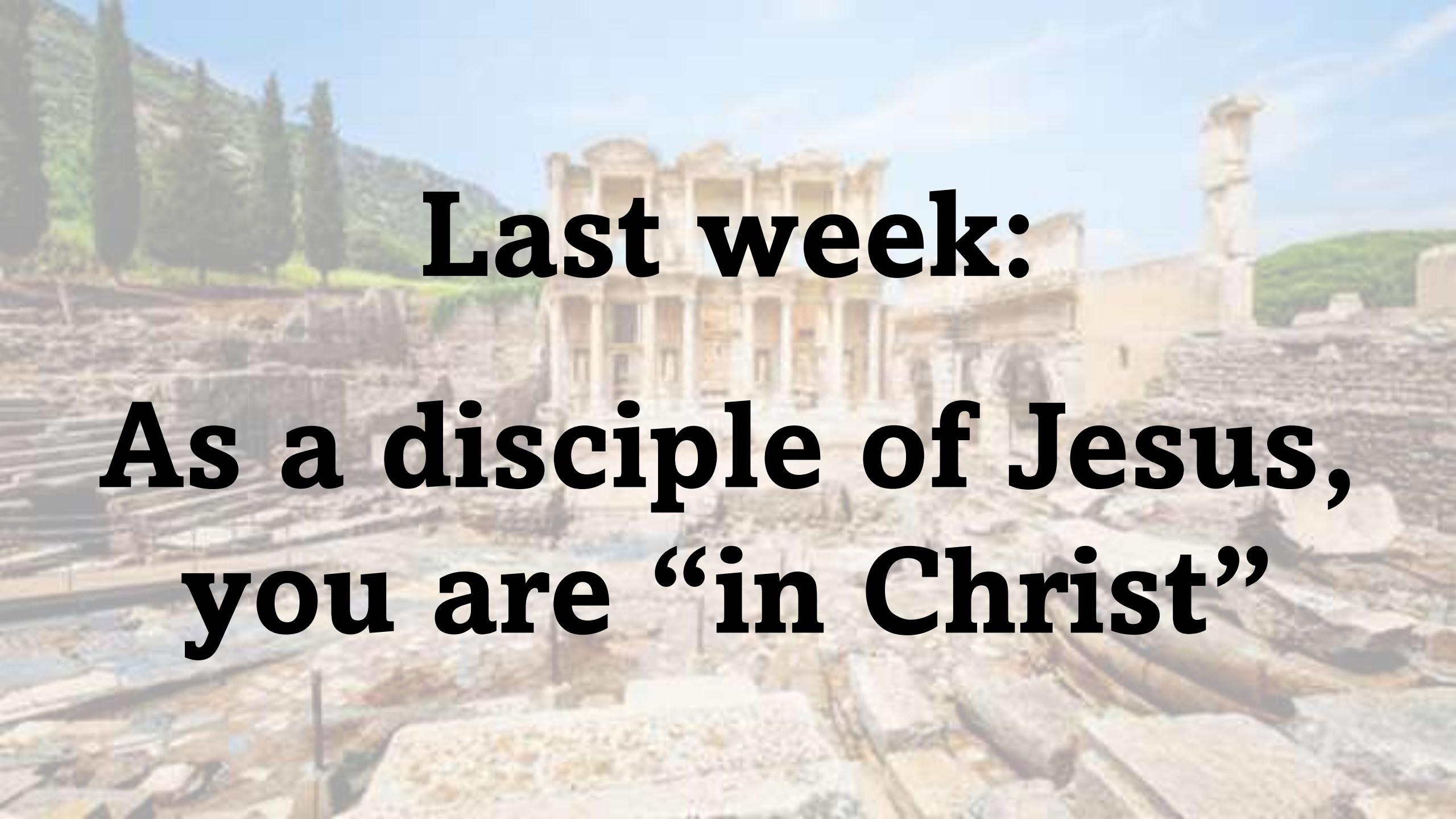


The Book of Ephesians

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