

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

**“The Called”: God’s Household
Ephesians 4:1**

12 Paragraphs of Ephesians 4:1–6:9

WALK IN UNITY

Eph. 4:1–6

Eph. 4:7–16

PUT ON THE NEW MAN

Eph. 4:17–19

Eph. 4:20–24

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Eph. 4:25–32

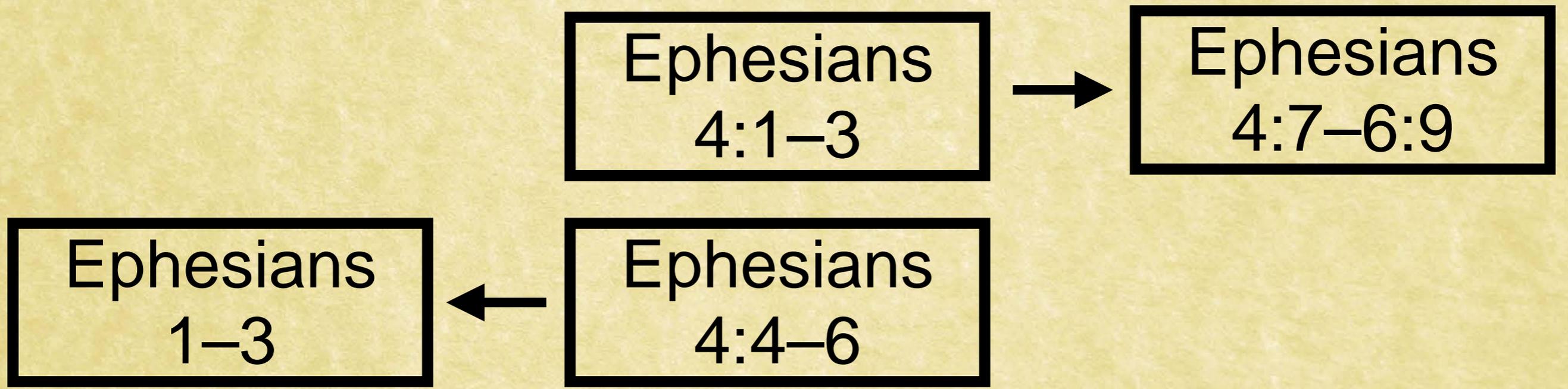
WALK IN LOVE (1–8)

Eph. 5:1–2

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Eph. 3:1, “For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—”

4:1, “I, Paul, a prisoner in Christ” [ἐν κυρίῳ *en kurio*],

**3:1, “Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles” [ὁ δέσμιος τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ
*[tou Christou Iesou]***

1 Cor. 6:20, “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Cor. 7:23, “You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.”

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Rom. 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

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1 Cor. 7:20, “Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.”

“Likewise, a Christian’s vocational situation is a matter of little consequence (if status can be changed, well and good; if not, it is not a matter for worry). What matters is that every Christian should realize he is Christ’s slave and needs to render obedience to Him.”

[~David Lowery, “1 Corinthians,” *Bible Knowledge Commentary*]

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your [“the”] calling;”

ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

**FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”**



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**“POSITIONAL TRUTH”
“IDENTITY TRUTH”**

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**New
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Eph. 2:15

**New
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**Holy
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Eph. 2:21–22

