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Edward McKendree Bounds (August 15, 1835 – August 24, 1913) prominently known as **E.M. Bounds**, was an American author, attorney, and member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South clergy. He is known for writing 11 books, nine of which focused on the subject of prayer. Only two of Bounds' books were published before he died. After his death, Rev. Claudius (Claude) Lysias Chilton, Jr., grandson of William Parish Chilton and admirer of Bounds, worked on preserving and preparing Bounds' collection of manuscripts for publication. By 1921, Homer W. Hodge completed additional editorial work.

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Edward McKendree Bounds (circa 1864)

Born	August 15, 1835 Shelby County, Missouri
Died	August 24, 1913 (aged 78) Washington, Georgia
Resting place	Resthaven Cemetery
Pen name	E. M. Bounds
Occupation	Clergy, attorney, author
Language	English
Nationality	American
Genre	Spiritual

Early life

Edward McKendree Bounds was born on August 15, 1835, in Shelbyville, Missouri, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Hester A. (née Purnell) Bounds.^{[1][2]} In the preface to *E.M. Bounds on Prayer*, published by Hendrickson Christian Classics Series over 90 years after Bounds' death, it is surmised that young Edward was named after the evangelist, William McKendree, who planted churches in western Missouri and served as the fourth bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.^[1] He was the fifth child, in a family of three sons and three daughters.^[1]

Thomas Jefferson Bounds was one of the original settlers of Shelby County. Prior to organizing the County, Thomas Bounds served as the first Justice of the Peace.^[3] In April 1835, he was named County Clerk, followed by an appointment to serve as the County Commissioner in December 1835.^[3] In 1836, he began holding circuit court in his home, during the third term each year.^[3] In his capacity as County Commissioner, he platted the town into blocks and lots for new settlers.^[3] In 1840, he advanced the building of the First Methodist Church. In 1849, Thomas contracted tuberculosis and died.^{[4][5]}

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Reuben Archer Torrey (28 January 1856 – 26 October 1928) was an American evangelist, Congregational pastor, educator, and writer. He aligned with Keswick theology.^[1]

Biography

Torrey was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, the son of a banker. He graduated from Yale University in 1875 and from Yale Divinity School in 1878, following which he became a Congregational minister in Garrettsville, Ohio. In 1879, he married Clara Smith, and they subsequently had five children.

After further studies in theology at Leipzig University and Erlangen University in 1882–1883, Torrey joined Dwight L. Moody in his evangelistic work in Chicago in 1889, and became superintendent of the Bible Institute of the Chicago Evangelization Society (now Moody Bible Institute). In 1894, he became pastor of the Chicago Avenue Church (now the Moody Church).^[2]

In 1898, Torrey served as a chaplain with the YMCA at Camp Chickamauga during the Spanish–American War. During World War I, he performed similar service at Camp Bowie (a POW camp in Texas) and at Camp Kearny.

In 1902–1903, he preached in nearly every part of the English-speaking world and with song leader Charles McCallon Alexander conducted revival services in Great Britain from 1903 to 1905. During this period, he also visited China, Japan, Australia, and India. Torrey conducted a similar campaign in American and Canadian cities in 1906–1907.^[2] Throughout these campaigns, Torrey used a meeting style that he borrowed from Moody's campaigns of the 1870s.



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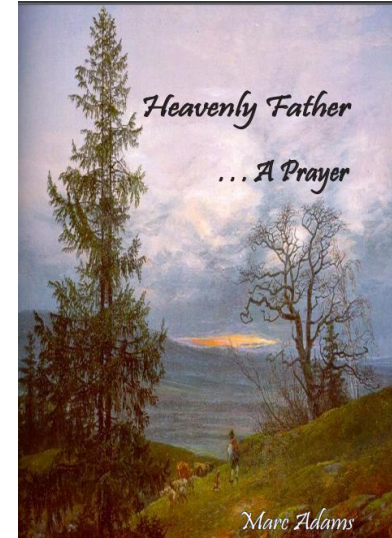


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A Prayer to the God of My Life



