

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Saved for Good Works
Ephesians 2:10

Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Initial Observations:

- 1. The verse begins with a “for” (γάρ, *gar*), indicating to us that this is further explanation or clarification of vss. 8, 9.**

Verse 8 also began with a “for”, to explain or clarify verses 1–7.

- 2. Eph. 2:10 is a contrast with vss. 8–9, which states that our “by grace through faith salvation” is not from works, states that it is for *the purpose* of good works.**

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- 3. Ephesians 2:10 moves us from PHASE 1 justification (Eph. 2:8–9) to Phase 2 sanctification.**

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Eph. 1:12, “that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.”

Eph. 2:11, “Therefore remember that y’all, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

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Eph. 2:14, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,”

1st Person Plural: “we” “us” “our”

Jewish background believers who first believed in Christ.

Jewish and Gentile believers together in Christ.

2nd Person Plural: “you” “y’all”

Gentiles, believer or unbeliever.

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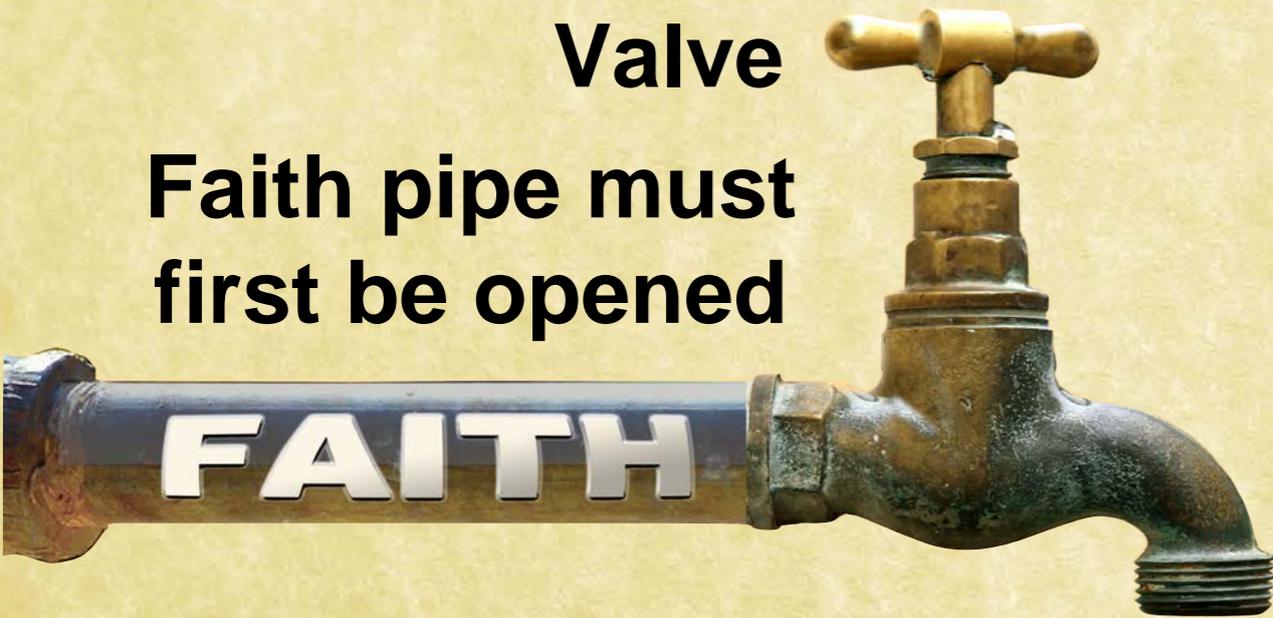
διὰ πίστεως

