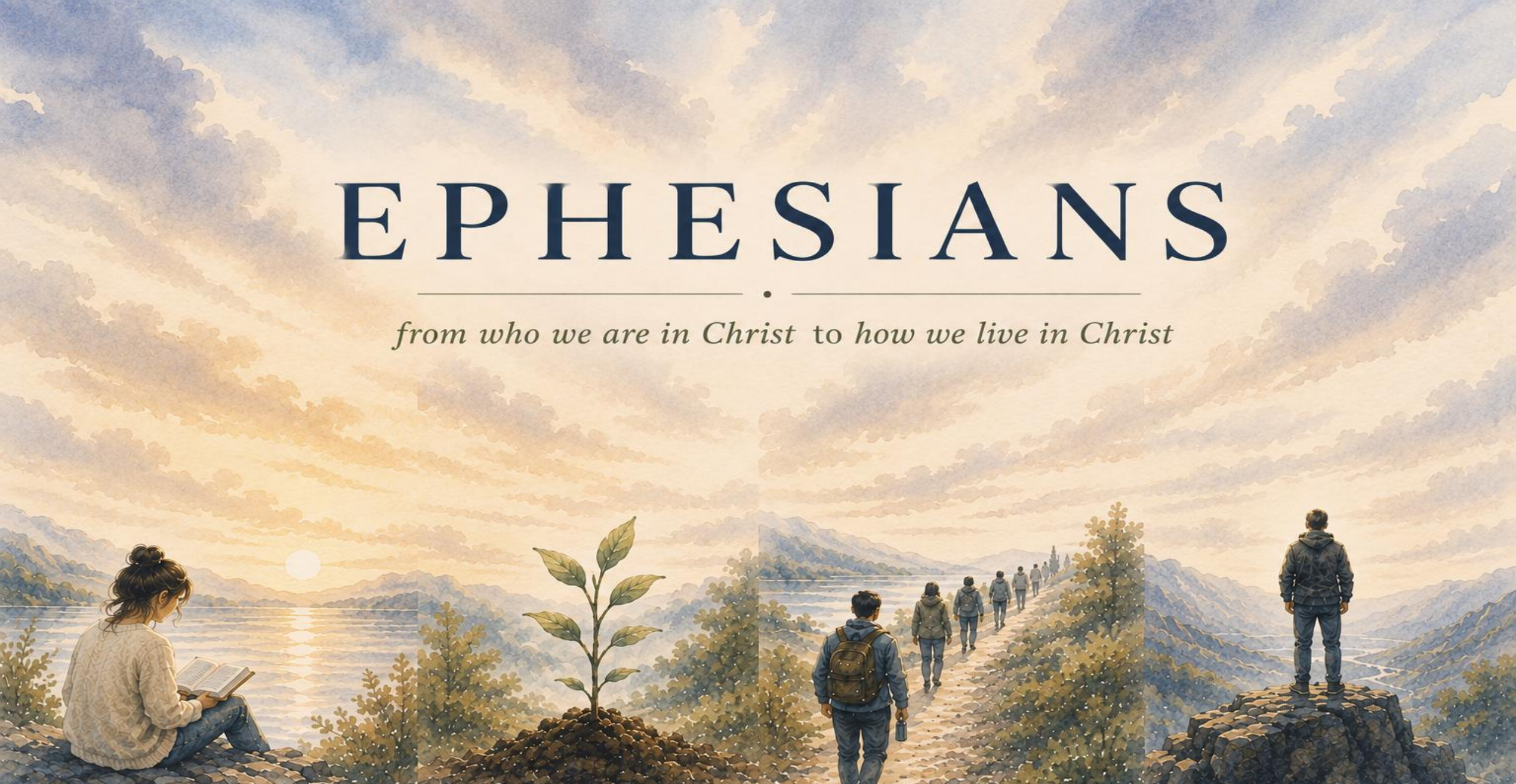


# EPHESIANS

*from who we are in Christ to how we live in Christ*



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# Growing Together in Christ

*Ephesians 4:1–16*

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# Last Week: No Second-Class Citizens

Ephesians 3

1

## One Family

Jew and Gentile, joined as equals in Christ.

2

## This Week

Ephesians 4:1–16 — community that testifies.

We lean further into what Soo Inn shared: we are meant for community.

***This week's word is "MATURITY."***

# From Belief To Practice

Chapters 1–3: Paul teaches us theology and doctrine.

Chapters 4–6: Paul shows us what it looks like to live it out.

*This is the practice of what chapters 1–3 teach us.*

# Growing in Community

Three movements in Ephesians 4:1–16

1

**Humility**

**Ephesians 4:1–6**

2

**Ministry**

**Ephesians 4:7–13**

3

**Maturity**

**Ephesians 4:14–16**

# 1

## A Community of Humility

Ephesians 4:1–6

*“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”*

God is the Caller. He calls us first to know Him, then to live like Him.

*This is what it means to walk worthy of your calling.*

# Four Marks of a Gospel Life

Ephesians 4:2

1

**Humble**

2

**Gentle**

3

**Patient**

4

**Loving**

Bearing with one  
another

# This Is Our DNA

*“The LORD, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”*

Exodus 34:6–7

*Live a life reflective of the One who called you.*

# The Seven “Ones”

Ephesians 4:4–6

*One body. One Spirit. One hope. One Lord.  
One faith. One baptism. One God and Father.*

*We are ONE in the faith of our shared calling.*

## 2

# A Community of Ministry

Ephesians 4:7–13

*“Grace was given to each one of us, according to the measure of Christ’s gift.”*

God knew exactly how He made us — and where our gifts fit in the kingdom.

*Our differences are not a problem to manage — they are a gift to steward.*

# Bring a Dish to Share

*Our differences add flavour to community.*

## BEFORE

A–L brings desserts. M–Z brings salads.

## NOW

Bring whatever dish reflects who you are.



# “Oh, That’s Easy”

Ask my wife to cook, and her answer is almost always the same: “Oh, that’s easy.”

That is your natural, God-given gift — the thing that feels effortless to you, but is a gift to someone else.

*Go and discover it — and enjoy the process.*

# Equip the Saints

Ephesians 4:11–12

*“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”*

Who does the ministry? The saints. Who are the saints? All of you.

***My job: equip you. Your job: do the ministry.***

# United, Not Uniform

We are all called together, in different forms, for one purpose: building up the body of Christ.

*God's unity is best seen in our diversity.*



### 3

## Growing Toward Maturity

Ephesians 4:13–16

*“When I was a child, I spoke and thought like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.”*

1 Corinthians 13:11

***Grow up. Grow in maturity.***

# Two Marks of Maturity

Ephesians 4:14–15

## Discernment

Not tossed by the waves, or blown by cunning and craftiness.

## Truth in Love

Saying hard things in a way that can be received, not just said.

# A Healthy Body

Each part, working properly, makes the whole body grow.

**A healthy body builds itself up in love.**

# Living It Out

Two prayers to pray this week

1

**Ask God to show you your gifts.**

If you've never discovered them, ask your friends. They may see what you don't.

2

**Ask God how to use them.**

It doesn't need to be in church. Ask God to put it on your heart.

**Walk worthy. Live humbly.**

**Serve with your gifts. Grow to maturity.**

***Together, we grow up into Him who is the Head — Christ.***