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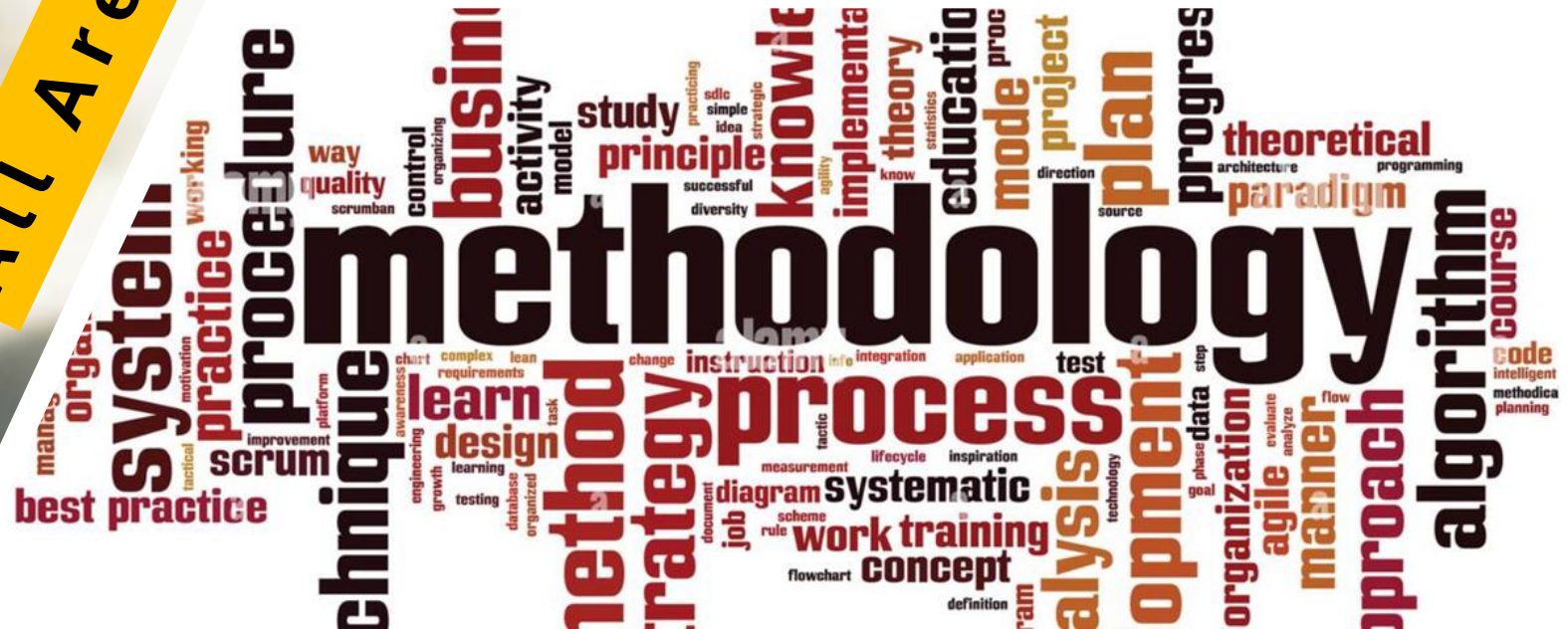
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The **LIFE** Of GOD
TRUE GOD

All Are WELCOME

God
OF Faith
OF God



Discernment unto Maturity

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- Open
- Web Site Materials
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- Welcome Open Prayer Songs
- Discussion: PRAYER Panel
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- Session 6: Unity of Faith: **GRACE 3**

Recognizable Discernable Experiences of God's Grace

1Jo 2:27 but the anointing which you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that any one should teach you; as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie, just as it has taught you, abide in him.

1 JN 2.27

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil. Heb 6:1a Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity

Heb 5:14 - 6:1a



Sabbath Rest



Building Blocks of Faith

- Definitions
- Synonyms
- Apostolic/Scriptural Unfolding – NT Epistles Interpretive Lens
- Exhortational Foundation

Fellowship of LIFE



Building Blocks of Faith

- Have LIFE
- Testimony of the Father
- Having Believed Evidence of Faith
- Promise of the Spirit

Blood of Christ



Building Blocks of Faith

- Incarnate God; Birth God/Man; New Creation
- Reality of the Blood; Human; Man
- Curse/LIFE
- Blood of Old/Blood of New
- Cry of the Heart "Abba Father"; Peace with God
- Experience of LIFE

