

The Book of Ephesians

The church that impacts the world



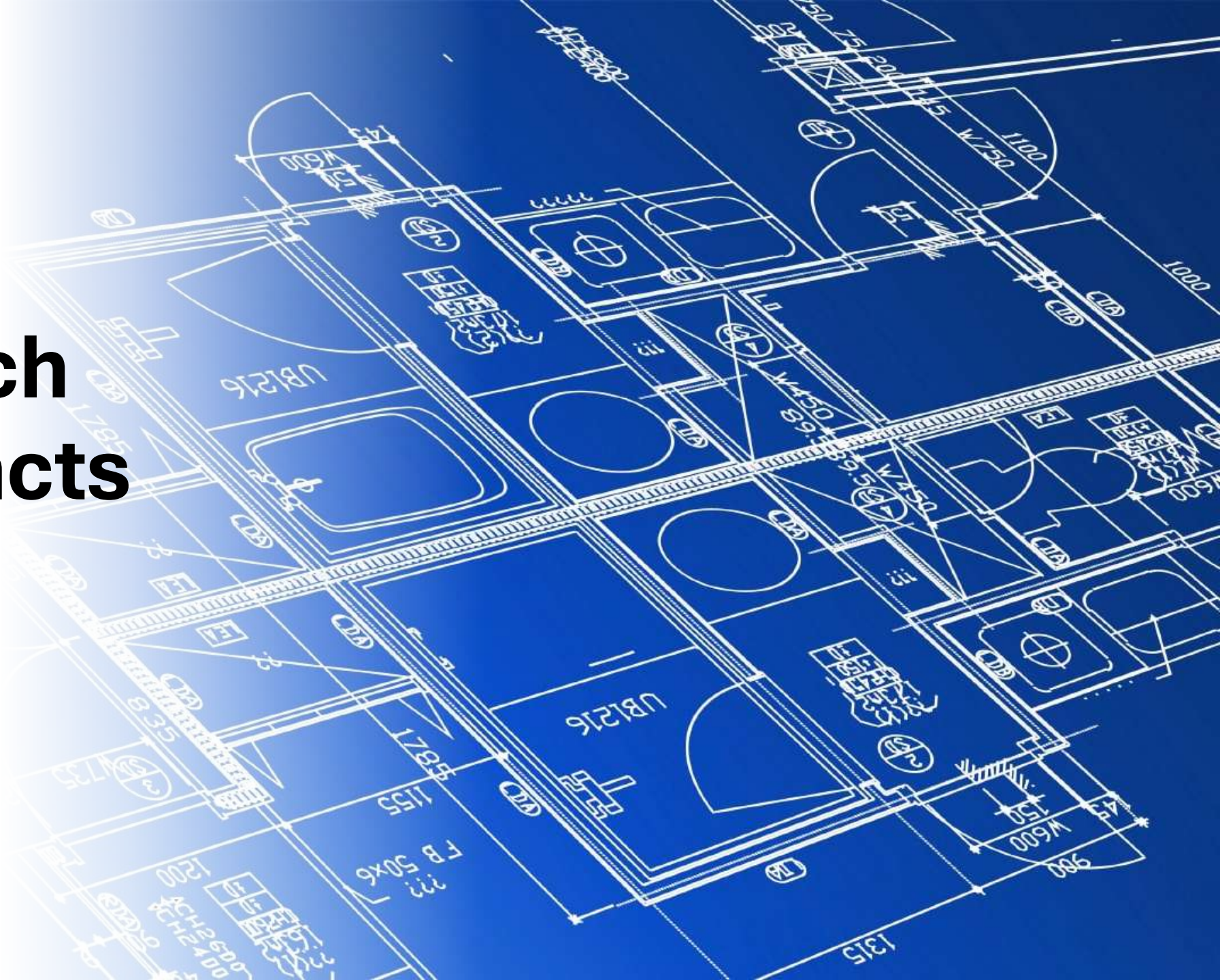
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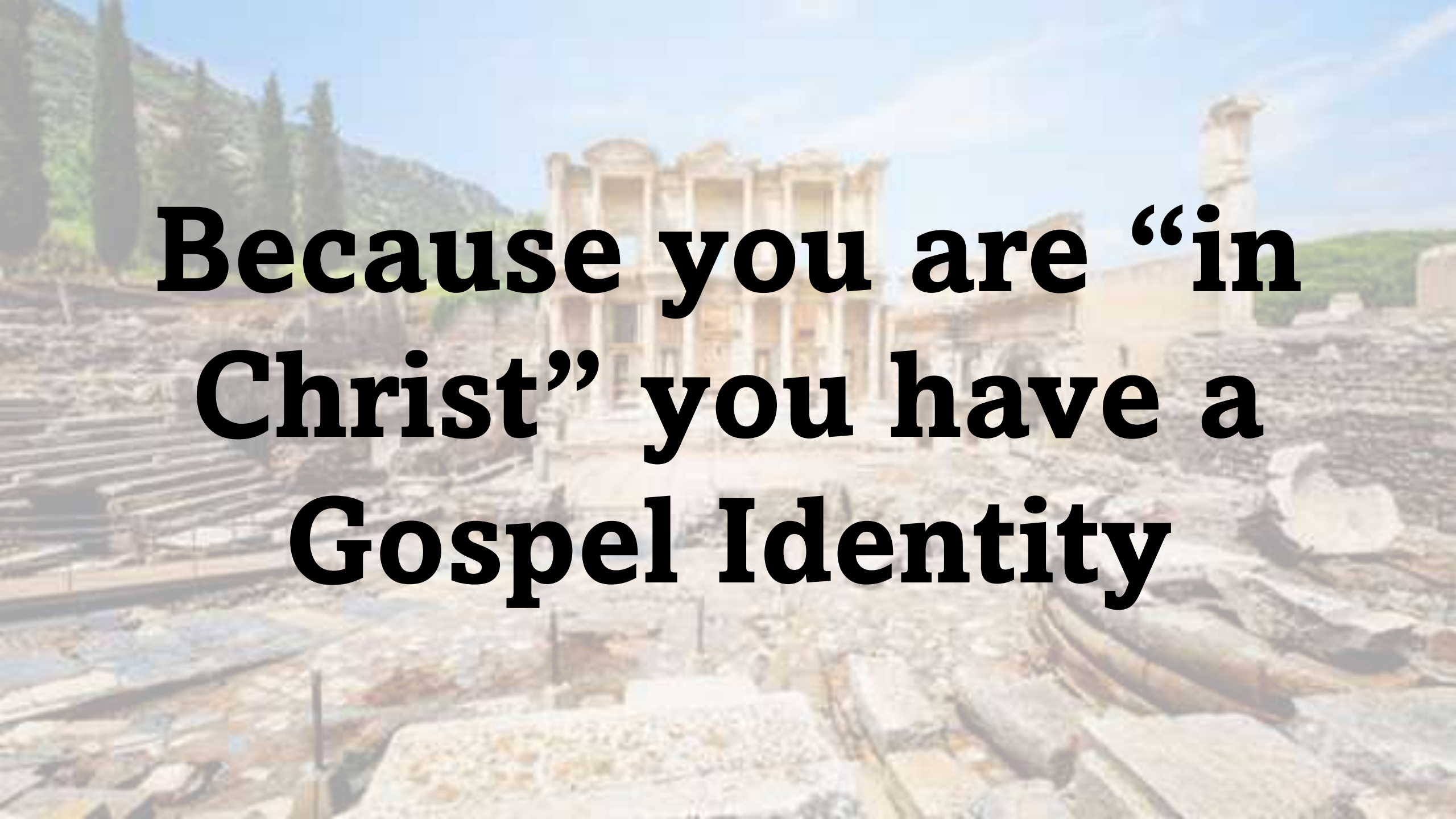
**As a disciple of Jesus,
you are “in Christ”**



