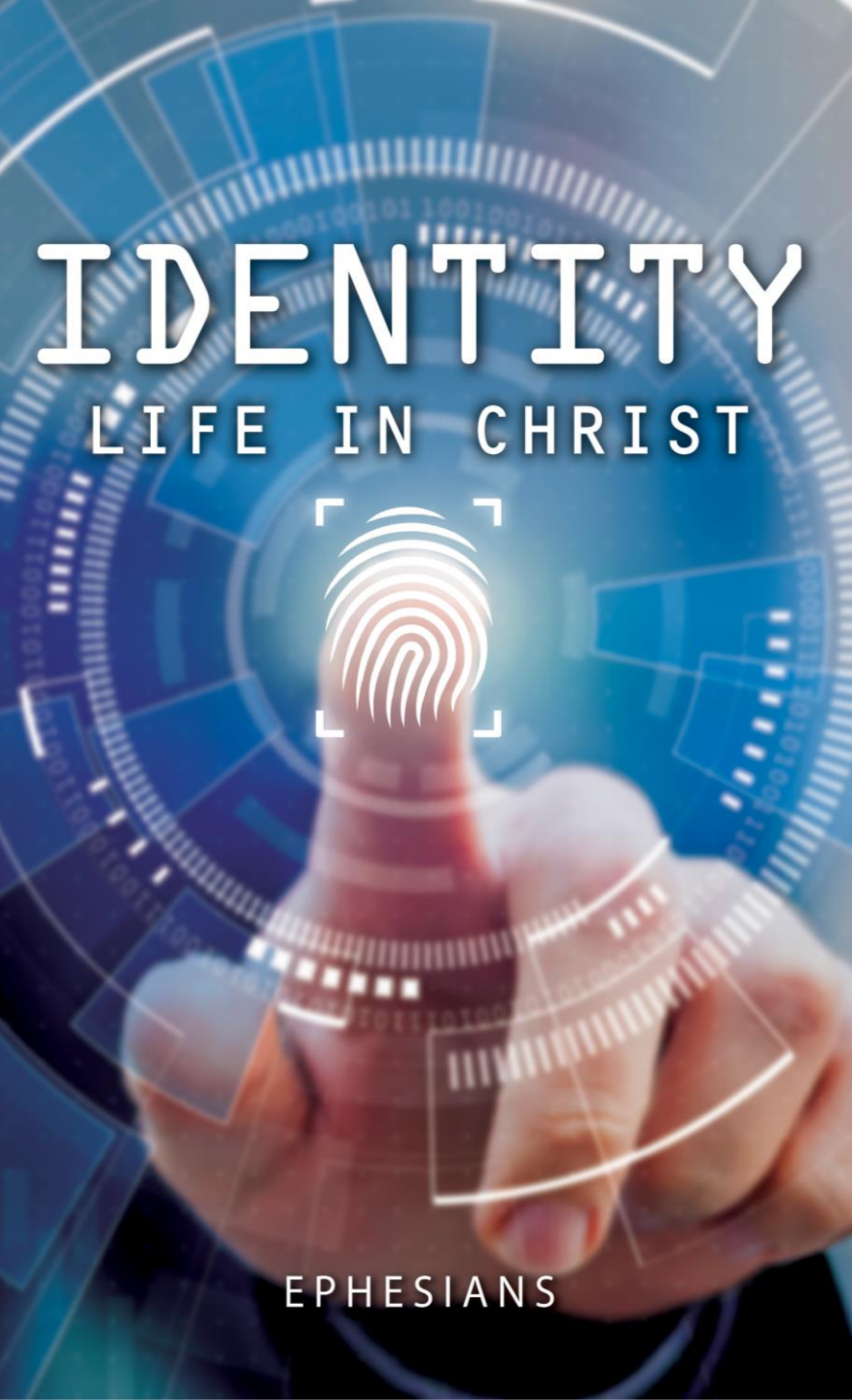


EPHESIANS

LESSON 6

MYSTERY REVEALED





Mystery Revealed



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1. Chapters 1-3: Doctrine Concerning the Church
The doctrinal basis for believers' unity "in Christ".