dia pistis

**through faith, belief
trust**

The Volition Valve

Faith pipe must
first be opened



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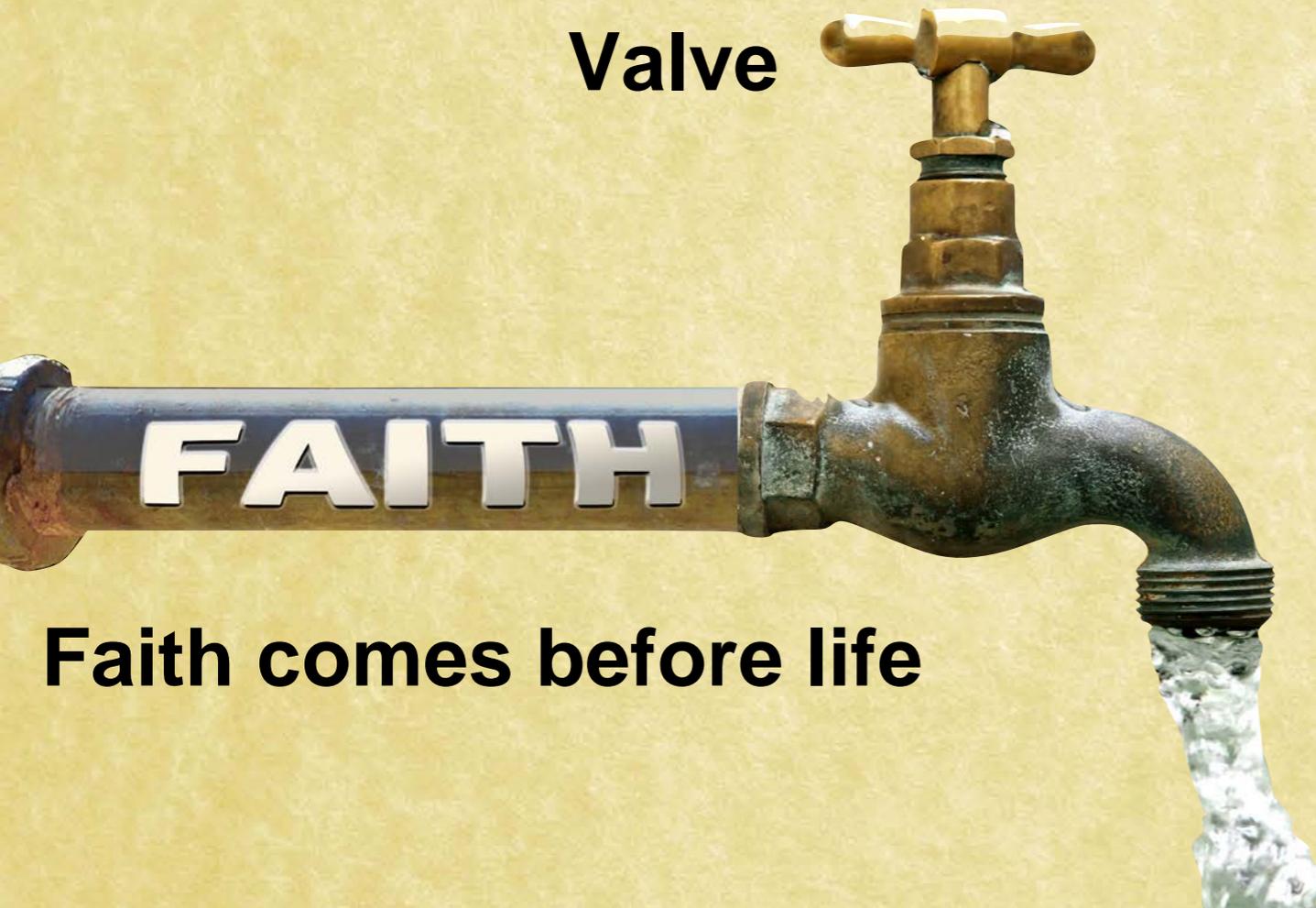


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- 5. In Greek, neuter demonstrative pronouns are used to refer to phrases, clauses, sentences, and entire works of literature.**

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John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

John 11:26, “ ‘And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ ”

John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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- 1. To whom does the “we” refer?**
- 2. What is the significance of “workmanship”? “created”? “in Christ”? and “good works”?**
- 3. What is the significance of “that we should walk in them”?**

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Rom. 4:1, “What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?”