- Paul spent 3 years in Ephesus
- “All in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.”
- Public spiritual battle
- Mentioned in Revelation 2: “You have forsaken your first love.”

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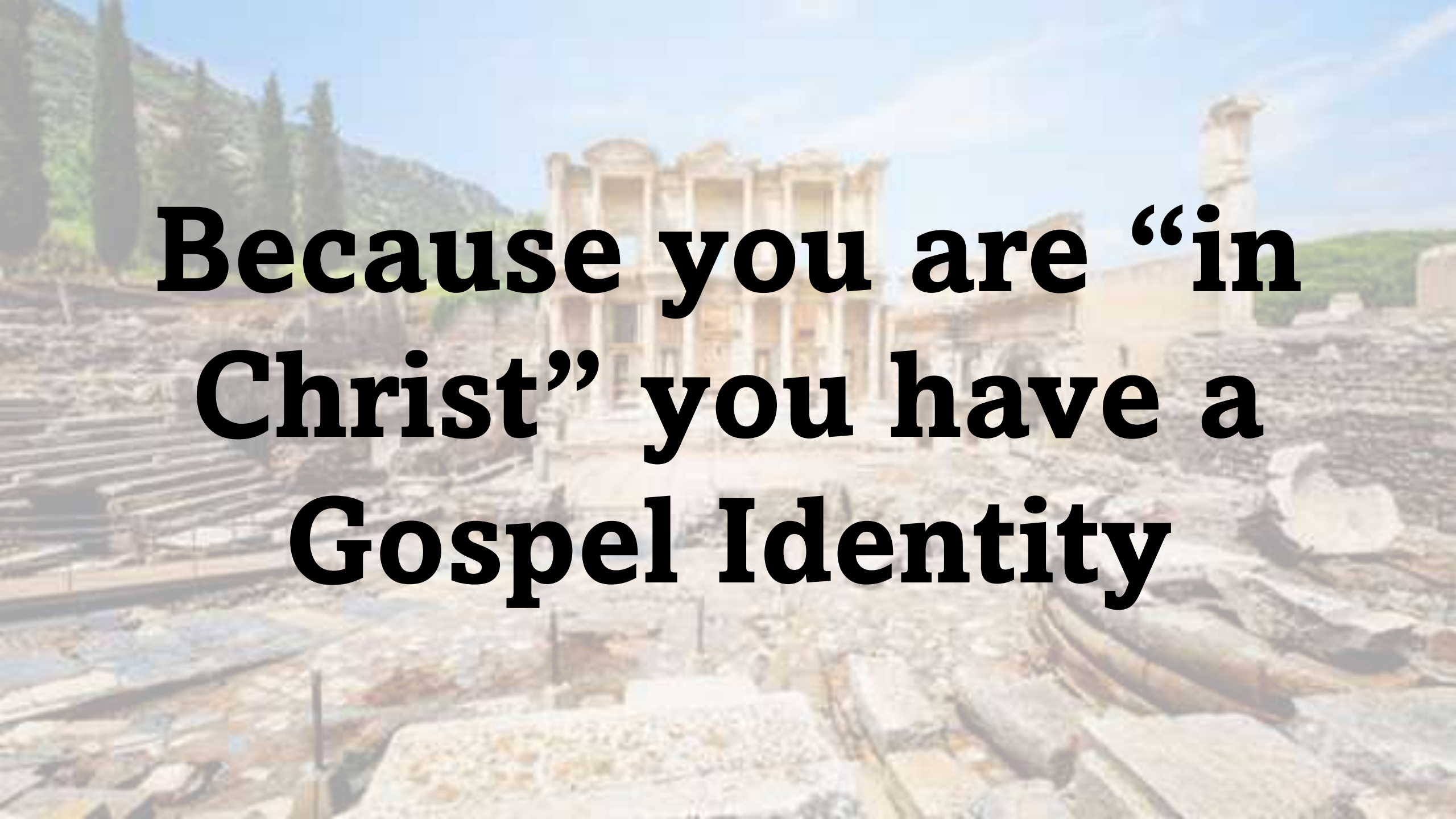