The new **LIFE** which God has given us "in Christ" (1:3-2:10)

The new **SOCIETY** which God created "in Christ" (2:11-3:21)

2. Chapters 4-6: Duties of the Church (Practical)
What life "in Christ" looks like personally as well as inter-personally in the church, workplace, and home.

The new **STANDARDS** which God expects of his new society — *unity* and *purity* (4:1-5:21).

The new **RELATIONSHIPS** into which God has brought us — *harmony* in the home and *hostility* to the devil (5:21-6:24).

οἰκονομία

oikonomia

stewardship; administration; dispensation

Limited Old Testament Perspective

Second Coming
of Messiah

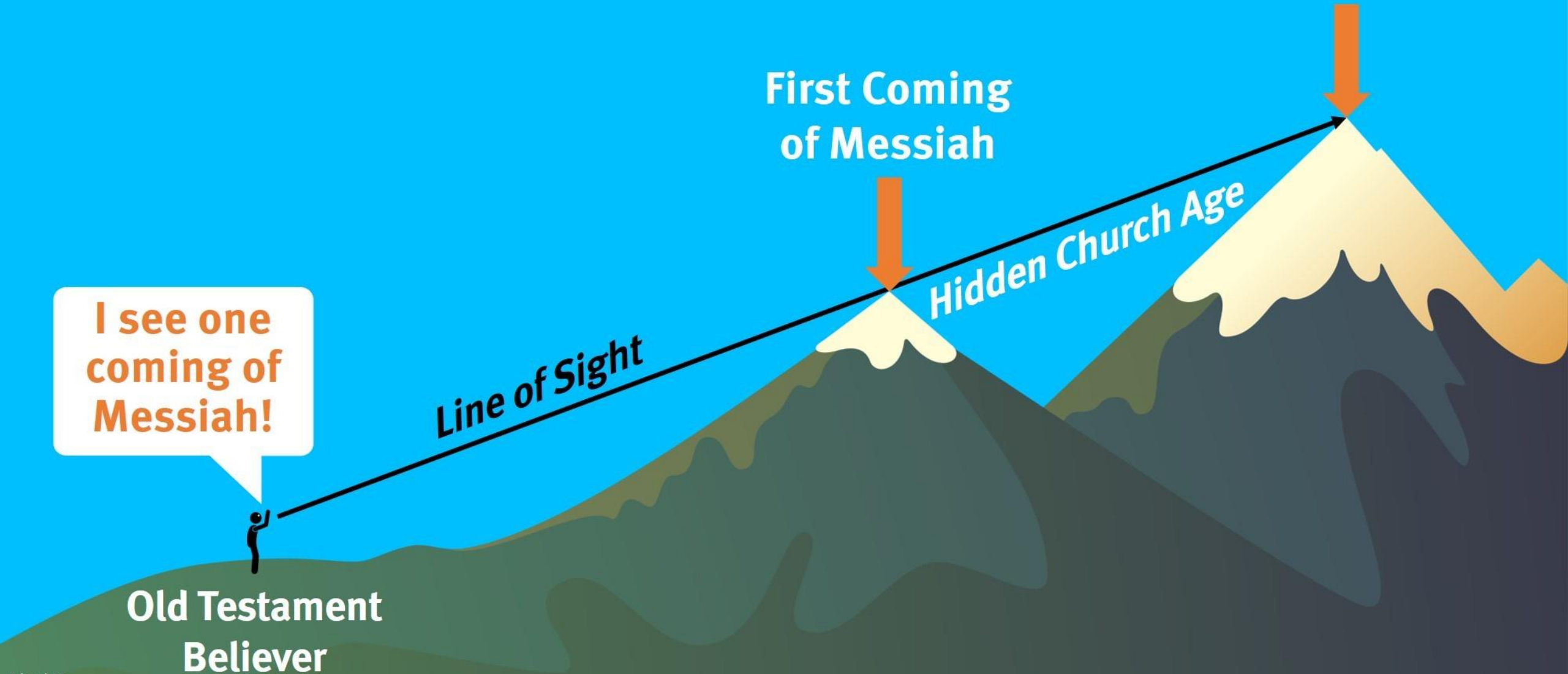
First Coming
of Messiah

Hidden Church Age

Line of Sight

I see one
coming of
Messiah!