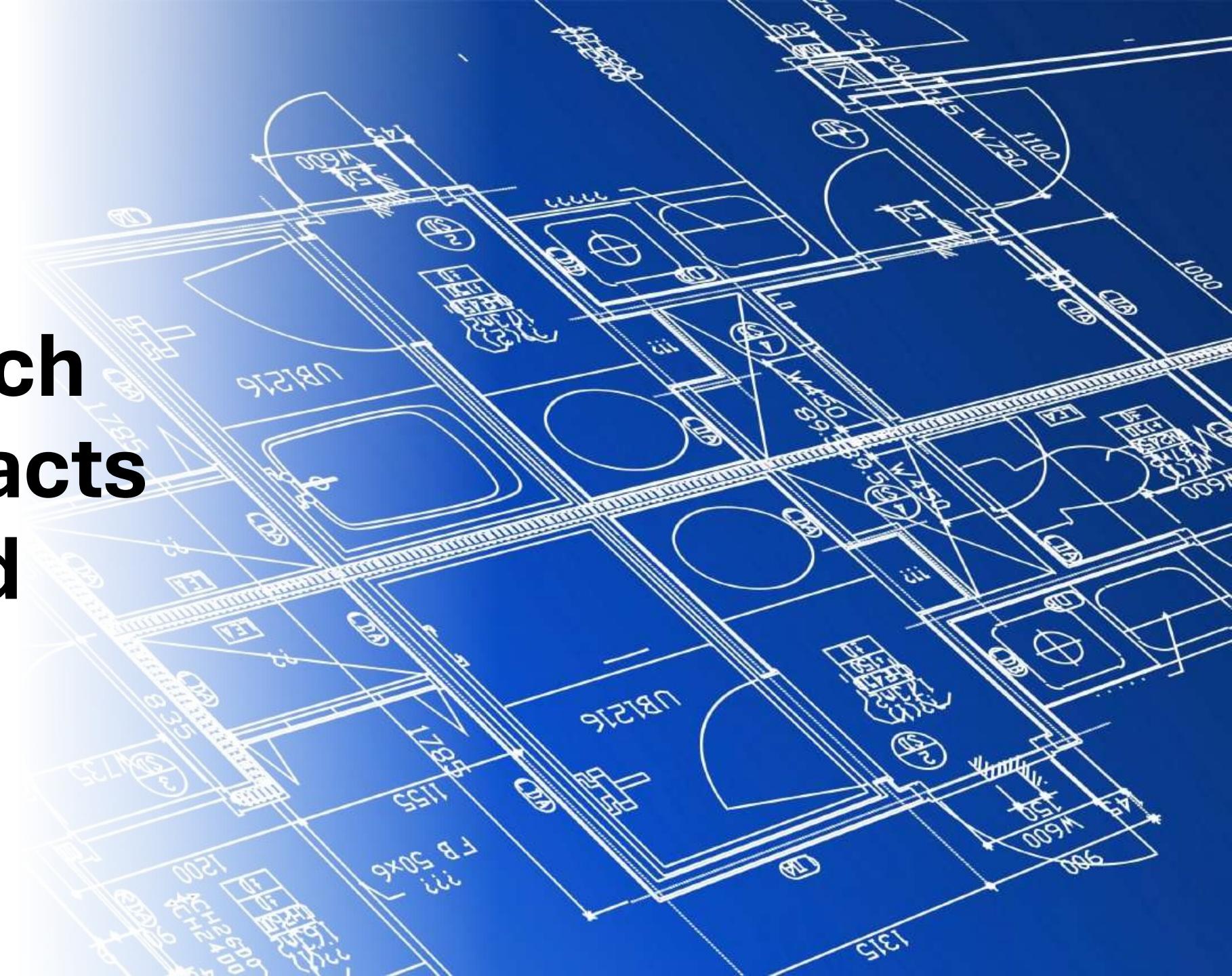


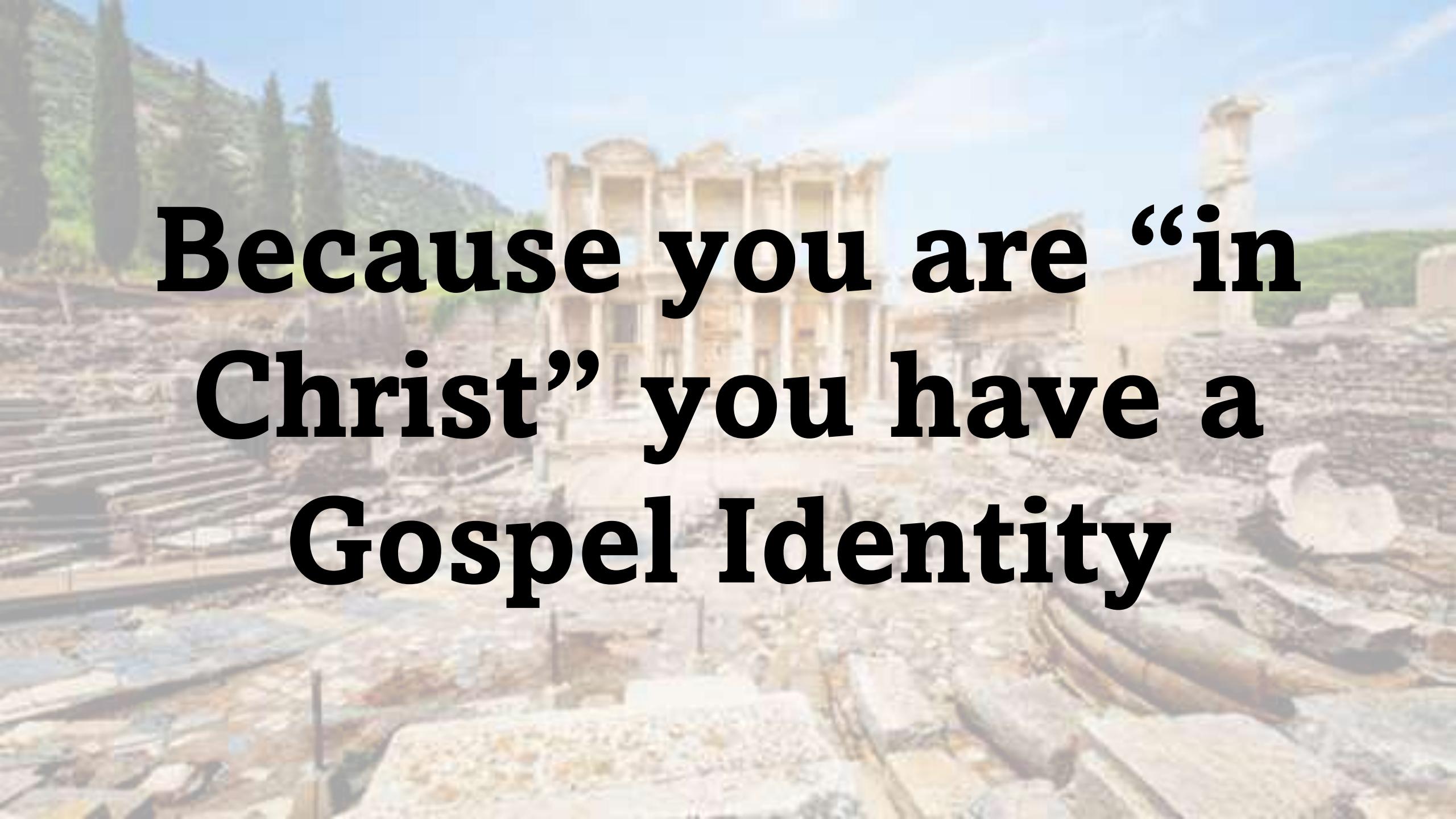