Study Method



Building Blocks of Faith

- Methodical Bible Study: Basic & Advanced Step
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- Epistolary Method: Experience of Resident Life
- Know by the Knowing Experience



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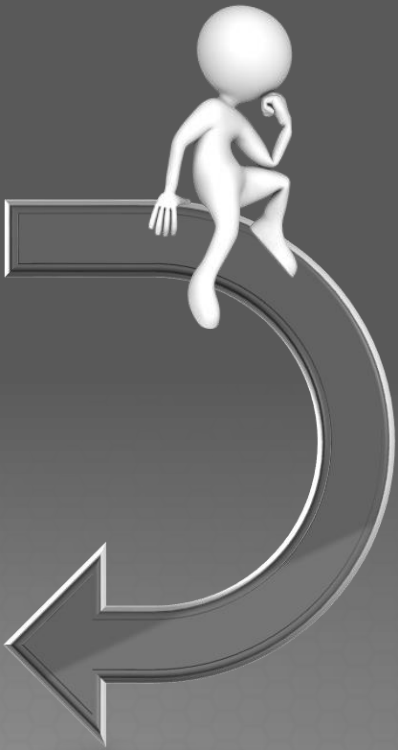


- **I Want to Stroll over Heaven with You**

Believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself



Experience of the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son



New Creature

EZEKIEL
New Covenant



Faith
Knowledge
Manhood
Fullness



Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Embracing God's Grace: A Journey to Spiritual Maturity and Unity in Faith - DM Session 5

Series Discernment unto Maturity Session 5 focuses on understanding God's grace and its role in spiritual maturity. The main themes include exploring grace as the essence of God rather than just an attribute, recognizing personal experiences of grace, and understanding how grace reveals God's nature and transforms believers. The study emphasizes the unity of faith, the transformative power of God's grace, and the importance of discernment in spiritual growth. We are encouraged to reflect on our personal experiences of God's grace and how it impacts our understanding of God and ourselves. The session references biblical passages, particularly from Ezekiel, Romans, Ephesians, and Galatians, to support the discussion. The study also touches on historical Christian revivals and theological concepts such as justification and sanctification. We are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God, embrace His grace fully, and live confidently in our LIFE as children of God. We conclude with a call to trust God in daily life and to be a living witness of His grace to others.

These points capture the main themes, topics, concepts, directives, exhortations, and encouragements presented in the DM Session 5.

This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

Main Themes:

1. **God's Grace as Transformative:** The session emphasizes grace as not only unmerited favor but also as an essential aspect of God's being. Grace is seen as the primary tool for spiritual transformation, guiding believers toward maturity.
2. **Unity in Faith:** There is a consistent focus on the importance of unity among believers, facilitated by a shared understanding of faith, grace, and spiritual growth. We are encouraged to grow together in faith and understanding.
3. **Personal and Corporate Spiritual Growth:** The session encourages both individual and communal reflection on experiences of God's grace, urging believers to understand and testify to its workings in their own lives and within the body of Christ.
4. **Experiential Knowledge of God:** Rather than relying solely on doctrine, the session highlights the need for an experiential relationship with God. Spiritual maturity is characterized by our personal experience with God's grace and its transformative impact.
5. **Discernment and Maturity:** The participants are encouraged to use discernment in their spiritual journey. This includes recognizing the evidence of God's grace in their lives, understanding doctrinal truths, and applying them in personal and communal contexts.
6. **Faith Beyond Doctrine:** While doctrine is acknowledged as important, the session stresses that faith should be based on our personal experience with God rather than intellectual understanding alone.

Topics:

1. **The Essence of Grace:** The session explores whether grace is an attribute of God or His very essence, discussing its role in spiritual life and salvation.
2. **The Role of Doctrine and Theology:** It addresses the balance between understanding theological concepts and living out spiritual experiences, cautioning against relying solely on intellectual beliefs without personal spiritual experience.
3. **Recognizable Experiences of Grace:** The session urges participants to reflect on and recognize how they have personally experienced God's grace, emphasizing that grace manifests in both personal and external life.
4. **Maturity and Spiritual Faculties:** There's an emphasis on the development of spiritual faculties such as discernment and understanding, which are critical for attaining spiritual maturity.