Old Testament
Believer



**NEW
TESTAMENT**

(The Gospels)

Other Letters

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

Prophecy

REVELATION

Biography

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

History

ACTS

Paul's Letters

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
2 CORINTHIANS
GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
COLOSSIANS
1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS
1 TIMOTHY
2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

**OLD
TESTAMENT**

Laws of Moses

Prophecy

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL

Major Prophets

DANIEL
HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

Minor Prophets

History

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

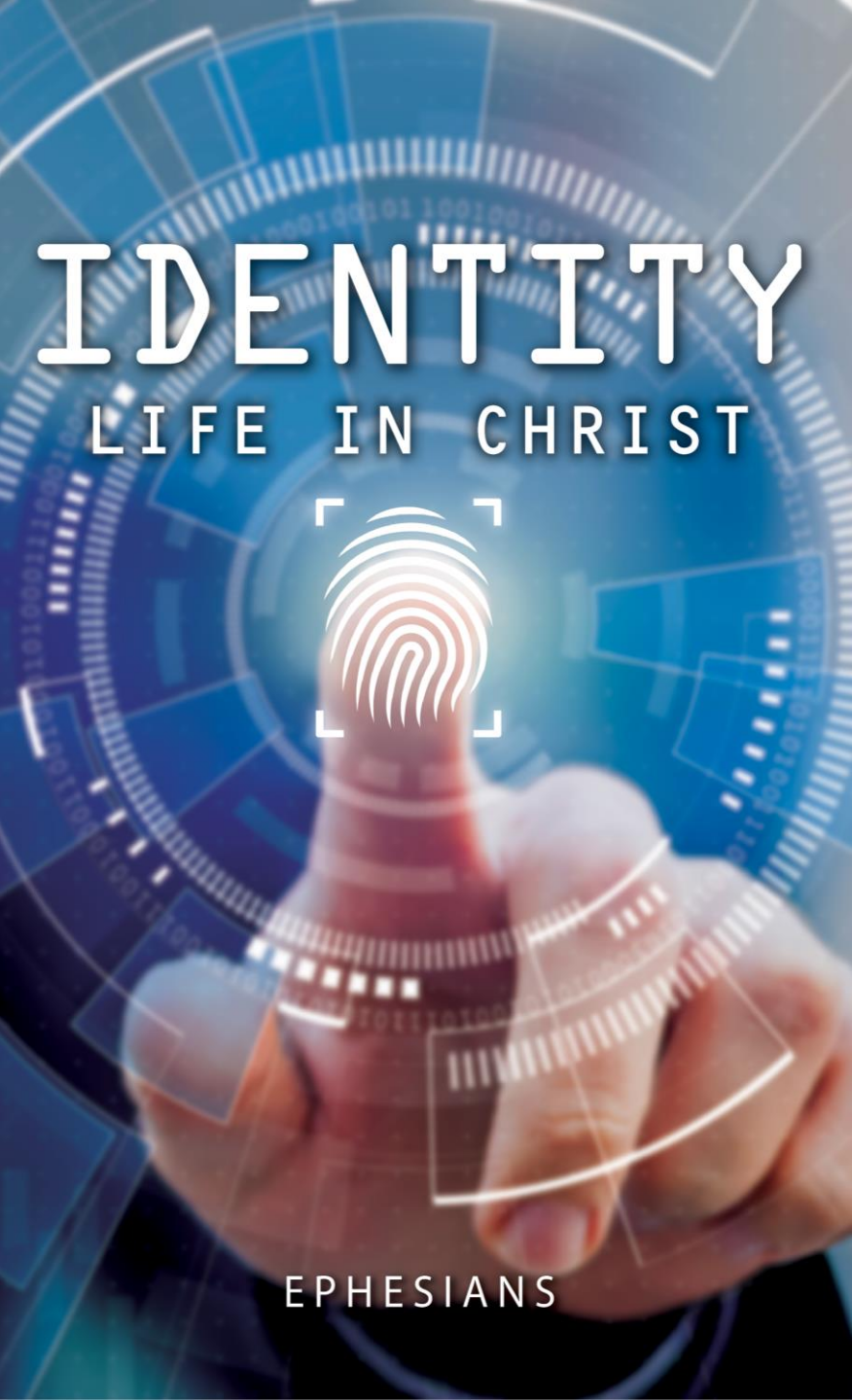
Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