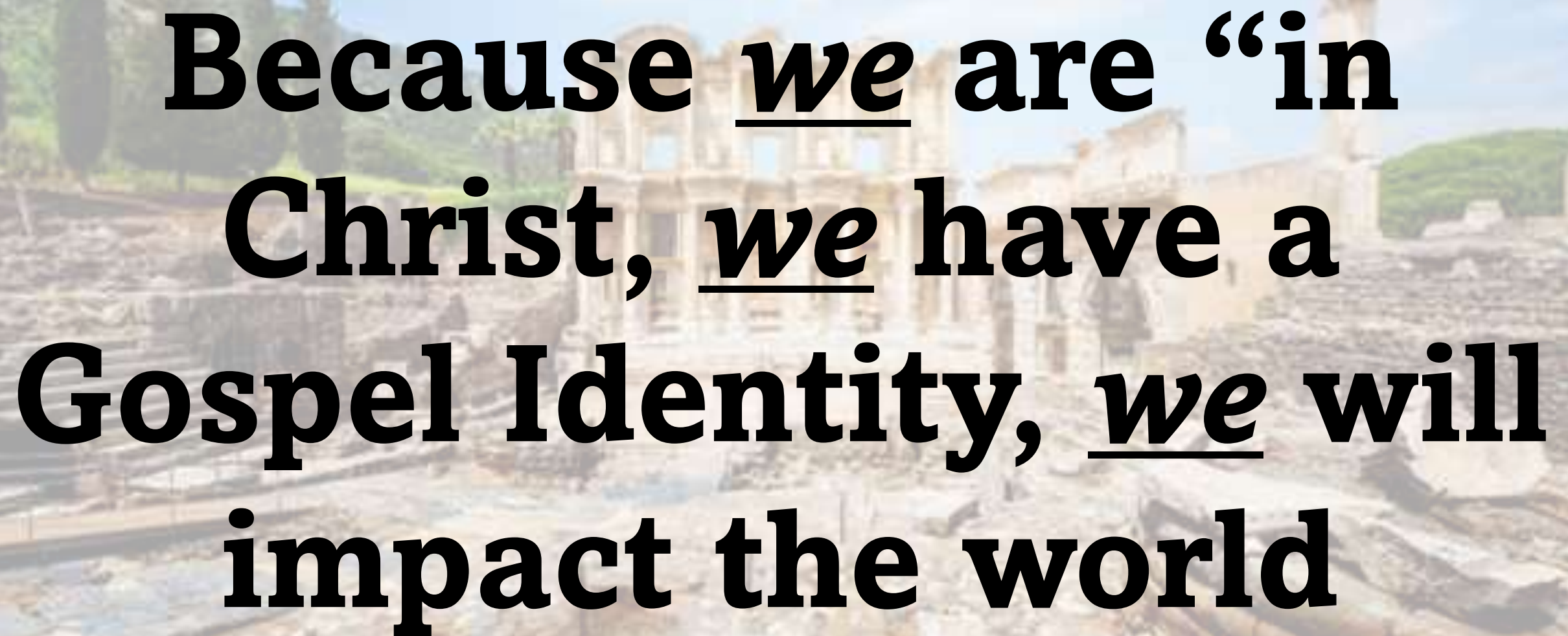
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Ephesians 1:3-14