Concepts:

1. **Co-Participation with God:** Believers are invited to participate in the life of God, becoming one with Him through grace. This idea of joint participation in God's life and mission is a recurring concept.
2. **The New Heart and Spirit:** Drawing from Ezekiel, the concept of a new heart and spirit reflects the transformation that occurs in believers as they embrace God's grace and enter into a deeper relationship with Him.
3. **Grace as God's Life:** Grace is not just seen as a favor from God but as His life actively working in believers, shaping their thoughts, actions, and spiritual identity (self-awareness).
4. **Grace in the Created Order:** The idea that grace extends to the whole created order, as all of creation groans for the revelation of the sons and daughters of God, demonstrates the cosmic significance of grace.

Directives:

1. **Reflect on Personal Experiences of Grace:** Participants are encouraged to reflect on their own spiritual journeys and recognize how God's grace has manifested in their lives.
2. **Participate in Spiritual Fellowship:** The session calls for active participation in fellowship, urging believers to share their experiences of God's grace with others.
3. **Seek Deeper Knowledge of God:** There is an exhortation to seek deeper understanding and knowledge of God through both personal experience and scriptural study.

Exhortations:

1. **Rejoice in Unity with God:** The session exhorts believers to rejoice in the unity they share with God and with one another through His grace.
2. **Trust in God's Sustaining Grace:** Believers are encouraged to trust that God's grace will sustain them, particularly in times of temptation and trial.
3. **Exercise Spiritual Discernment:** There is a call for discernment in spiritual matters, urging participants to grow in their understanding of God's will and how it manifests in their lives.

Encouragements:

1. **Confidence in God's Presence:** Believers are encouraged to find confidence in the presence of God within them, recognizing that their faith and life are anchored in His grace.
2. **Testify to God's Work:** Participants are encouraged to testify to their personal experiences of God's grace, both as an act of worship and as a way to build up the Body of Christ.
3. **Growth Toward Maturity:** There is a strong encouragement for believers to pursue spiritual maturity by engaging in the process of reflection, discernment, and fellowship with God and others.

The Session reflects a focus on nurturing a deep, personal connection with God through grace, encouraging believers to pursue both intellectual understanding and experiential knowledge of their faith.

Prayer: Our Bible study session DM 5

The themes and prayer focuses provide a structured way for us to engage with the spiritual insights from the session and apply them in their personal prayer life.

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1. Grace as the Essence of God

- **Prayer Focus:** Ask God to deepen the understanding of His grace, not just as an attribute but as His very essence. Pray for participants to experience His grace more fully in their daily lives and to see it reflected in their interactions with others.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your grace, which is not only a gift but the essence of who You are. Help us to experience Your grace in every area of our lives, transforming us and allowing us to share that grace with others."

2. Spiritual Maturity and Discernment

- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for participants to grow in spiritual maturity and discernment, allowing them to distinguish between God's truth and distractions that hinder growth. Ask for the development of spiritual faculties that lead to greater understanding of God's will.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Lord, guide us toward spiritual maturity and give us discernment as we seek to follow You. Open our hearts to Your truth and teach us to exercise our spiritual gifts for Your glory and the edification of others."

3. Unity in Faith

- **Prayer Focus:** Encourage prayer for unity within the body of Christ, both in belief and in experience. Participants can pray for unity in faith, helping them to grow together and support one another in their spiritual journeys.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Father, we pray for unity in our faith. Bring us closer as a community of believers, united by Your Spirit, as we grow in knowledge and experience of You. Let our unity be a testimony to the world of Your love."

4. Recognizing God's Grace in Our Lives

- **Prayer Focus:** Ask participants to reflect on the specific ways they've experienced God's grace and give thanks for those moments. Pray for a heightened awareness of God's grace in everyday life.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Lord, we thank You for the many ways You have shown us grace. Help us to recognize Your hand in our lives and to live with hearts full of gratitude, always aware of Your presence and favor."

5. Testimony and Witness

- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for the boldness to testify to others about the transformative work of God's grace in their lives. Encourage participants to share their experiences of God's grace as a means of edifying others and spreading the Gospel.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Lord, give us boldness to share our testimony of Your grace with others. Let our lives be a living witness of Your love and power, drawing others to know and experience You."

