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Scarlet Thread

Reveal God



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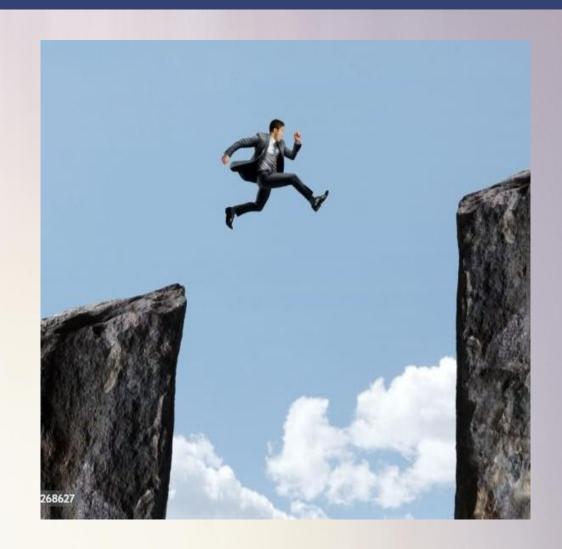
Man needs a bridge

Reveal God



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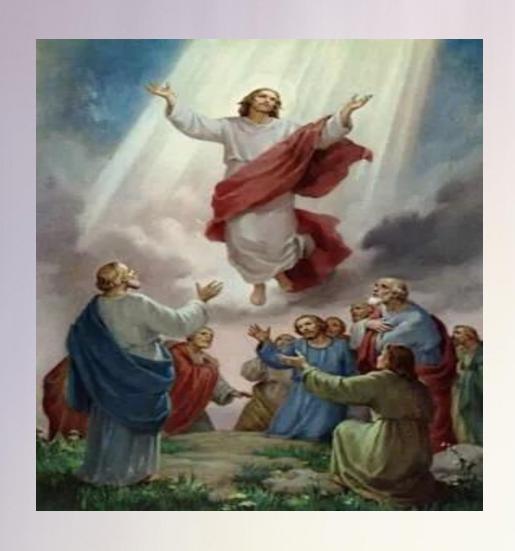
Jesus Christ, Son of God

Bridge of Nations



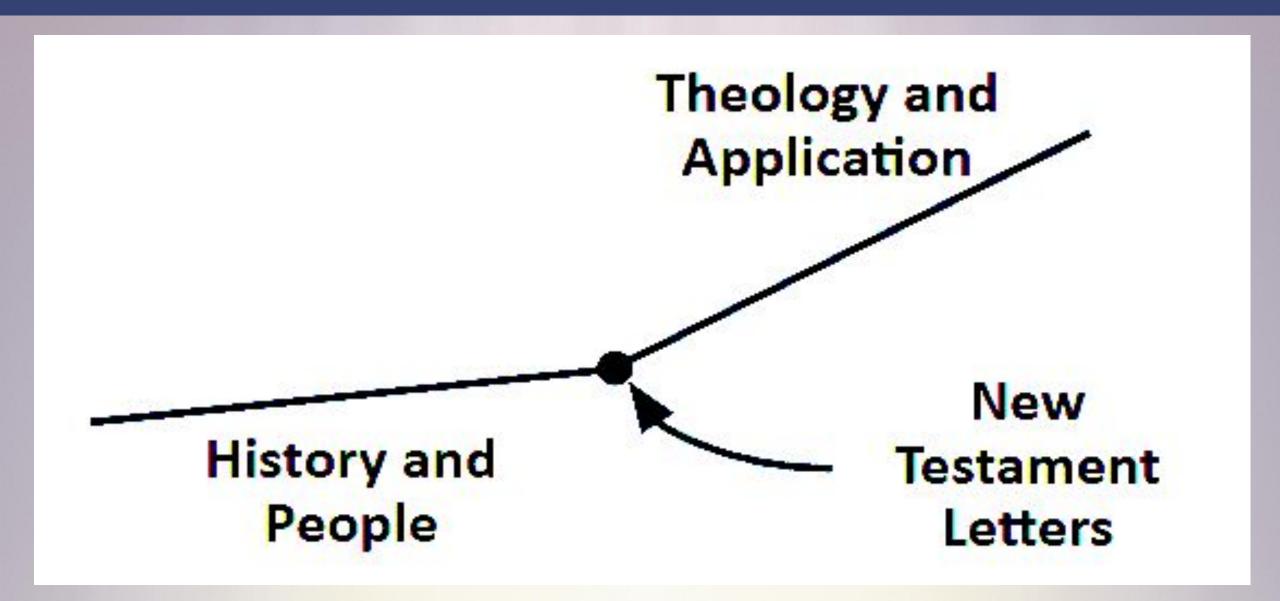
'I must go away'

Filled with the Holy Spirit





Inflection Point



Remember what happened?

Remember Things Changed.





Attributes of the City of Ephesus:

- 1. Second only to Rome in population in Empire.
- 2. Capitol and premier city of Eastern Empire.
- 3. Temple of Diana (Artemis), one of the seven wonders of ancient world.

