

# Paul's Letter to the **EPHESIANS**

**THE FUSION OF GOSPEL & CHURCH**  
HOW GOD SAVES US FROM OURSELVES  
AND INTO COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS

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- It shows how **theology** (the study of God) should always lead to **doxology** (the worship of God).

# Scripture Reading

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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