ESTHER
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Songs of Solomon



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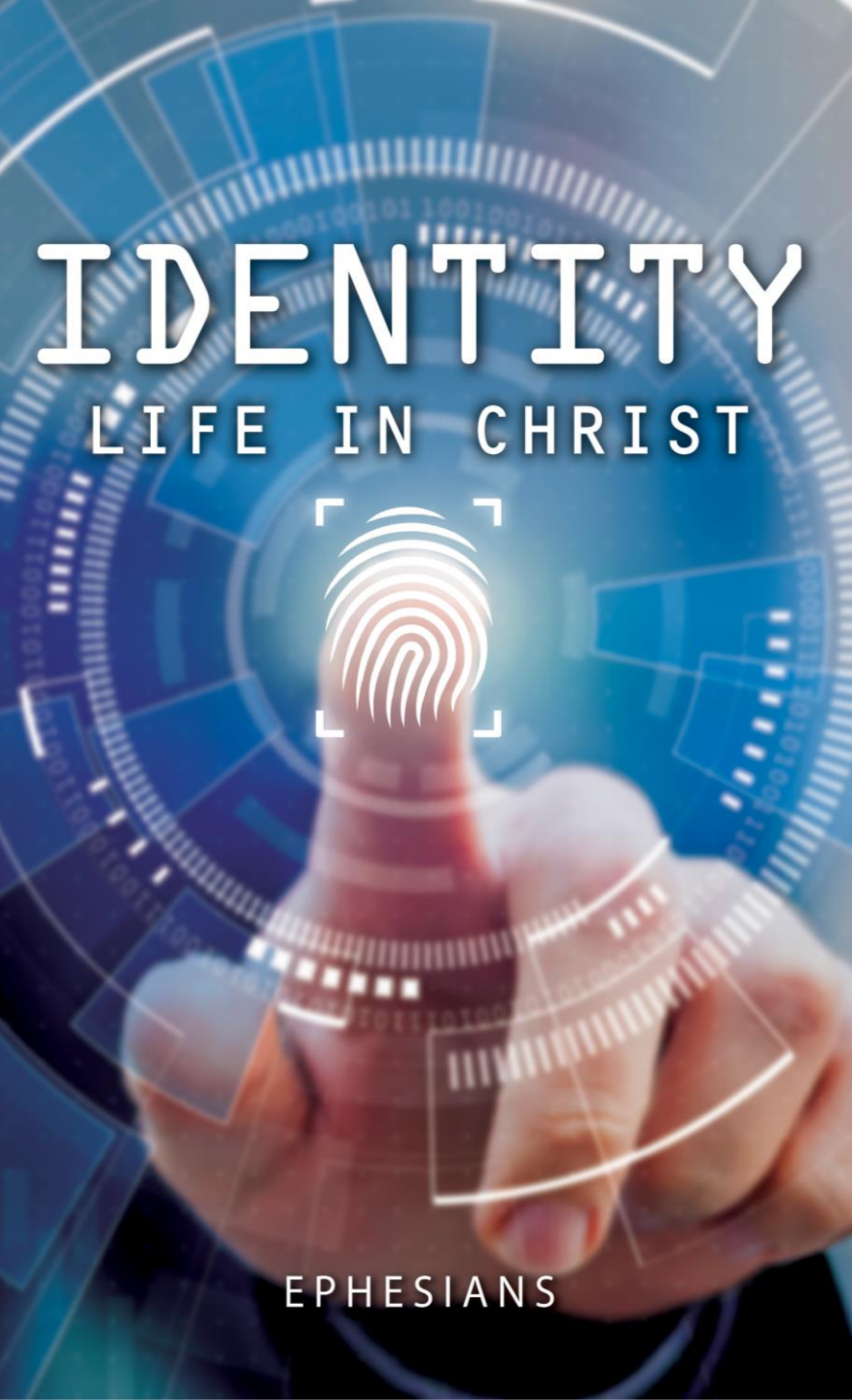
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3:6 *together . . . together . . . together.* The repetition of this word indicates the unique aspect of the mystery that was not previously known; namely, the equality & mutuality that Gentiles had with Jews in the church, the one body. That Gentiles would turn to the God of Israel and be saved was prophesied in the O.T. (see Romans 15:9-12); that they would come into an organic unity with believing Jews on an equal footing was unexpected.



