

Section 13

Re-cap and Summary: Ephesians

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“I, the prisoner in *the* Lord,
exhort you therefore to *walk*
worthy of the *calling*
wherewith ye have been
called.”

Eph 4:1

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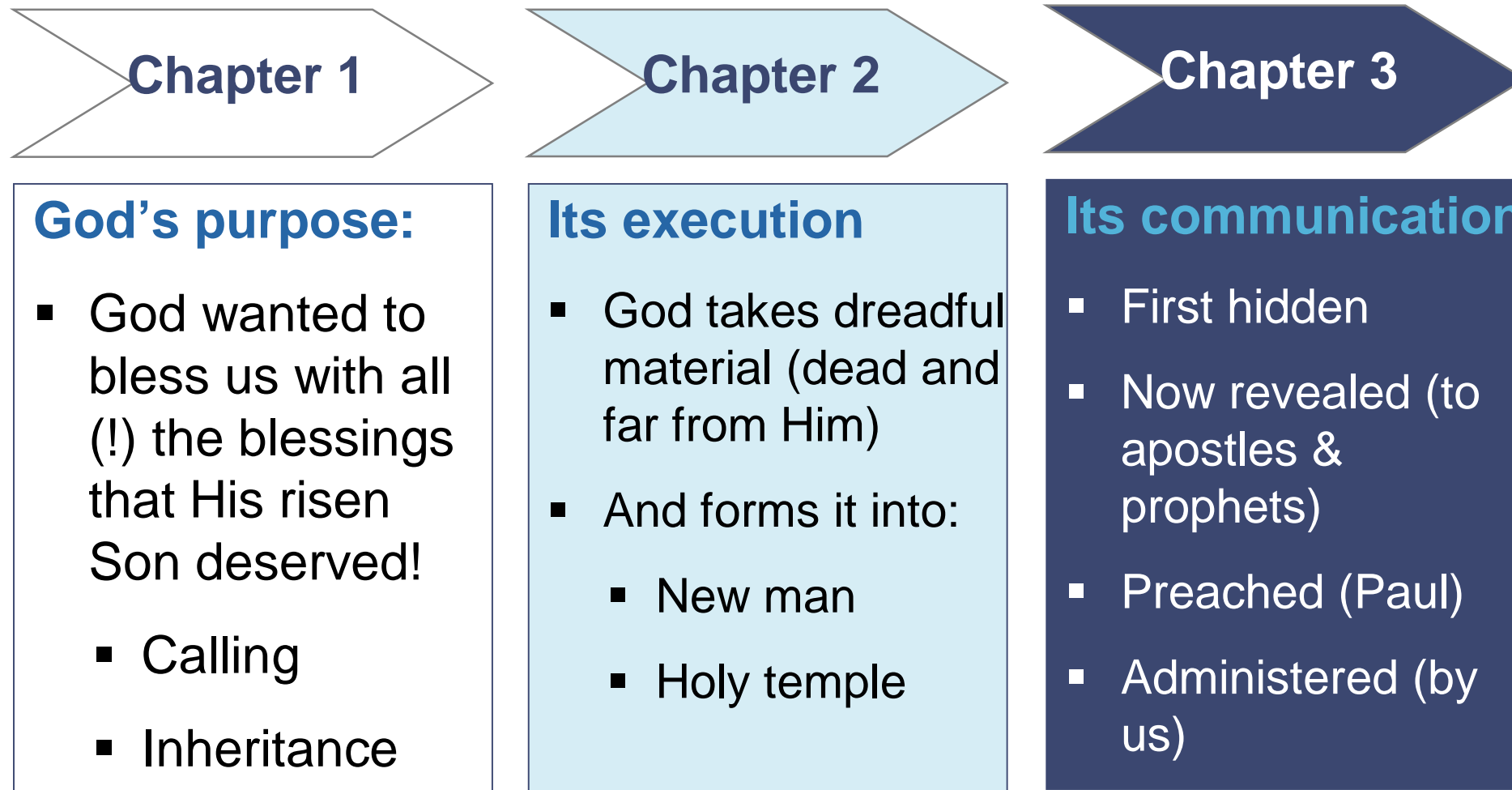
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Chapter 2

Its execution

- God takes dreadful material (dead and far from Him)
- And forms it into:
 - New man
 - Holy temple

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The Epistle to the Ephesians stresses the importance of Christian walk

7 x “walk” in Ephesians:

In time past ye **walked** according to the course of this world, (2:2).

...**walk** in them [good works] (2:10)

...**walk** worthy of the calling (4:1)

...**walk** not as other Gentiles walk (4:17)

...**walk** in love (5:2)

...**walk** as children of light (5:8)

...**walk** circumspectly (5:15).



Christian walk is founded on God's truth

The following slides show – with the help of 8 examples – how Christian walk described in the second half of the Epistle is closely and inextricably linked with the doctrine presented earlier in the Epistle (mainly in Eph. 1-3).

Example 1:

*Eph 4:3 using diligence to keep the **unity** of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace.*

*Eph 4:4 There is **one body***

→ based on Eph. 1:23

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Example 2:

*Eph 4:25 Wherefore, having put off falsehood, speak truth every one with his neighbour, because we are **members** one of another.*

→ based on Eph. 1:23 (and 4:4)

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Example 3:

*Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which ye have been **sealed** for the **day of redemption**.*

→ based on Eph. 1:13.14

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Example 4:

Eph 4:32 and be to one another kind, compassionate, forgiving one another, so as God also in Christ has forgiven you.

→ based on Eph. 1:7

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Example 5:

*Eph 5:1.2 “Be ye therefore **imitators of God**, as beloved children, and walk in **love...**”*

→ based on Eph. 1:4

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Examples 6 and 7:

*Eph 5:22-25 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord, for a husband is **head** of the wife, as also the Christ is head of the assembly. ... Husbands, love your own wives, even as the Christ also **loved** the assembly*

- Headship: based on Eph. 1:22.23
- The husband's love: based on Christ's love (ch.5)

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Examples 8:

*Eph 6:12 because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against principalities, against authorities, against the universal lords of this darkness, against spiritual power of wickedness **in the heavenlies.***

→ based on Eph. 1:3.20; 2:6; 3:10

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***Grace with all them that love our
Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption.***

Eph 6:24