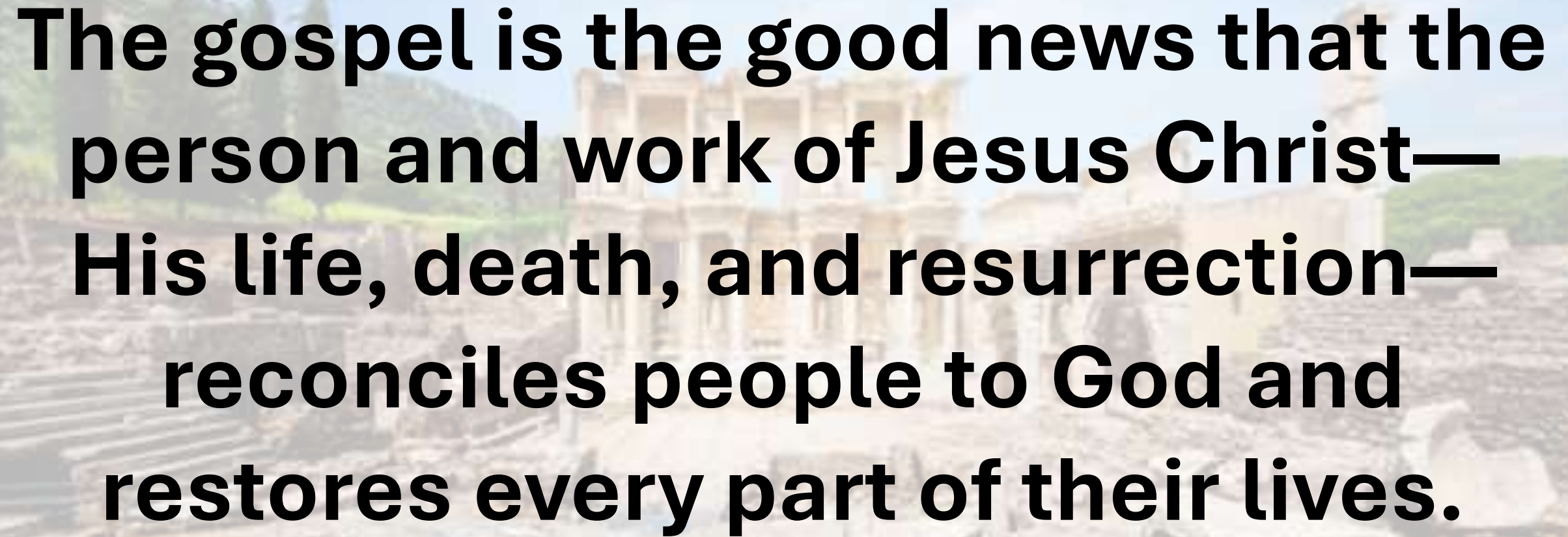




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**Because we are “in
Christ, we have a
Gospel Identity, we will
impact the world**



**The gospel is the good news that the
person and work of Jesus Christ—
His life, death, and resurrection—
reconciles people to God and
restores every part of their lives.**

Jeff Vanderstelt



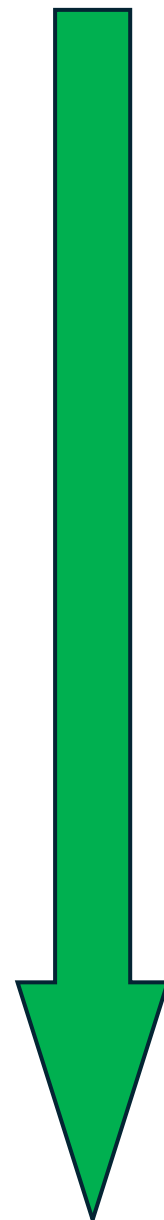
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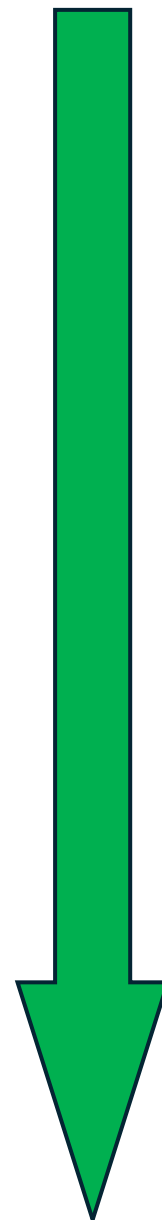
2. What God does