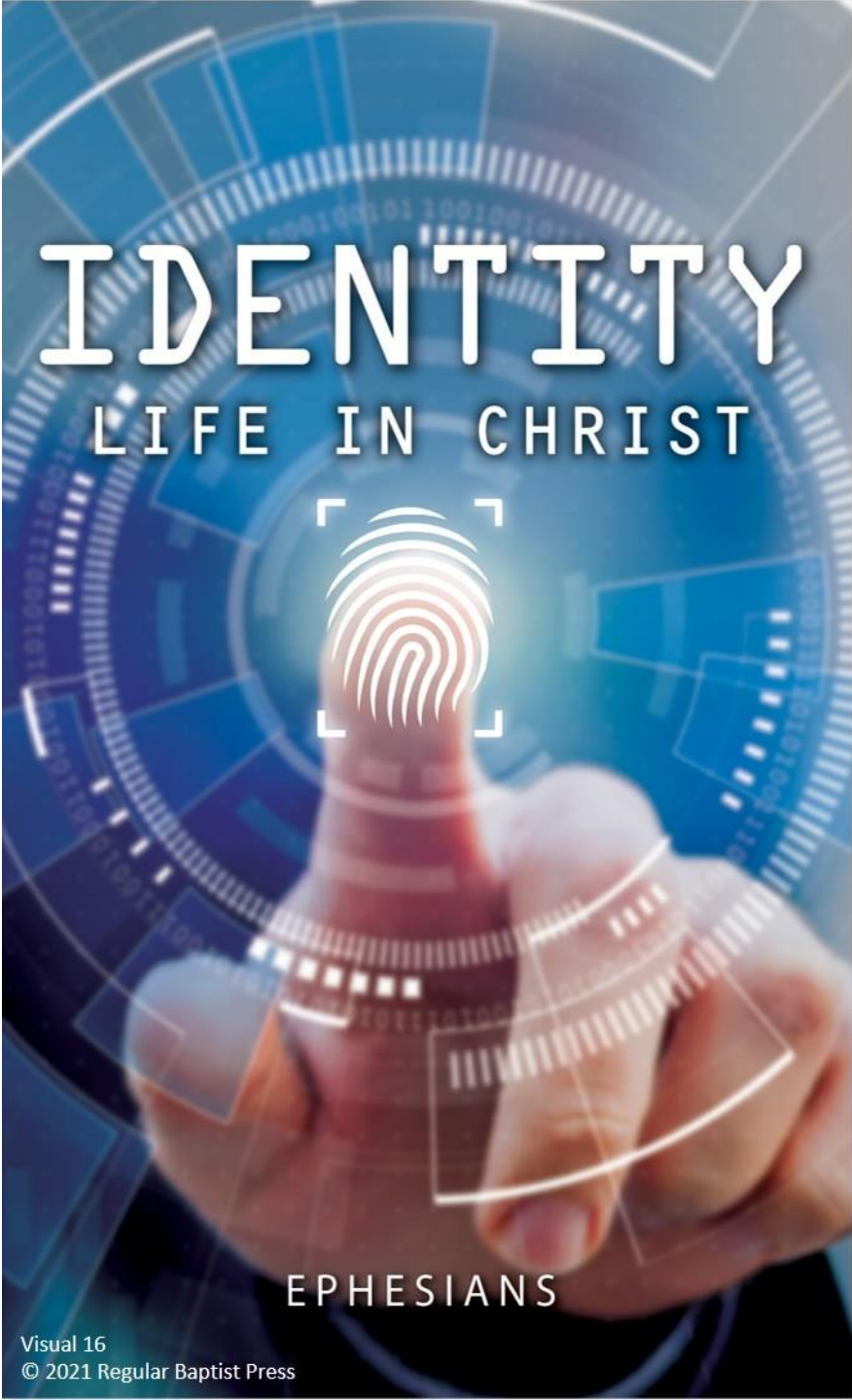
Building Unity in Christ



LESSON 5

“Ephesians is today the most contemporary book in the Bible, since it promises community in a world of disunity, reconciliation in place of alienation, and peace instead of war.”

John R. W. Stott. The Message of Ephesians (1979). *The Bible Speaks Today (BST)* series.

