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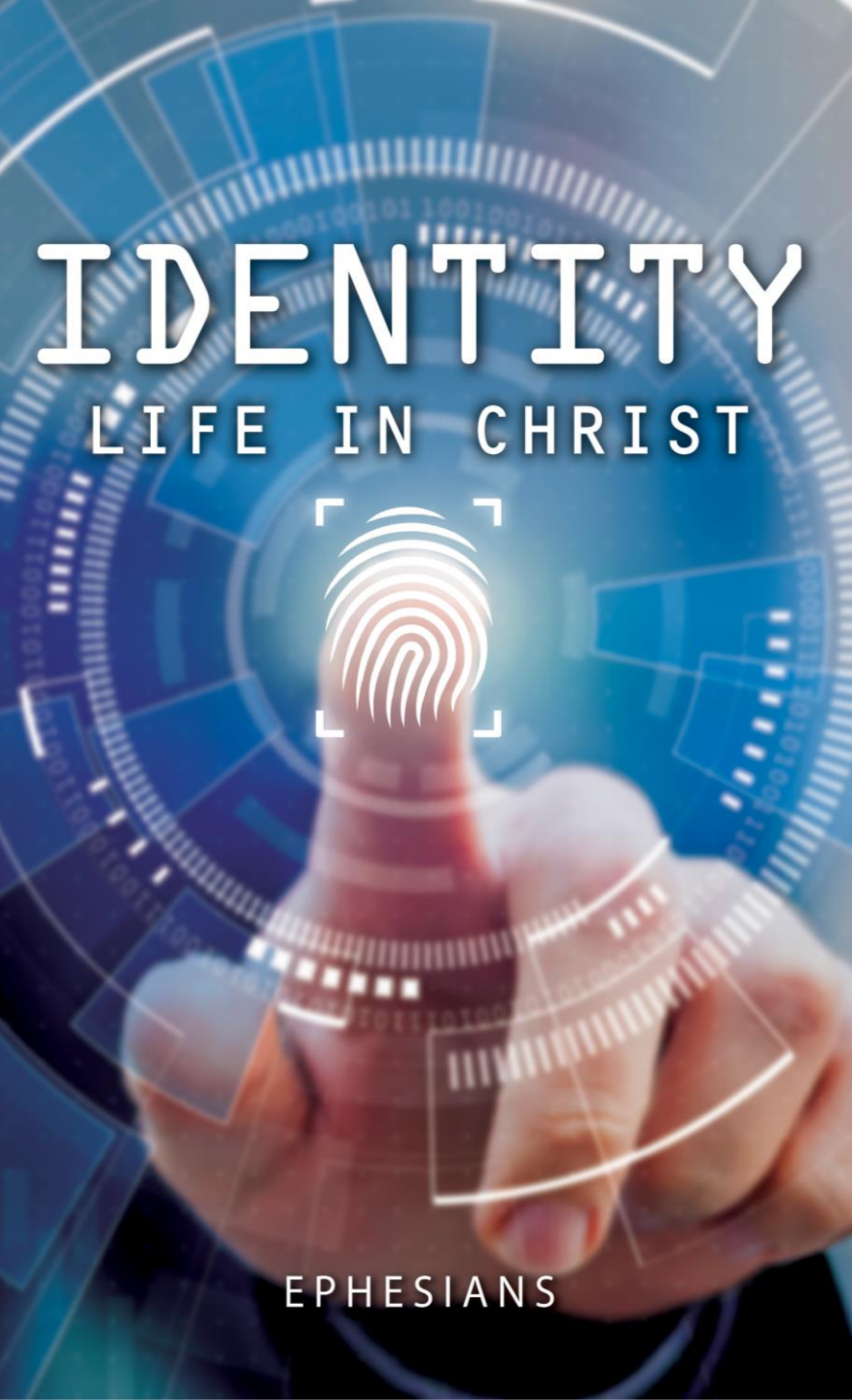
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1. Chapters 1-3: Doctrine Concerning the Church
The doctrinal basis for believers' unity "in Christ".