**Last week:
As a disciple of Jesus,
you are “in Christ”**



- 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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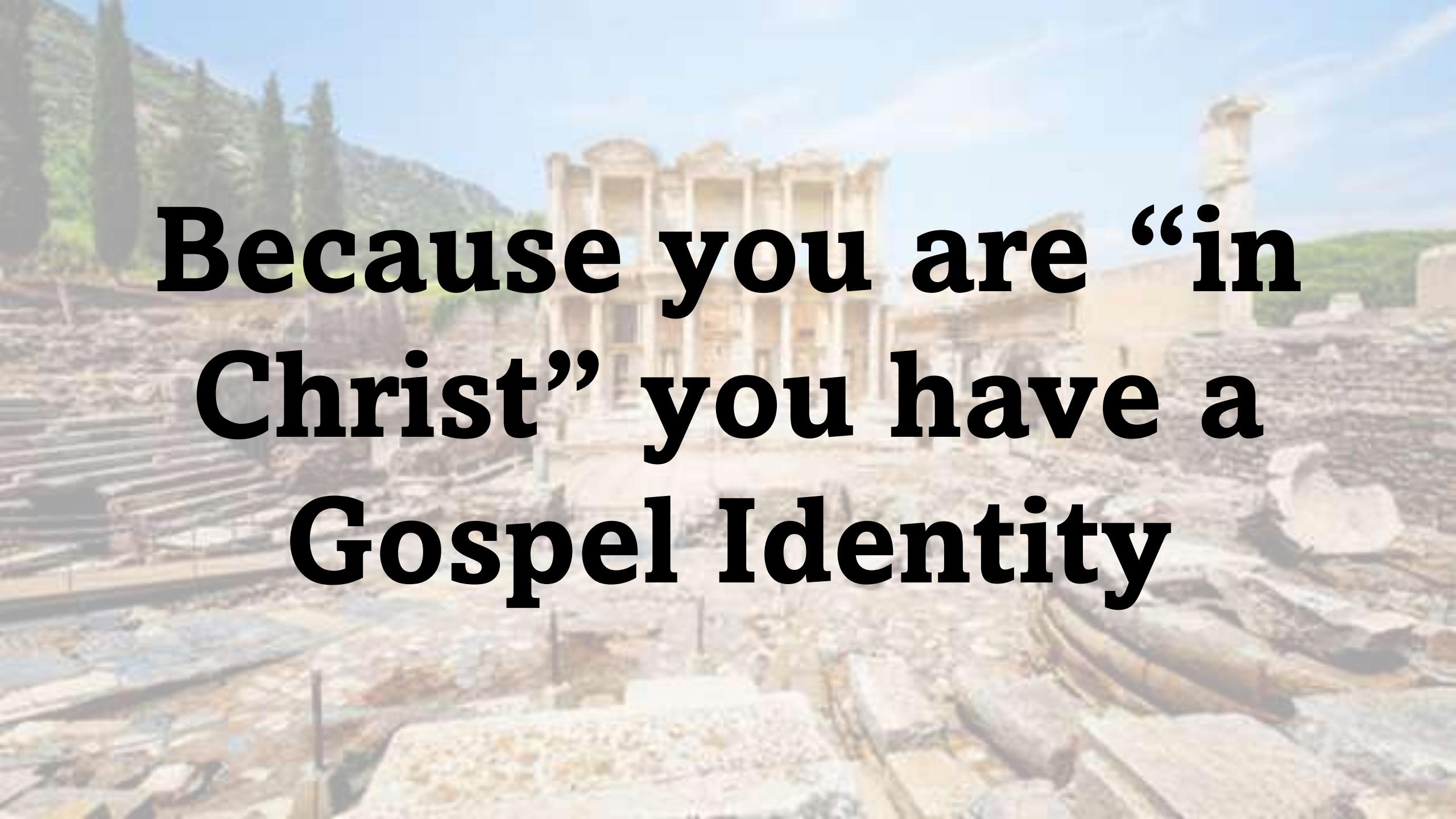