6. Trust in God's Sustaining Power

- **Prayer Focus:** Encourage prayer for trust in God's sustaining power, especially in times of temptation or struggle. Pray for strength to rely on God's grace to overcome challenges and remain steadfast in faith.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Father, we trust in Your grace to sustain us in all circumstances. When we face challenges, remind us that You are with us, giving us the strength and wisdom to endure and to walk in Your ways."

7. Confidence and Assurance in God's Presence

- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for participants to have confidence and assurance in God's presence in their lives, especially in difficult situations. Ask for the peace that comes from knowing that God is always present, guiding and protecting.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Lord, fill us with confidence and assurance in Your presence. Let us rest in the knowledge that You are with us, guiding and protecting us, and that we can rely on You in all things."

8. Experiencing the Fullness of God's Life

- **Prayer Focus:** Pray for a deeper experience of the fullness of God's life, for participants to not just believe in God intellectually but to live out their faith through a close relationship with Him.
- **Sample Prayer:** "Father, help us to experience the fullness of Your life. Let us not settle for just knowing about You but lead us into a deep, personal relationship with You, where we live by Your Spirit and walk in Your ways."

These prayer areas can guide participants to reflect deeply on their spiritual journey, experience God's grace, and share their faith with others.

Prophetic Foundational Sources

Eze 36. 25-27

The Father has qualified us!

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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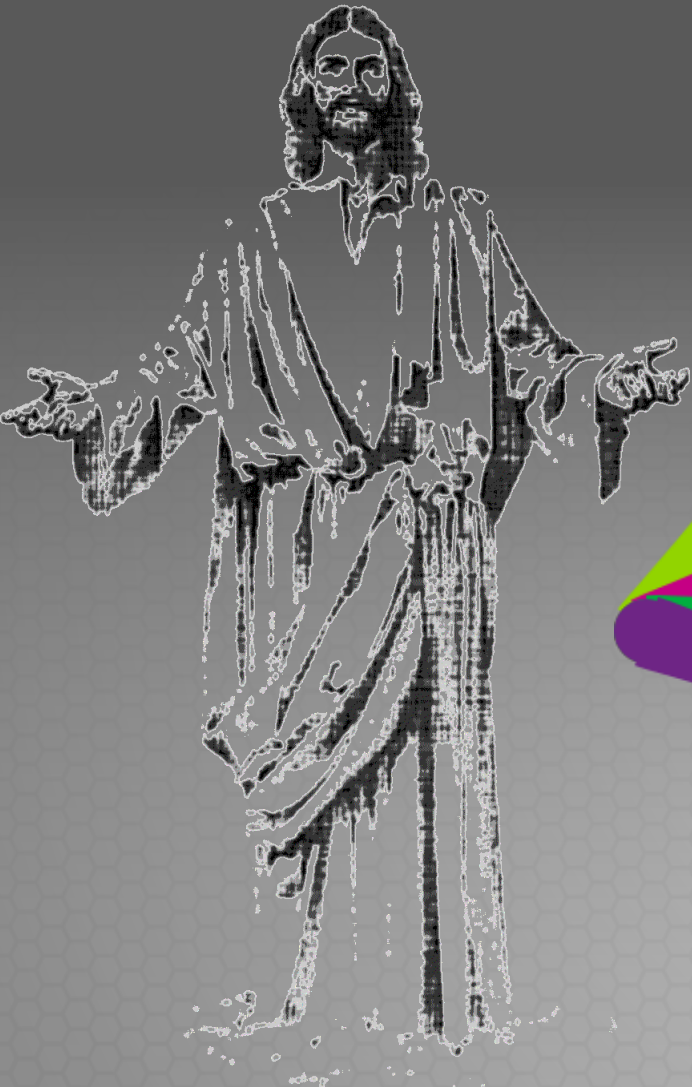
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Eph 4.11-13



Unity of the Faith

Knowledge of the Son of God

Mature Manhood

Measure of the stature of the Fullness of Christ

Hebrews

Ephesians

Colossians

Galatians

1 John

OUR INTERPRETIVE LENS

Heb 2:10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in **bringing many sons to glory**, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering.