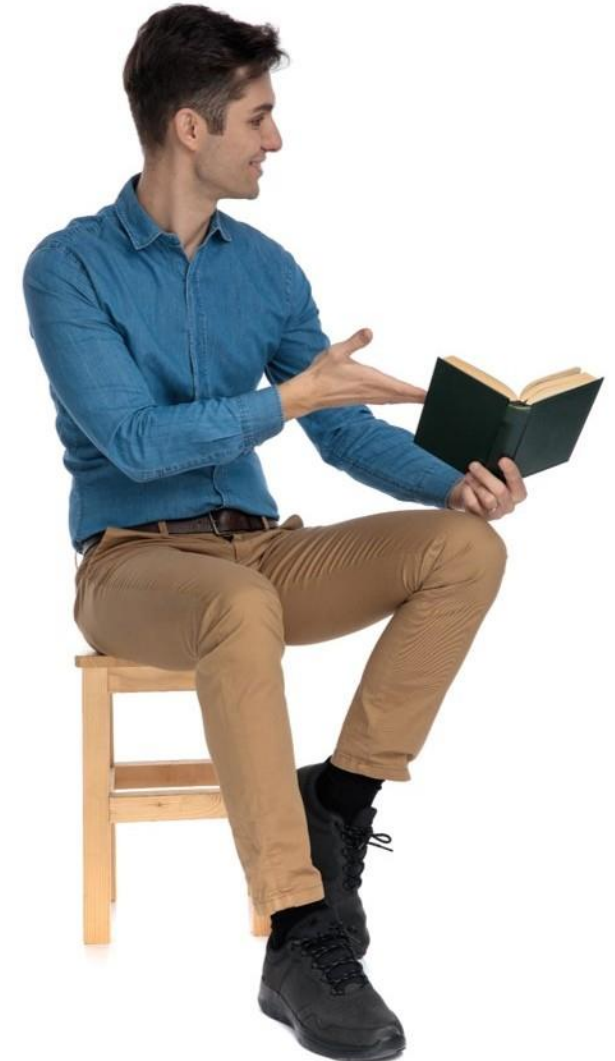


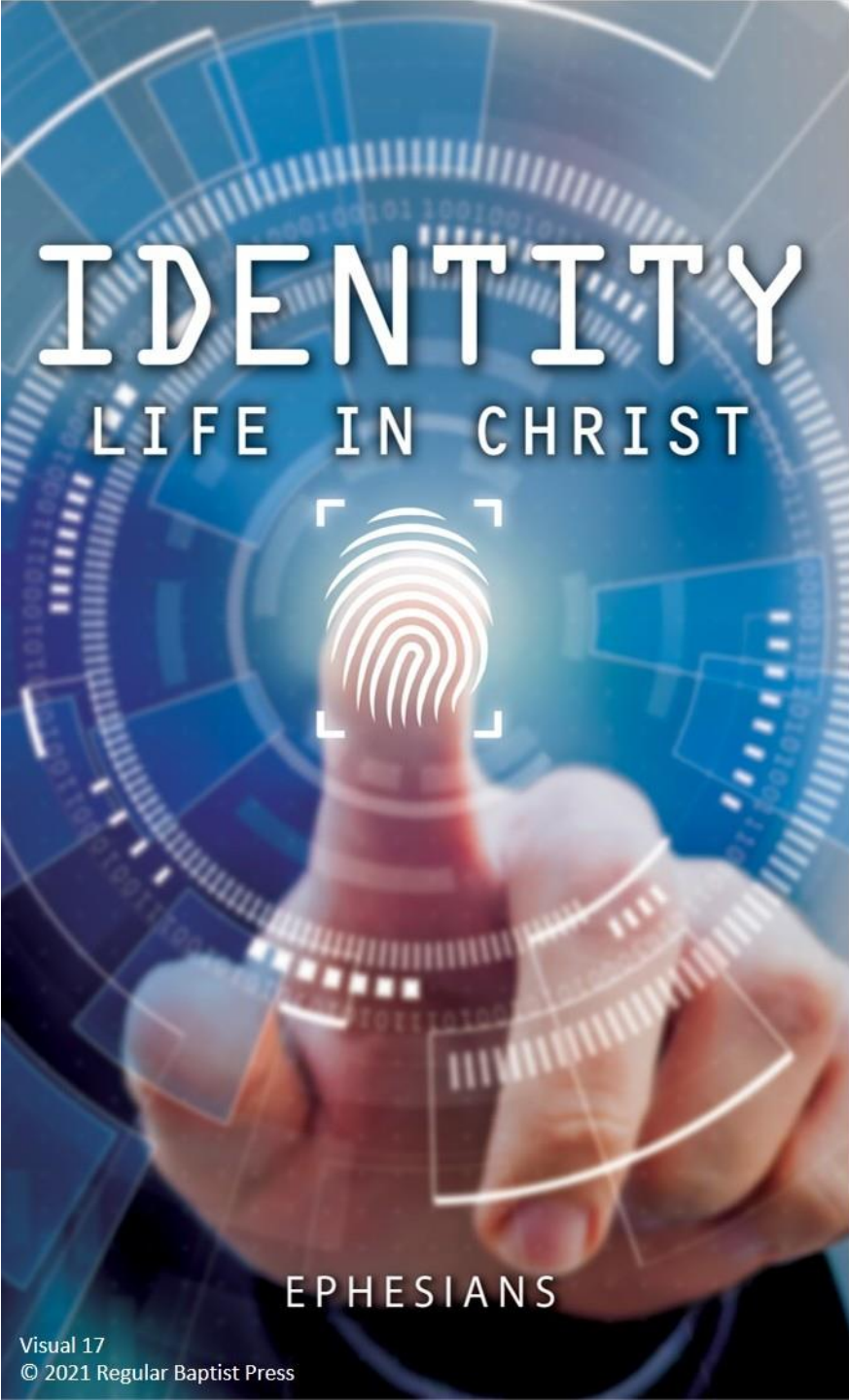
Unsearchable Riches

What are some of the
“unsearchable riches of Christ”?



Forgiveness.
Redemption.
Eternal life.
Promise of glorification.
Daily sanctification.
Peace.
Joy.
Fellowship with God.





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Spreading the Gospel

What can we do to spread the gospel around the globe?



Support missionaries.
Participate in missions.
Learn about the cultures
represented around us.
Encourage our children
toward missions.
Pray for cross-cultural
mission works.