Rom. 4:2, “For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Rom. 4:3, “For what does the Scripture say? ‘*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*’ ”

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2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

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**Gal. 6:15, “For in Christ Jesus neither
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Eph. 4:24, “and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

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**ETERNAL
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ACTS 16:31

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“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

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IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
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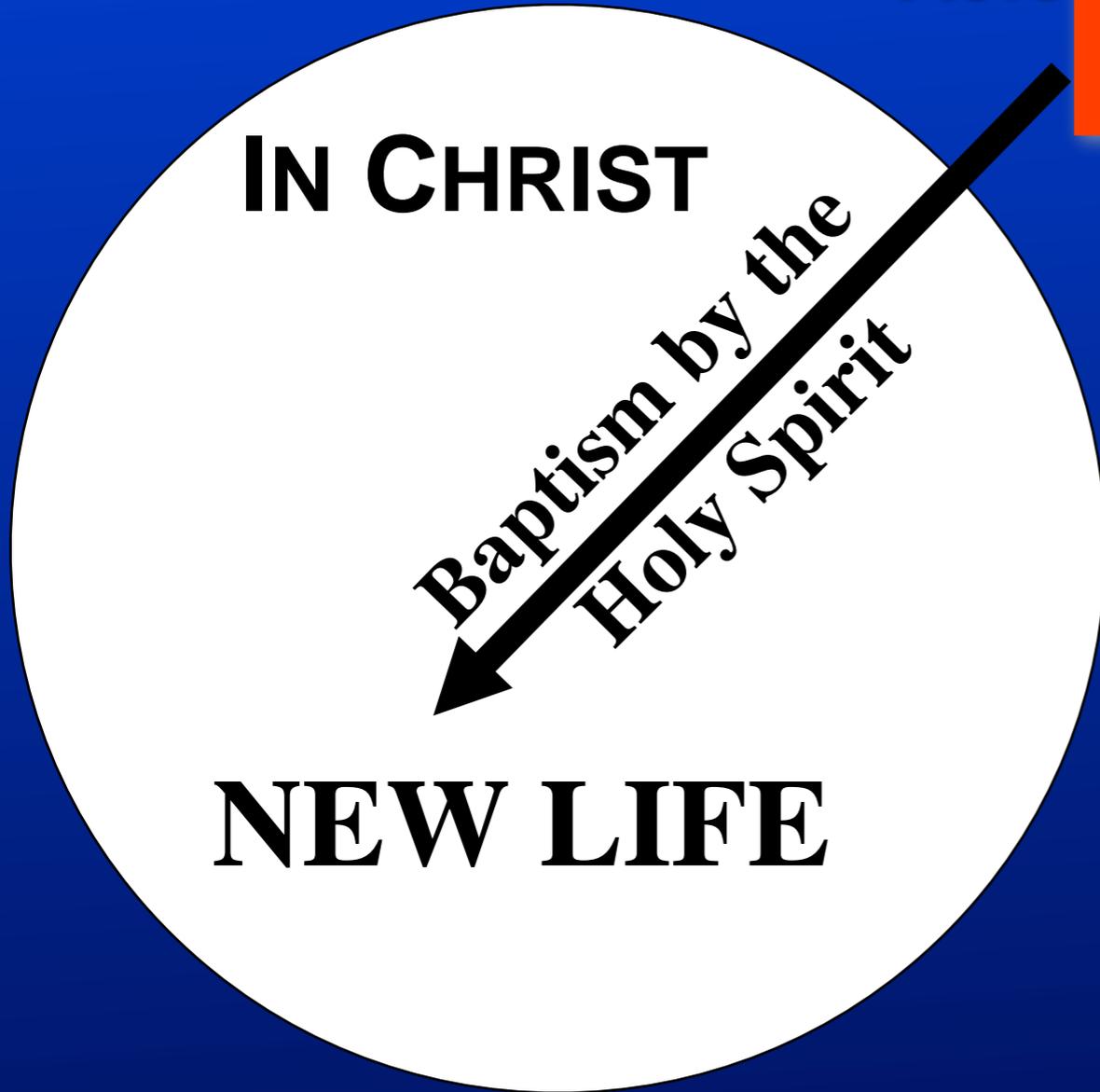
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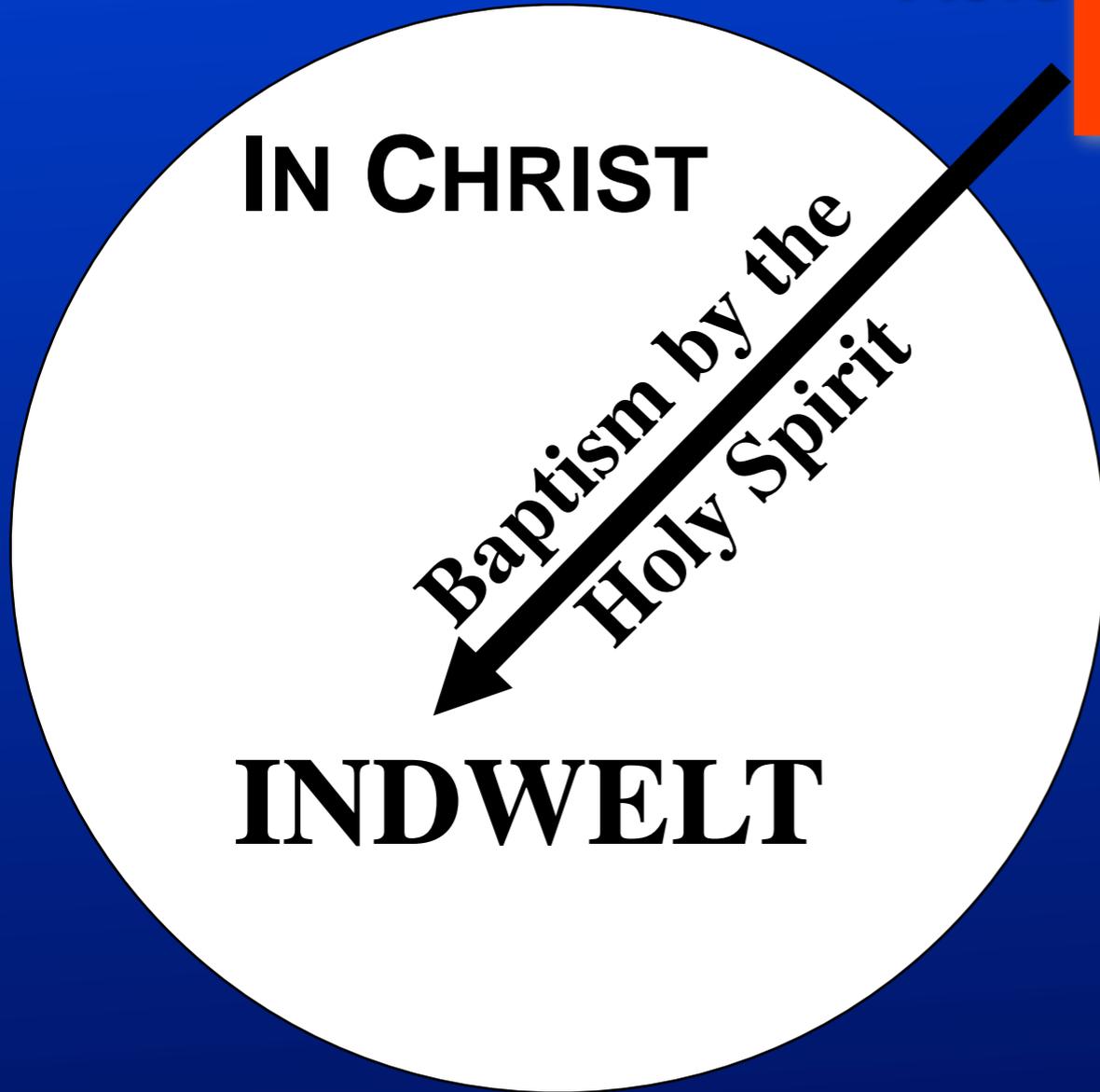
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ETERNAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

- 164x by Paul
- the Christian's new identity
- united with Christ
- unique to the Church Age

ETERNAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

“ in whom are all the
treasures of
wisdom and knowledge”
(Col 2:3)



ETERNAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

“rooted and built up
in Him” (2:7)



ETERNAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”



ACTS 16:31

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“complete in Him”
(Col. 2:10)



ETERNAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

“in Him all believers
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(Col. 2:11)

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2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Cor. 9:8, “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

Titus 3:1, “Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,”

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