Importance to the Early Church

1. Paul wrote 1 Corinthians from Ephesus.

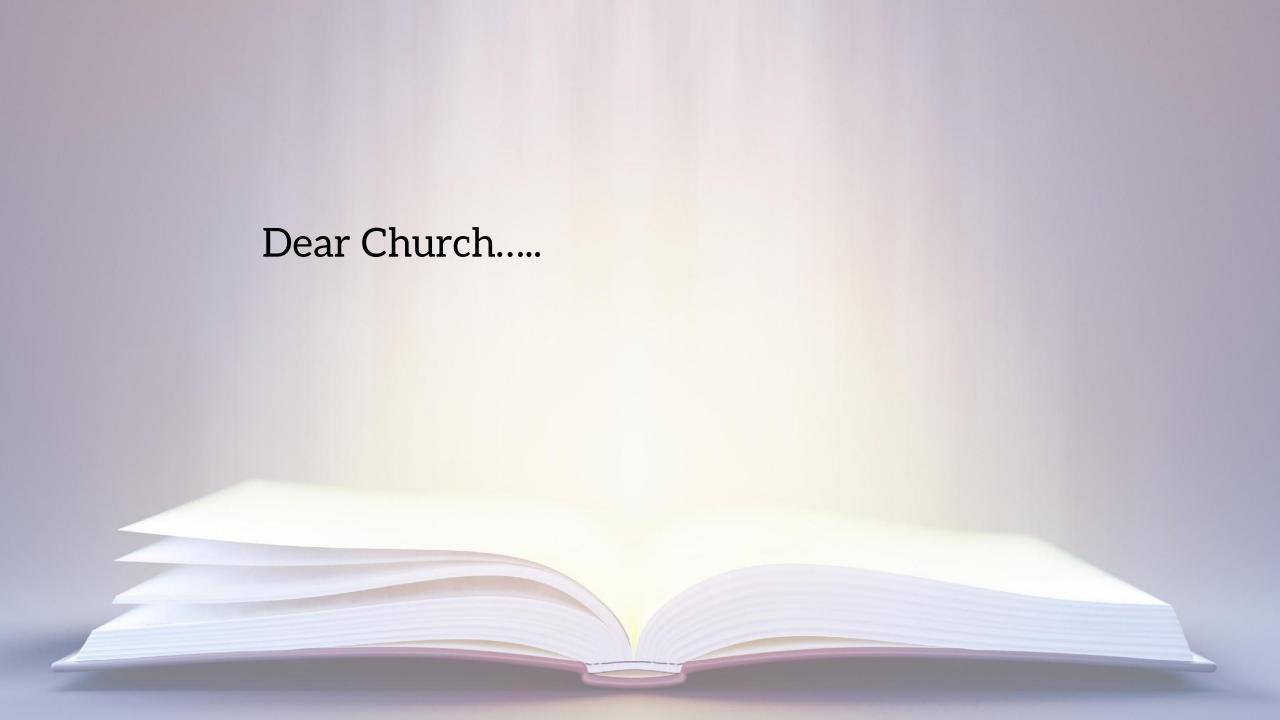
2. Paul wrote to here from Rome.





What does it take to get a letter from Paul?

- A. Lots of issues of confusion and immorality. See 1 Corinthians
- B. One or two major misunderstandings. See Galatians
- C. No noticeable problems, just because he loves you. See Ephesians
- D. All of the above.



Structure of Ephesians:

- 1. Position of the Christian. (Chapters 1-3)
- 2. Practice of the Christian. (Chapters 4-6)

Position of the Christian

- 1. Chosen by the Father 1:3-6
- 2. Redeemed by the Son 1:7-12
- 3. Sealed by the Spirit 1:13-14

.....He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love, He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself according the the kind intention of His will..." Ephesians 1:4-5

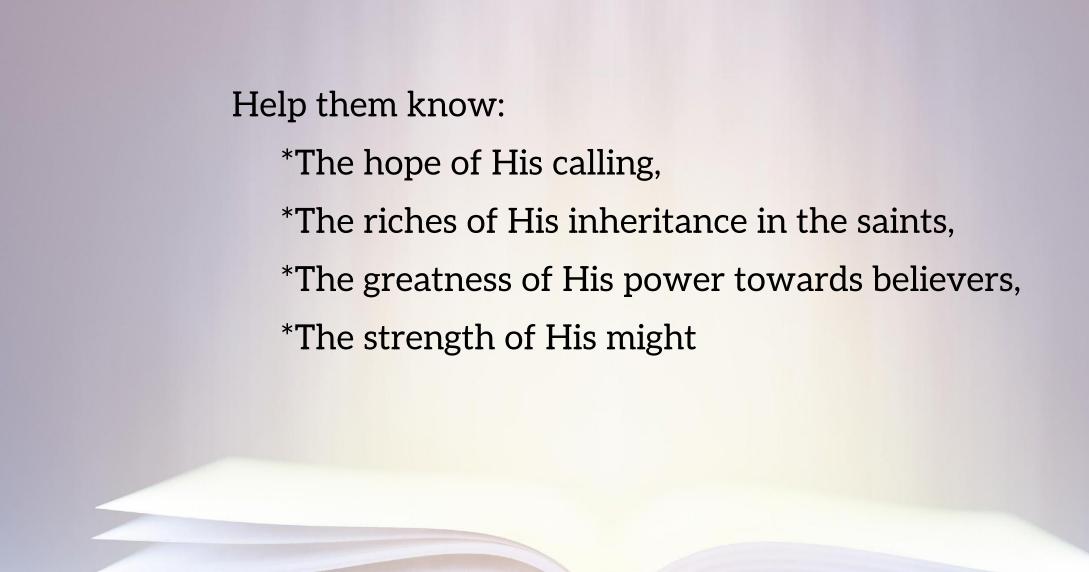
"...In Him we have redemption through
His blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of His
grace..."

