

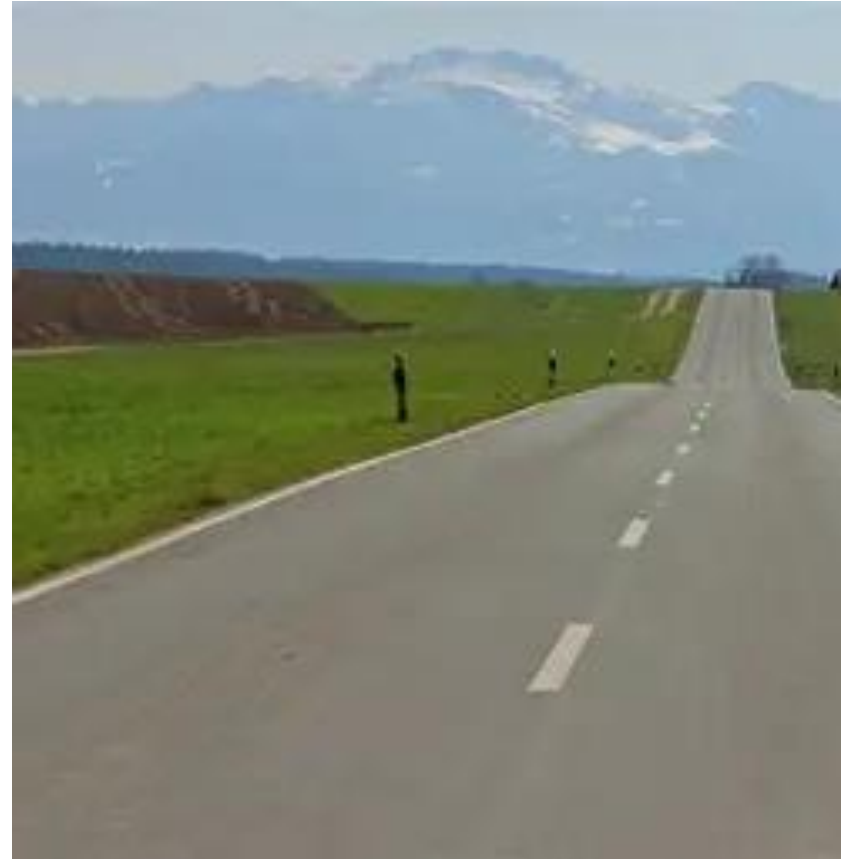


The WORD Series

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- We are embarking on a journey today. One which will transform all of us from within and across our lives.
- As we individually and corporately engage with the living WORD of God, there will be tremendous change and real growth.
- We will now finish off the Epistles of Paul, picking up from where we left in finishing Romans together.
- We will spend two sessions getting ourselves ready and inviting others whom we believe should be here.



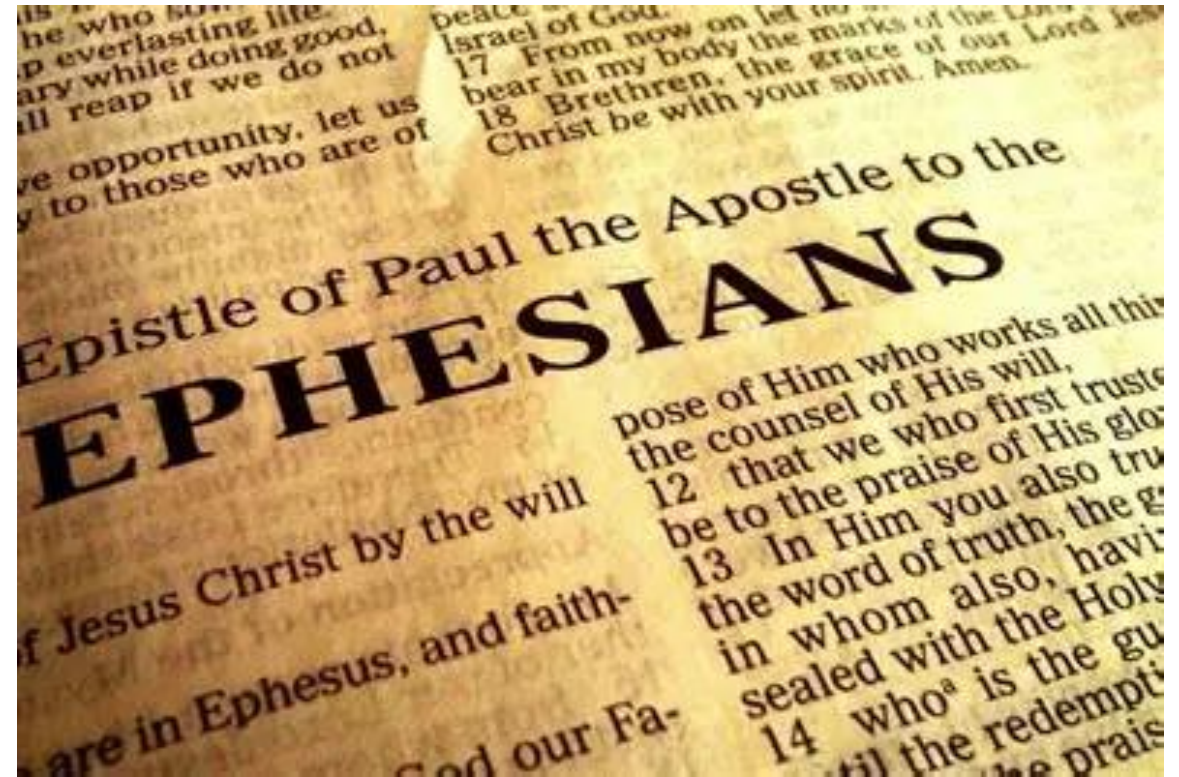
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- There are portions of Scripture that feel like wells—deep, inexhaustible, and overflowing with living water.
- The epistles of *Ephesians*, *Colossians*, *Philippians*, and *Galatians* are such wells.
- Within their pages are riches untold, truths that anchor us, and power that transforms us from the inside out.
- To neglect them is to walk past treasure chests unopened. To embrace them is to inherit spiritual wealth beyond measure.
- As we begin this WORD Series, let us consider **powerful reasons** why every Christian must drink deeply from these letters of Paul:



Ephesians...

- Ephesians takes us by the hand and leads us into the throne room of grace.
- It reminds us that we are not beggars before God but *chosen, adopted, redeemed, and seated with Christ in heavenly places*.
- In a world obsessed with titles, status, and labels, this letter grounds us in our true identity.
- To study Ephesians is to stand tall in the confidence of who we are in Christ.



Christ Supremacy...

- Colossians lifts our eyes above the noise of earthly philosophies and cultural confusion to behold the pre-eminence of Jesus.
- Here we see Christ not merely as a teacher or prophet, but as the image of the invisible God,
- the Creator, the Sustainer, and the Head of the Church.
- Studying this book anchors us in the unshakable truth that Christ is enough
-completely, absolutely, eternally enough.



The Key of Joy...

- From a prison cell, Paul writes a letter overflowing with joy.
- Philippians shows us that joy is not tied to possessions, circumstances, or comfort, but to Christ Himself.
- In a time where anxiety and despair often grip hearts,
- Philippians is a prescription for peace and a school of contentment.
- When we study it, we learn the art of rejoicing always.



The Defence..

- Galatians is Paul's thunderous defence of the gospel of grace.
- It warns us against the chains of legalism and the counterfeit gospels that seek to enslave believers.
- To study Galatians is to breathe deeply of the freedom Christ purchased at the cross and to learn to walk by the Spirit, not the flesh.
- It is a manifesto of liberty for the children of God.



Defence....

- Life is not lived on neutral ground. We wrestle against powers and principalities,
- and these epistles open our eyes to the reality of spiritual conflict.
- From the armor of God in Ephesians to Christ's triumph over rulers in Colossians,
- we are reminded that victory is already secured in Jesus.
- Studying these letters arms us with courage, discernment, and unshakable faith.



Letters...

- These epistles are not merely personal devotionals; they are letters to communities of faith.
- They teach us how to live together as the body of Christ.
- Walking in humility, bearing one another's burdens, forgiving as we have been forgiven.
- They show us that unity is not uniformity, but a Spirit-wrought bond of peace.
- A church rooted in these truths becomes an unstoppable witness to the world.



Letters

- From household relationships to workplace integrity,
- from generosity to perseverance, these epistles bring the gospel down to the ground.
- They remind us that Christianity is not abstract theology but embodied living.
- Studying them transforms doctrine into discipleship, belief into behaviour, and confession into character.



Finally...

- The letters to the Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Galatians are not relics of the early church;
 - they are love letters from the Spirit to us today.
 - They are mirrors that show us who we are, maps that guide us into maturity,
 - and torches that light our way in a dark world.
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- As we journey through this WORD Series,
 - let us come with open hearts and hungry spirits.
 - For within these epistles lie not just words, but *power*.
 - Not just theology, but *life*.
 - Not just letters, but the living voice of God calling us higher, deeper, and closer to Him.

The WORD Series...

- Victorious Living
- Overcoming Spirit
- Increased Power
- The Abundant Life
- Greater Grace to explore the depths of our Redemption and Spiritual blessings in Christ!
- We shall be dissecting and devouring the WORD!!
- You are what you EAT!!