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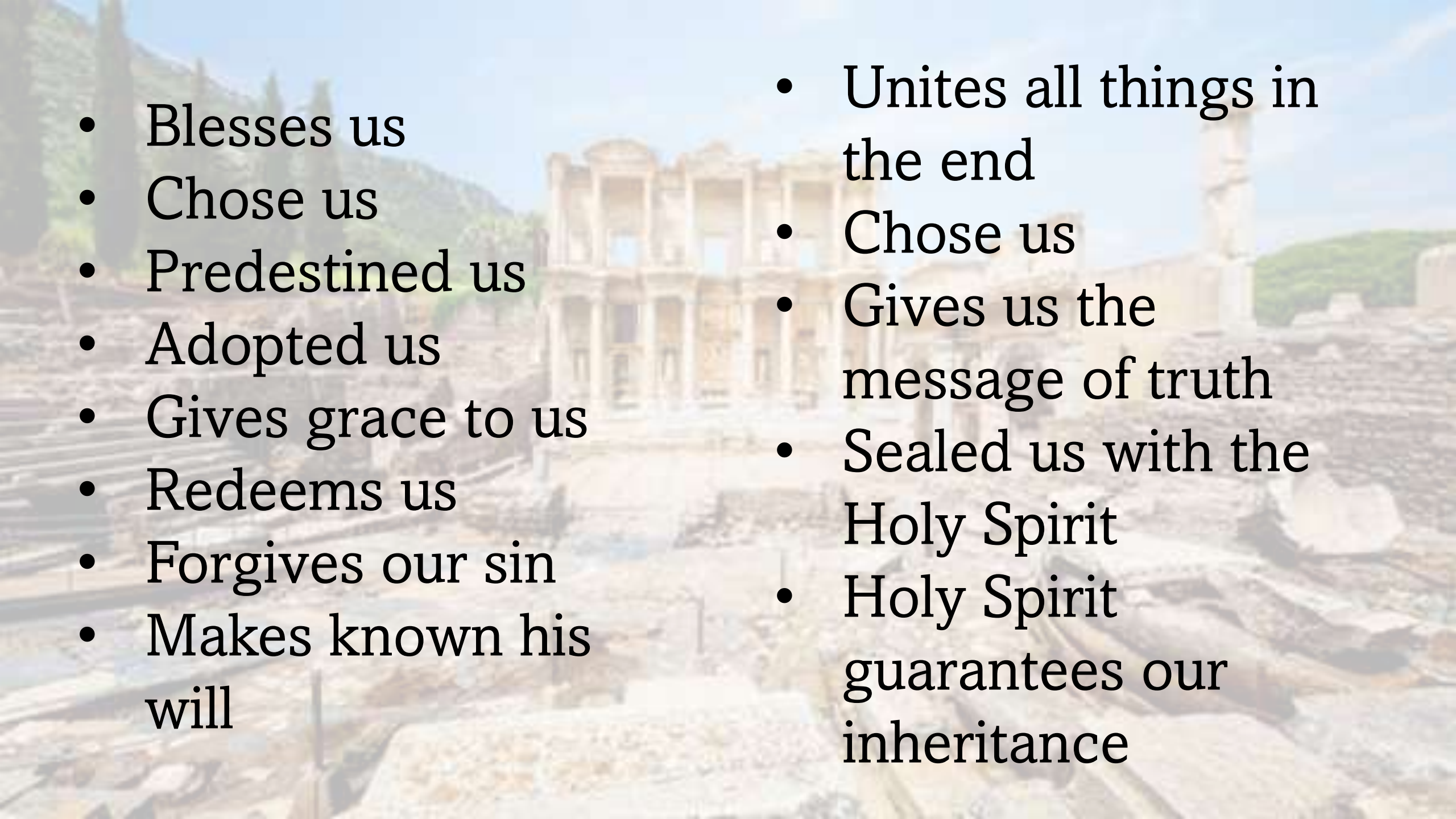
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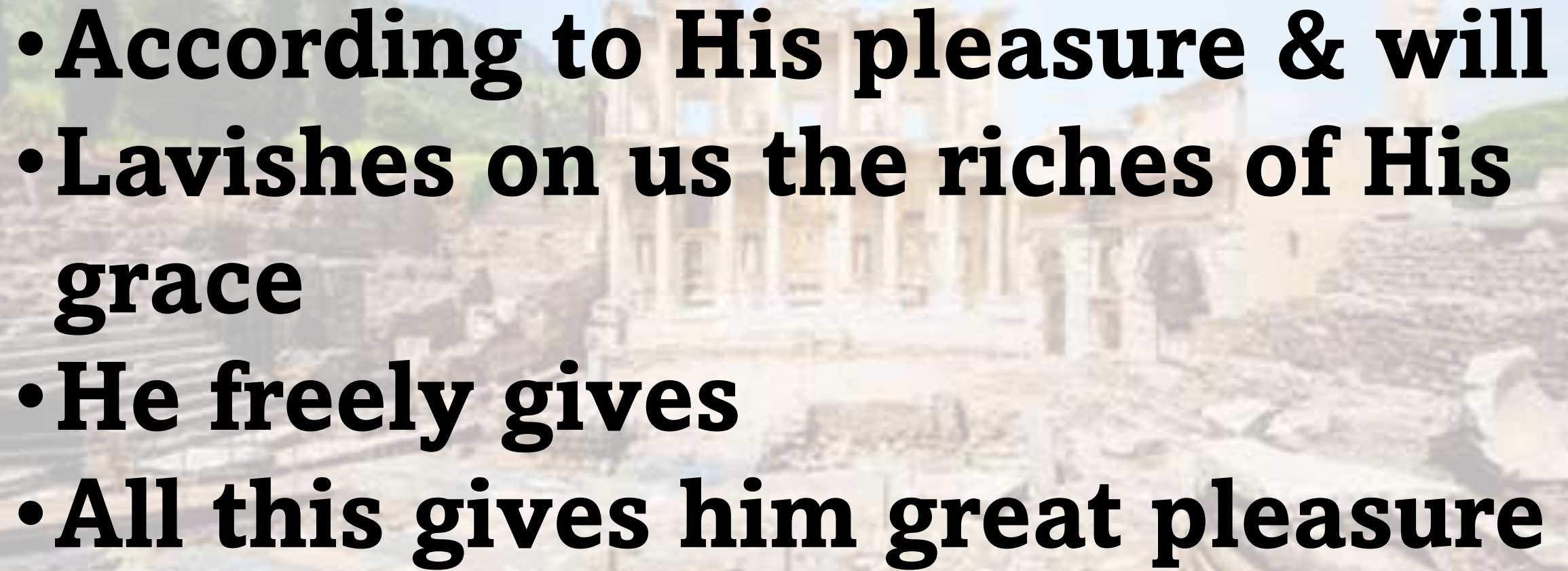