Ephesians 1:7

"...In Him you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise..."

Ephesians 1:13

Dear Lord, Thank you for saving them, Please help them!



Position of the Christian

- 1. Old position–Dead to God Eph 2:1-10
- 2. New position-Alive to God Eph 2:4-10
- 3. Old relationship-Enmity between Jews and Gentiles Eph 3
- 4. New relationship-Fellow heirs, fellow members of the body,
- fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus Eph 3

"...But God..." Ephesians 2:1-10

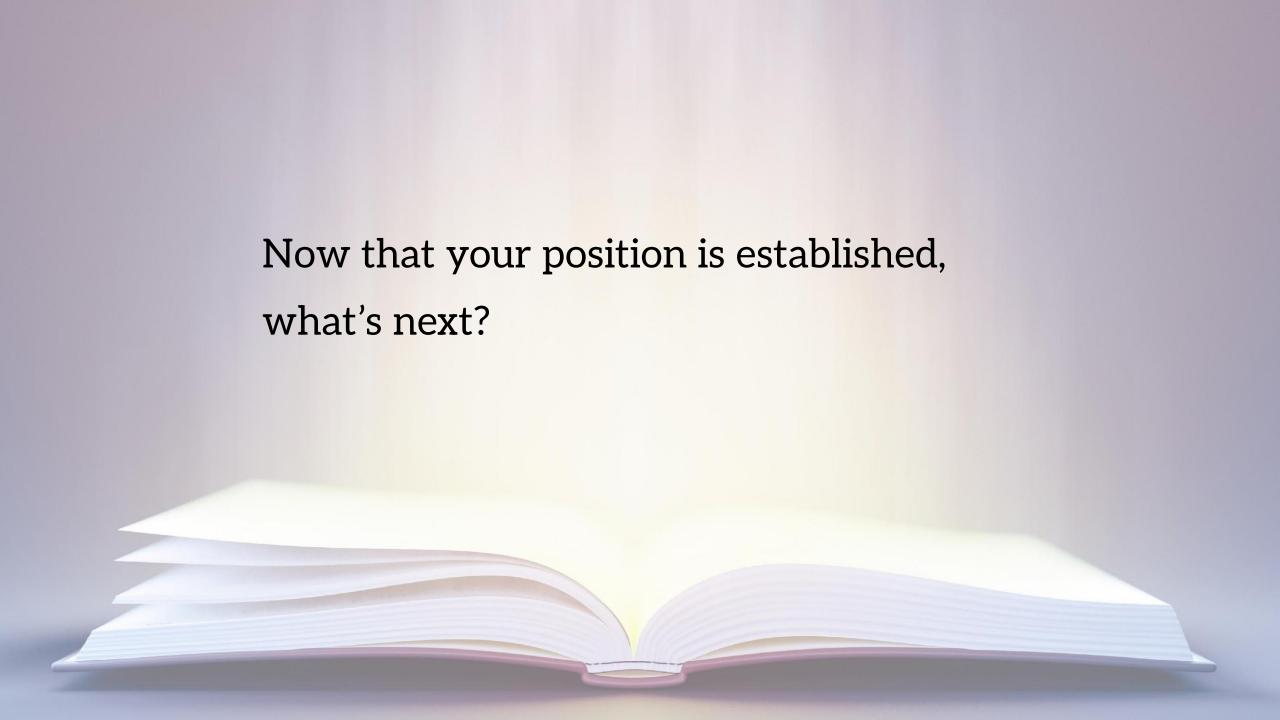
Our New Position

Alive with Christ Loved

Seated with Him in Heavenly Places Saved

His workmanship Brought near

No longer strangers Fellow citizens



Now Walk!

Practice of the Christian

- 1. Unity in the Church 4:1-6
- 2. Holiness in our lives 4:17-5:21
- 3. Actions at home and work 5:22-6:9
- 4. Outline of tools and weapons available to us (Armor of God).

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

Ephesians 4:3 (ESV)

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What is something you as a group noticed we are called to practice?

Christ is in you, you have got this!!