New Household

Eph. 2:19, 20

**Body of
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1 Cor. 12:12–13

Rom. 12:5

Eph. 4:4, 12

**Bride of
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Eph. 5:25–26

2 Cor. 11:2

Rev. 19:7–10

Royal

Priesthood

Family of God

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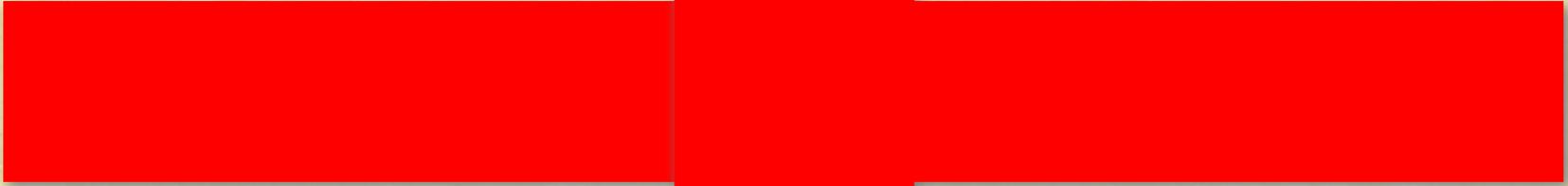
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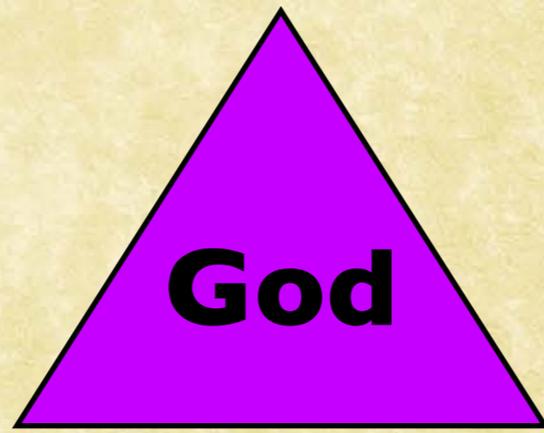
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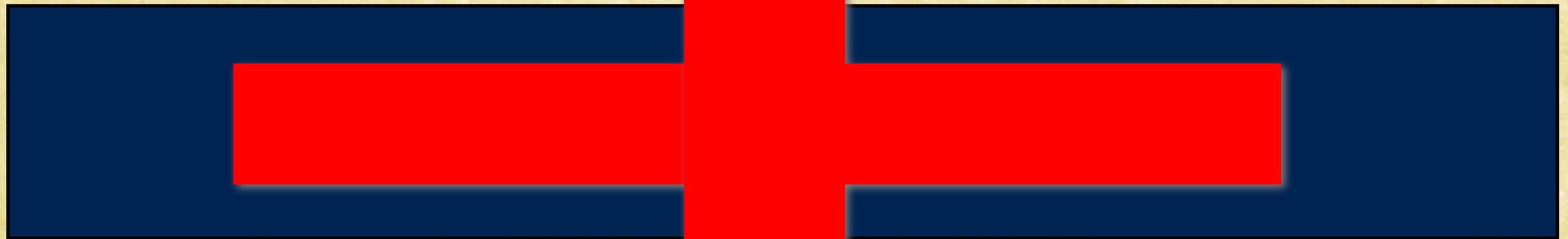
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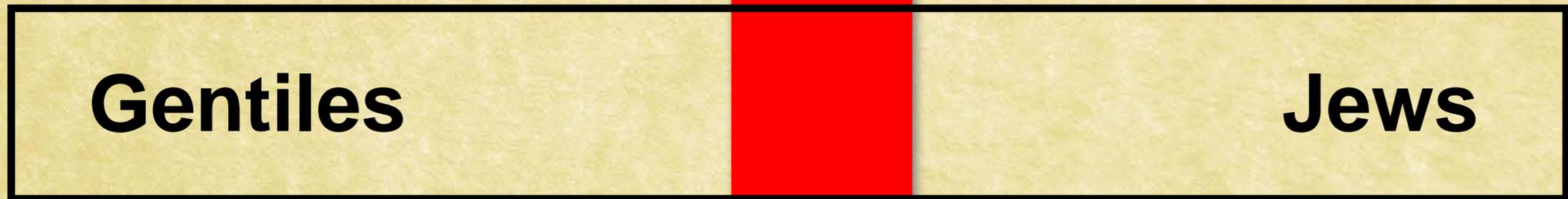
Reconciliation

God



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Rom. 8:15, “For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ ”

Gal. 4:5, “to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Eph. 1:5, “having appointed us [‘in Him,’ vs. 4] to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,”

Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, y’all [Gentiles] are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

Eph. 2:20, “having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,”

The Christian Vocation (Profession)

1. Definitions

Vocation

Though based on the Latin word *vocare* for “calling”, this term has been distorted in two directions. First, in the Middle Ages, it was limited to the calling of only the religious, those who were called into monasticism, the clergy, or to be a nun. The second is that today it is often associated with learning the trades as in vocational education. Simply learning to make a living.

The Australian Council of Professions

“A Profession is a disciplined group of individuals who adhere to ethical standards and who hold themselves out as, and are accepted by the public as possessing special knowledge and skills in a widely recognised body of learning derived from research, education and training at a high level, and who are prepared to apply this knowledge and exercise these skills in the interest of others.”

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“It is inherent in the definition of a Profession that a code of ethics governs the activities of each Profession. Such codes require behaviour and practice beyond the personal moral obligations of an individual. They define and demand high standards of behaviour in respect to the services provided to the public and in dealing with professional colleagues. Often these codes are enforced by the Profession and are acknowledged and accepted by the community.”

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a. In order to fulfill our calling Christians need to acquire a specialized knowledge from the Scripture and to develop from this knowledge skills related to thinking and living. The acquisition of this knowledge requires consistent and regular study of the Scripture in the local church where the saints are equipped for every area of life through the teaching of the pastor-teacher. Eph. 4:11–12.

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b. The acquisition of this knowledge and these skills is for the purpose of serving the Lord and serving one another in the body of Christ.

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c. It is inherent that a central part of this calling is to live a life that adheres to a particular code of conduct which governs the thoughts, decisions, and actions of the individual believer.

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d. Living according to these standards is the result of consistently walking by means of the Spirit, being led and filled with the Word of God by the Spirit, who develops in us the character traits which distinguish those who are living in light of their calling.

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What is the culture of a family?

Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”