11 For **he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin**. That is why he is **not ashamed to call them brethren**,

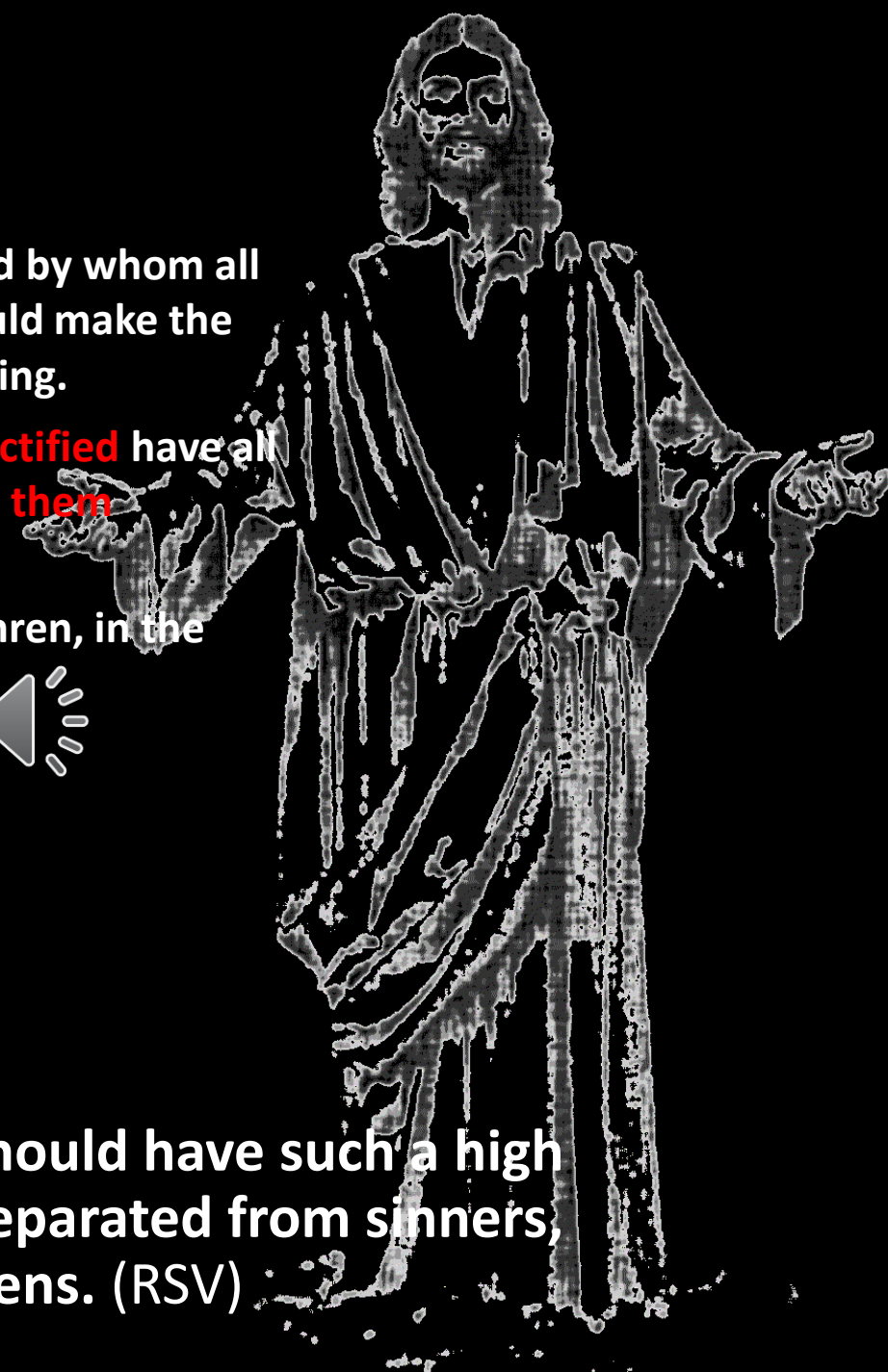
12 saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee."