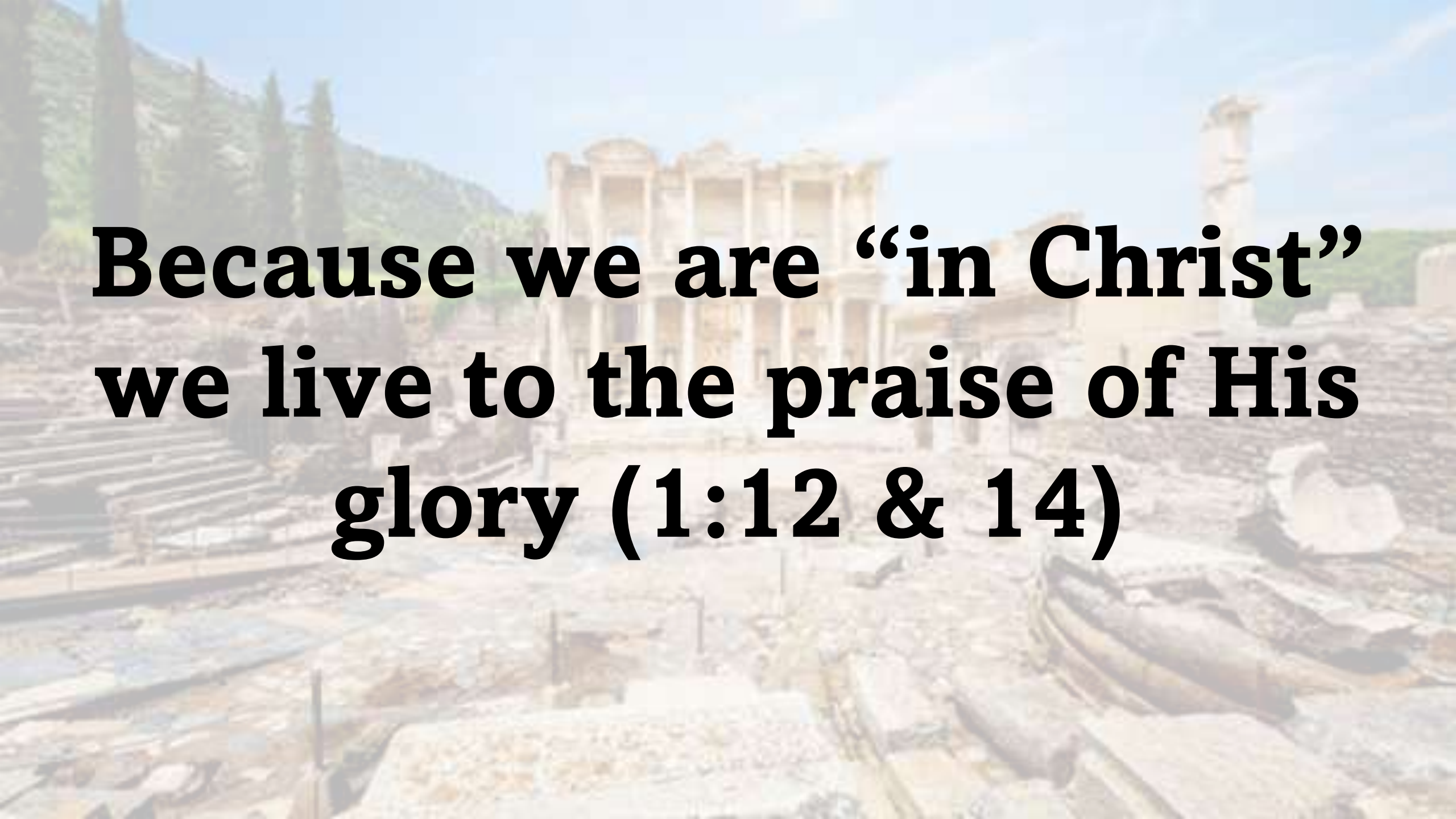
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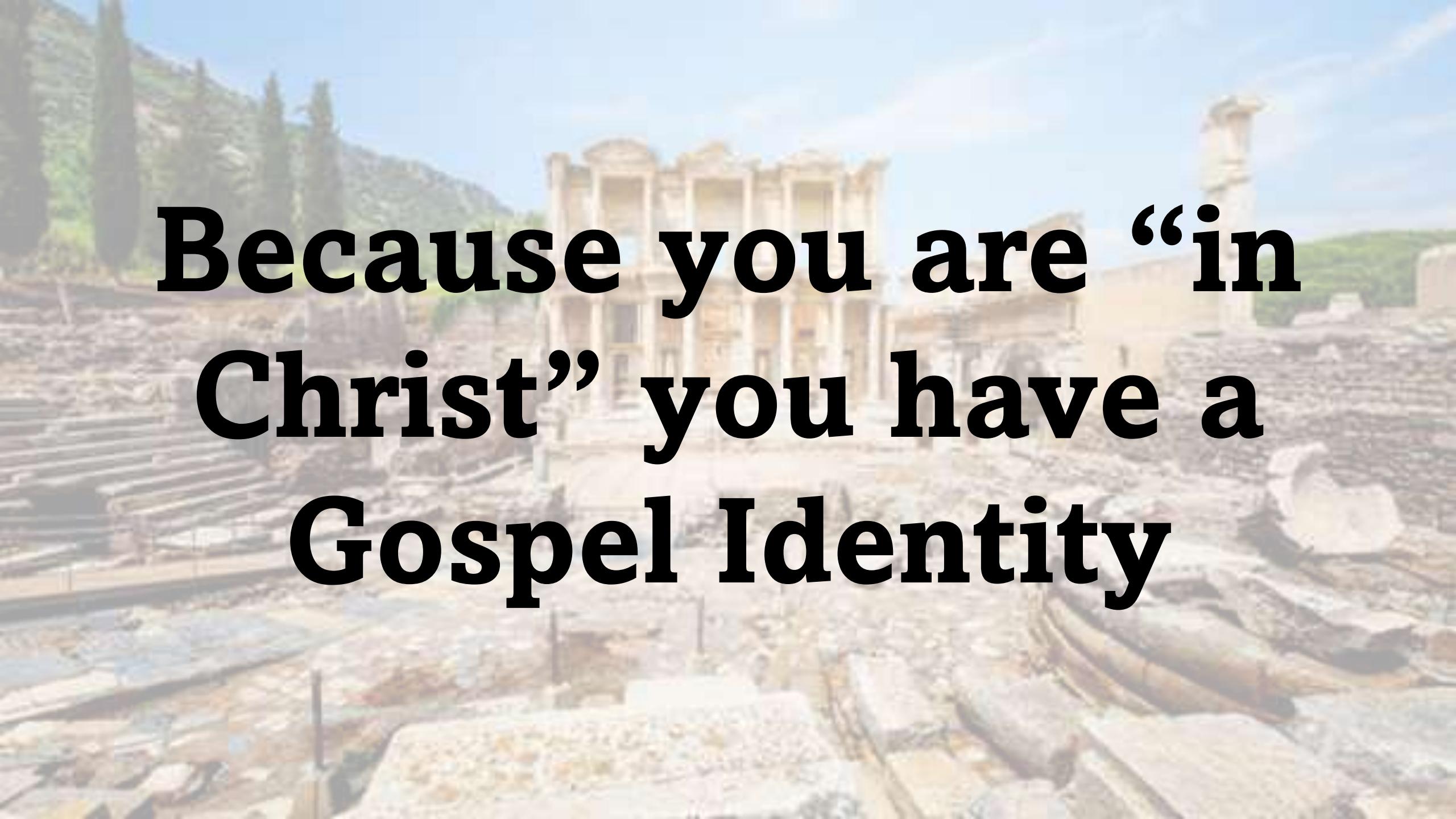
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- Blesses us
 - Chose us
 - Predestined us
 - Adopted us
 - Gives grace to us
 - Redeems us
 - Forgives our sin
 - Makes known his will