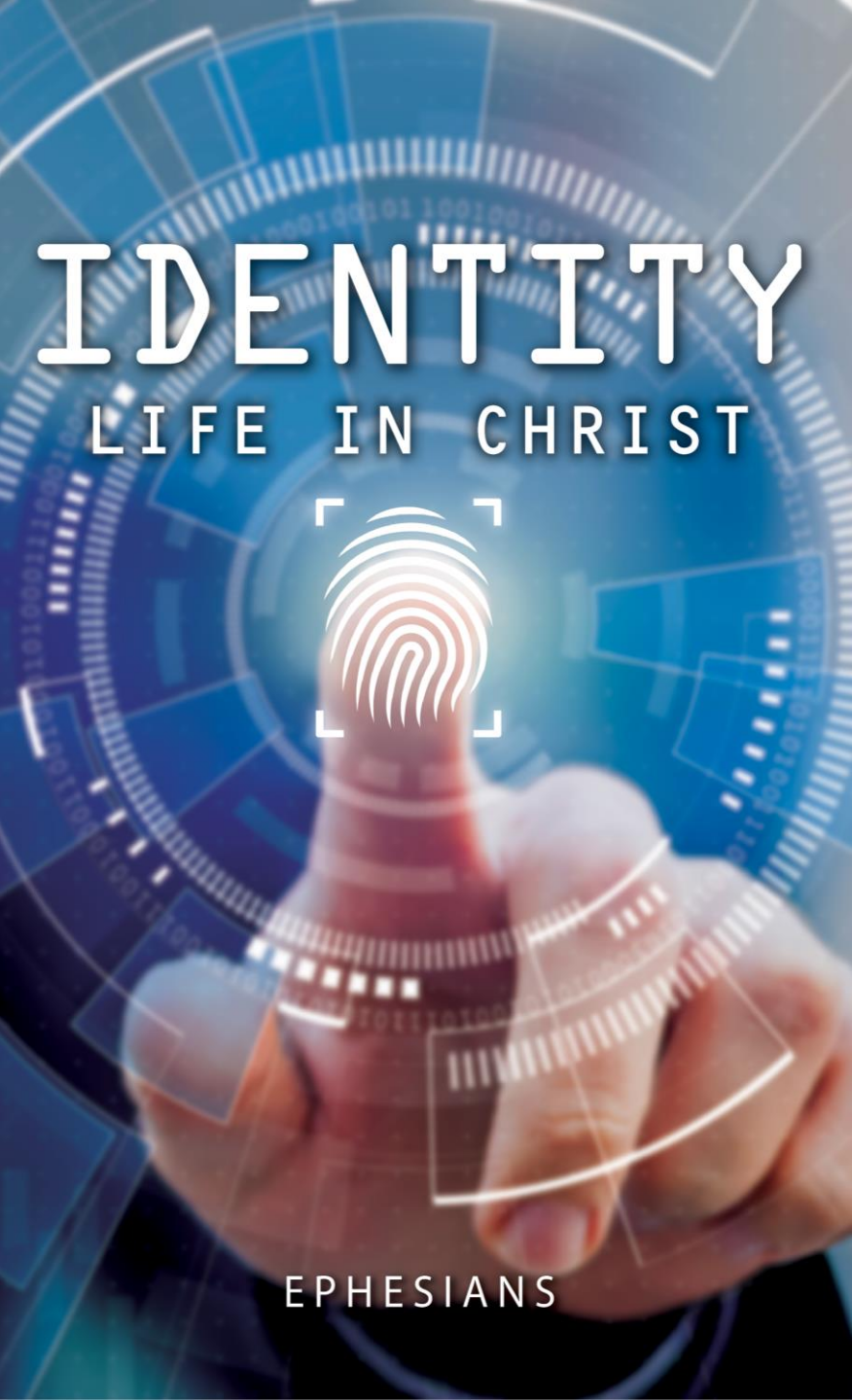
The new **LIFE** which God has given us "in Christ" (1:3-2:10)

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).



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“Now the apostle moves on from the new society to the new standards which are expected of it. So he turns from exposition to exhortation, from what God has done (in the indicative) to what we must be and do (in the imperative), from doctrine to duty, from mind-stretching theology to its down-to-earth, concrete implications in everyday living.”

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

Theater in Ephesus