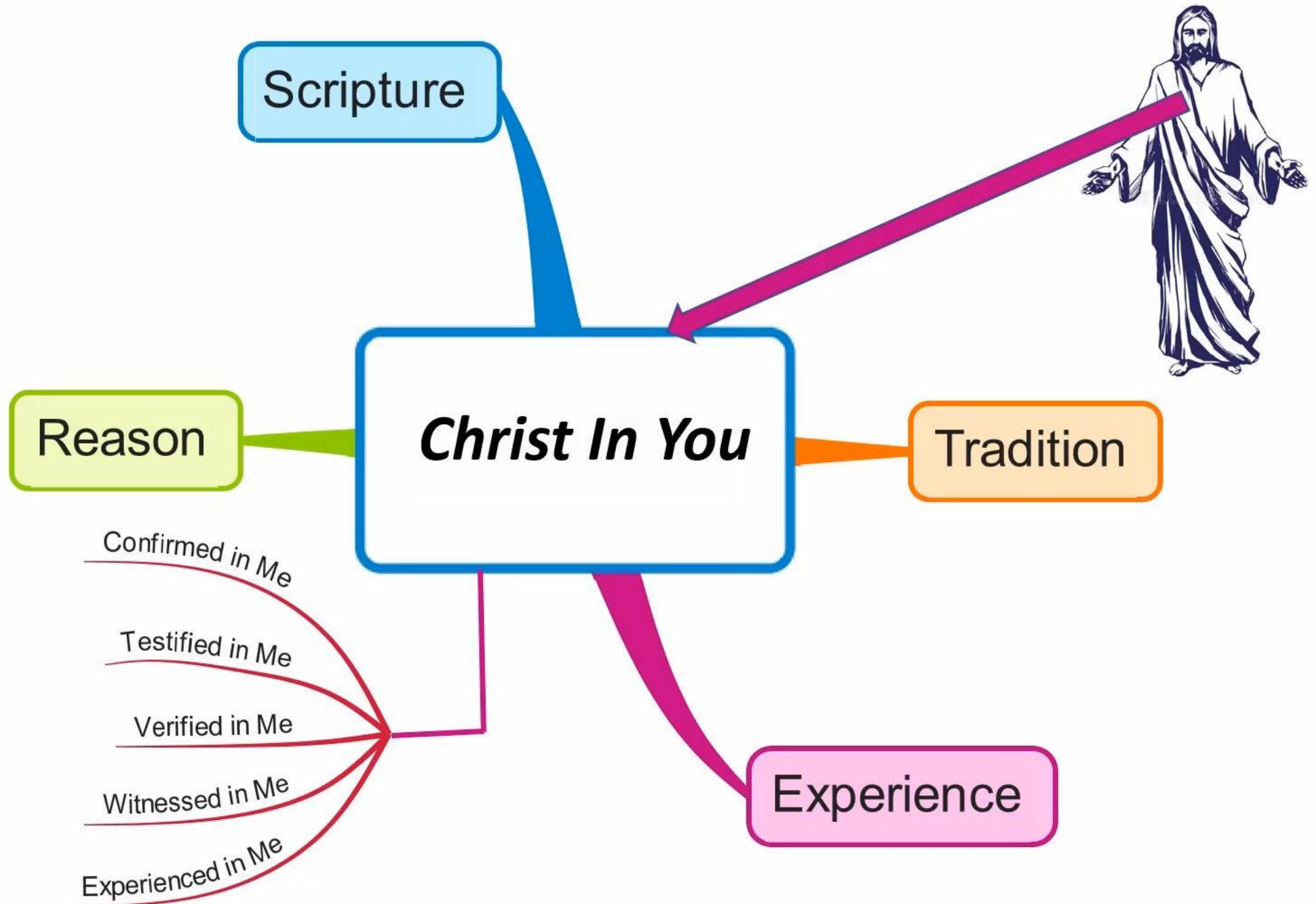


He has separated us from sinners!

HOW SO?

Heb 7:26 **For it was fitting** that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. (RSV)





every man mature in Christ

Discernment unto Maturity



God now speaks to us by His SON

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The Epistle to the Ephesians provides a rich theological framework for understanding the concepts of grace, belief, and faith in the context of a believer's personal and experiential life in Christ. Let's analyze these terms and their significance in the spiritual maturation process.

This structured approach to the session's content provides a comprehensive overview of the theological insights and practical applications discussed, aimed at deepening our faith and understanding.

Grace

Grace is a foundational concept in Ephesians, representing God's unmerited favor and love towards believers. It is the driving force behind salvation and spiritual growth.