- Unites all things in the end
- Chose us
- Gives us the message of truth
- Sealed us with the Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit guarantees our inheritance

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- **According to His pleasure & will**
 - **Lavishes on us the riches of His grace**
 - **He freely gives**
 - **All this gives him great pleasure**



**Because we are “in Christ”
we live to the praise of His
glory (1:12 & 14)**



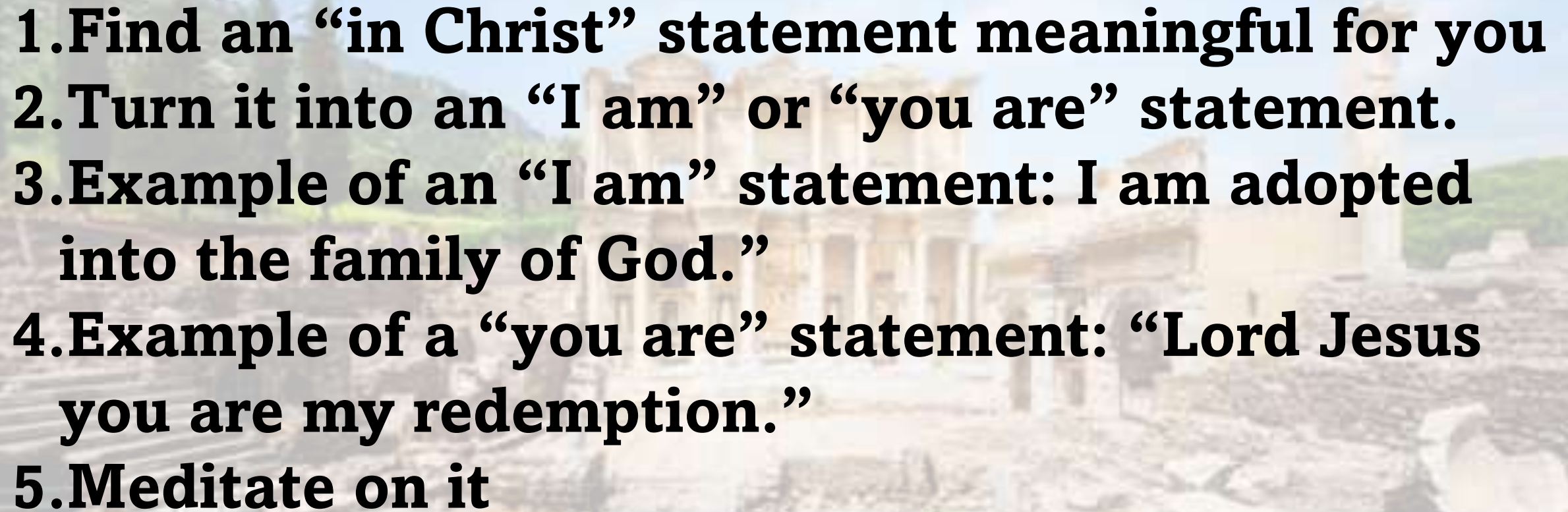
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How to live into your Gospel identity



