

**Ephesians**  
*The Good News*  
Ephesians 2:4-7  
Pastor Davis Johnson  
February 27, 2022 (8:30 and 10:30am),  
FB Live (10am)  
For His Glory and our joy!

**Outline**

Introduction

- Prayers for new elders
- Explaining our screen time to our great, great grandparents

Where the bad news left us

- Our diagnosis
- Spiritually dead
  - Self-focused
  - Self-absorbed
  - Self-ruled
- “If any man thinks ill of you, do not be angry with him; for you are worse than he thinks you to be.” Spurgeon

The intervening love of God

- Who He Is
  - Exodus 34:6-7
  - Hesus as “great love, mercy, grace, and kindness”
  - Deuteronomy 7:7-8
  - James 1:16-17
- What He’s done
  - The good news:
    - We CAN’T and DIDN’T – But God CAN and DID
  - Jesus made us alive by taking on our death
    - Rick Rolled at a Funeral
  - He also raised & seated us
    - Rev 21:5-6
    - Only those whose God is seated can sing
  - How do we get this?
    - Ephesians 1:18

Gospel Application:

- Is God getting your screen-time as you’ve made him to be or as he’s been revealed in Christ?

## **Scripture Passages** (from the New International Version)

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- 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

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- 6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

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### **Quotes**

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# Welcome New Elders!



Ben Goessling



Logan Moore



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Drew Heindel



Sam Kemp

# EXPLAINING MY DAILY SCREEN-TIME AVERAGE TO THE SPIRIT OF MY GREAT- GREAT-GRANDMOTHER

By Zoe Pearl



What exactly am I staring at for five hours and twenty-one minutes each day? Anything I want, really. Technology has advanced in such incredible ways that the whole library of human knowledge is accessible to me from my phone. All the greatest works of art and literature and —

Well, no, I'm usually not looking at any of those things. Uh, I guess I mostly use it to look up where I know an actor from or to view snapshots of the daily lives of people I haven't spoken to in years, or I'm on this app that shows symmetrical-faced teen-agers doing funny little dances... But, anyway, enough about me!"



*Ephesians*



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**+ The Good News**

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**The Gospel**



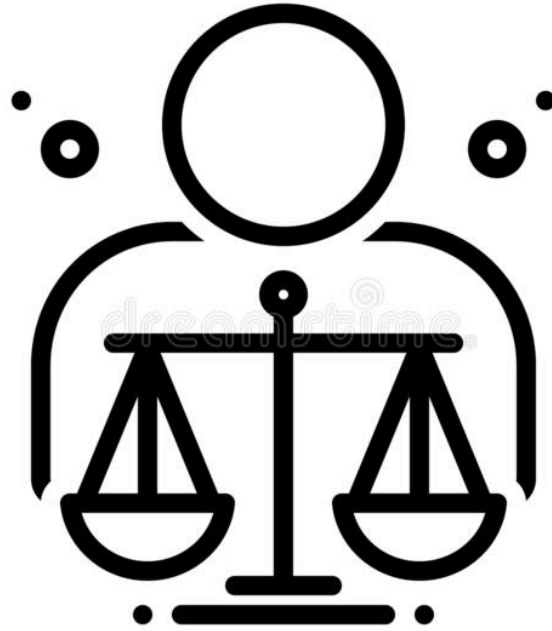
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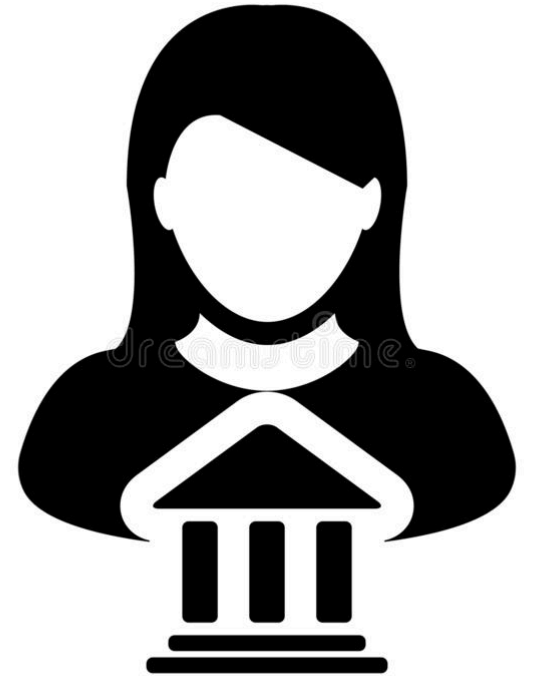
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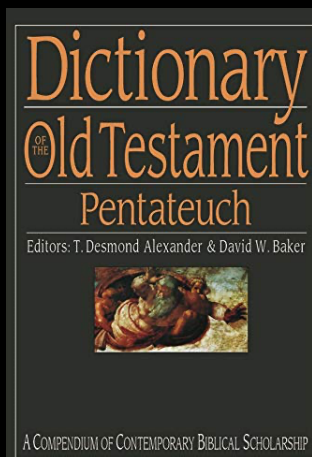
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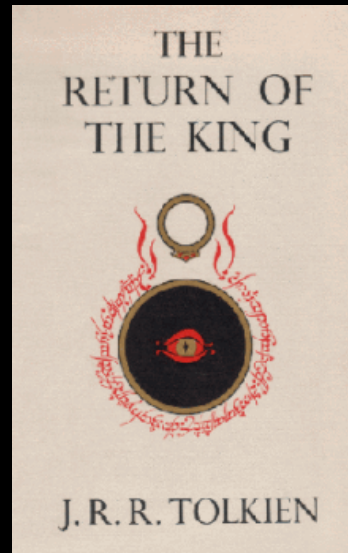
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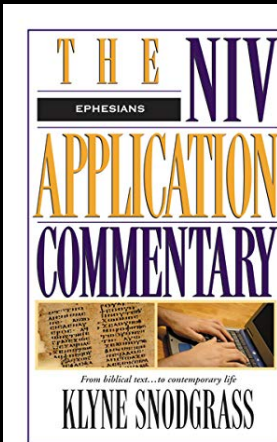
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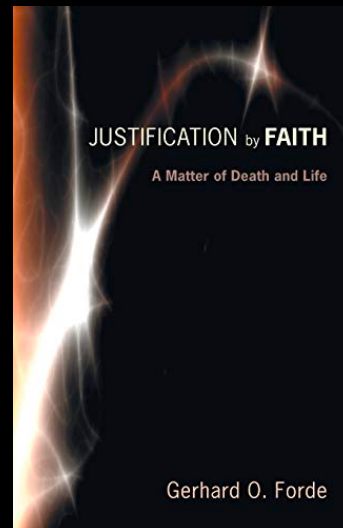
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*“Never gonna give you up  
Never gonna let you down  
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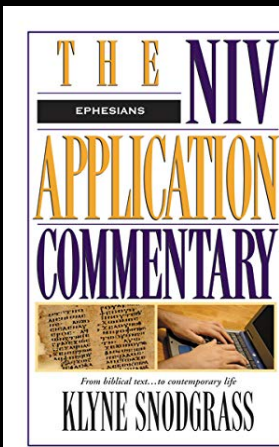


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