Paul emphasizes that salvation is entirely a gift from God, not something earned through human effort. This divine grace is lavished upon believers, enabling them to experience spiritual blessings and redemption.

Impact on the believer's life:

- Initiates salvation
- Empowers spiritual growth
- Provides access to God's blessings
- Motivates grateful living and good works

Belief

Belief in Ephesians refers to the act of trusting in Christ and accepting the gospel message. It is the human response to God's grace and the means by which salvation is appropriated. Belief is not merely intellectual assent but a transformative commitment that shapes one's entire life.

Role in the believer's experience:

- Activates salvation
- Seals believers with the Holy Spirit
- Initiates a new life in Christ
- Shapes worldview and behavior

Faith

Faith in Ephesians is closely related to belief but emphasizes ongoing trust and reliance on Christ. It is the channel through which grace operates in the believer's life and the foundation for spiritual growth. Faith is both a gift from God and a responsibility of the believer to nurture and strengthen.

Importance in spiritual maturation:

- Provides stability amidst spiritual challenges
- Enables understanding of spiritual truths
- Facilitates bold access to God
- Serves as a shield against spiritual attacks

Relationship and Relative Importance

The relationship between grace, belief, and faith in the believer's journey towards maturity can be understood as follows:

1. **Grace as the Foundation:** God's grace is the initiating and sustaining force in the believer's life. It provides the opportunity for salvation and empowers ongoing spiritual growth.
2. **Belief as the Entry Point:** The act of believing in Christ is the initial response to God's grace, marking the beginning of the Christian life.
3. **Faith as the Ongoing Dynamic:** Faith becomes the operative principle in the believer's life, enabling continued growth and maturity in Christ.

Progression Towards Maturity

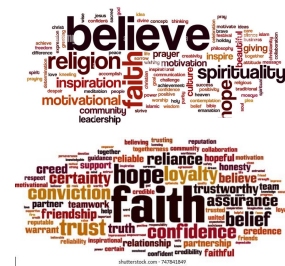
Ephesians outlines a progression towards spiritual maturity that involves these concepts:

1. **Initial Transformation:** Believers are made alive in Christ through grace, responding with belief
2. **Spiritual Enlightenment:** Through faith, believers gain deeper understanding of their calling and Christ's power.
3. **Unity and Growth:** Mature believers contribute to the unity and growth of the church body.
4. **Christlike Character:** Believers put off the old self and put on the new self, reflecting Christ's character.
5. **Spiritual Warfare:** Mature faith equips believers to stand firm against spiritual opposition.

Throughout this process, grace remains the empowering force, belief the foundational response, and faith the ongoing mode of living that leads to maturity in Christ. As believers grow, they increasingly reflect God's love, unity, and holiness in their personal lives and within the church community.



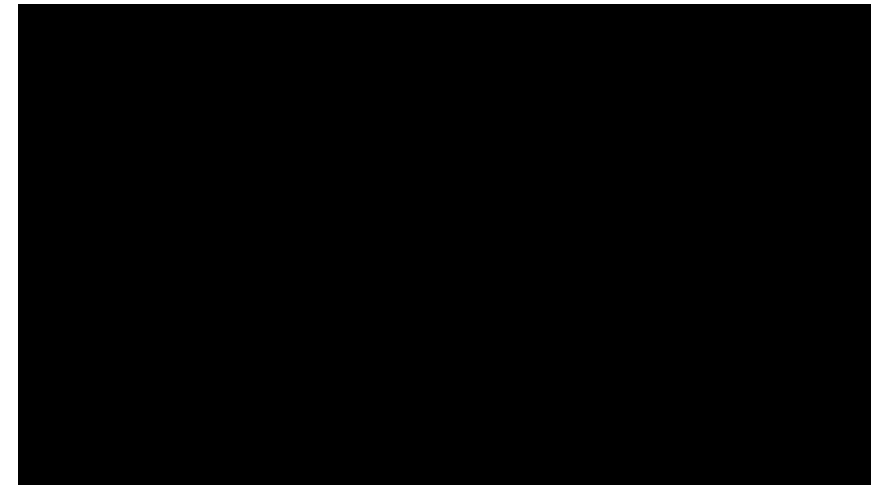
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