Action Steps

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- 1. Find an “in Christ” statement meaningful for you**
 - 2. Turn it into an “I am” or “you are” statement.**
 - 3. Example of an “I am” statement: I am adopted into the family of God.”**
 - 4. Example of a “you are” statement: “Lord Jesus you are my redemption.”**
 - 5. Meditate on it**

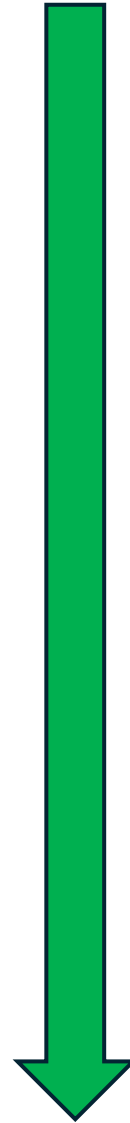
I am _____

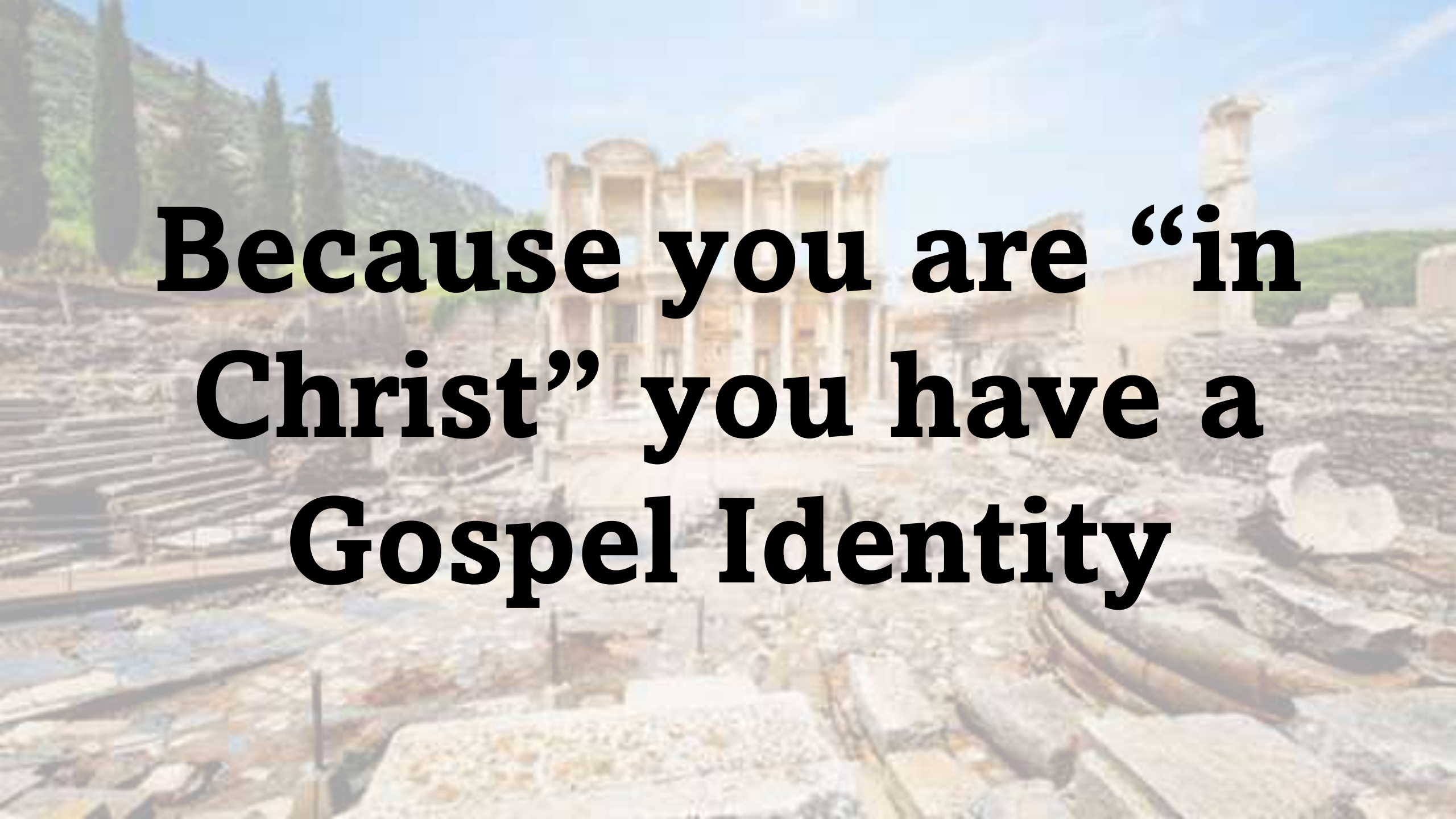
You are _____



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