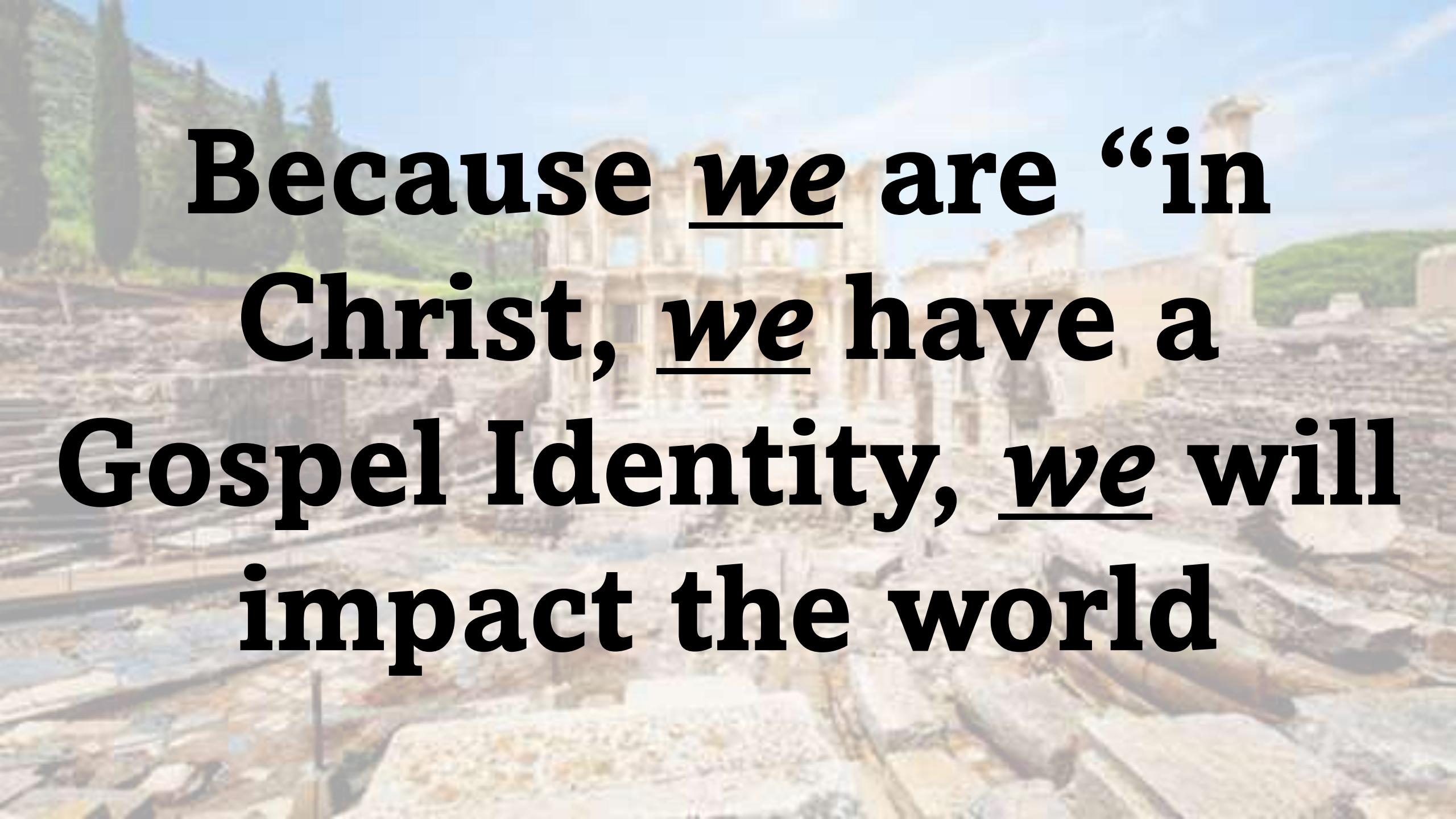
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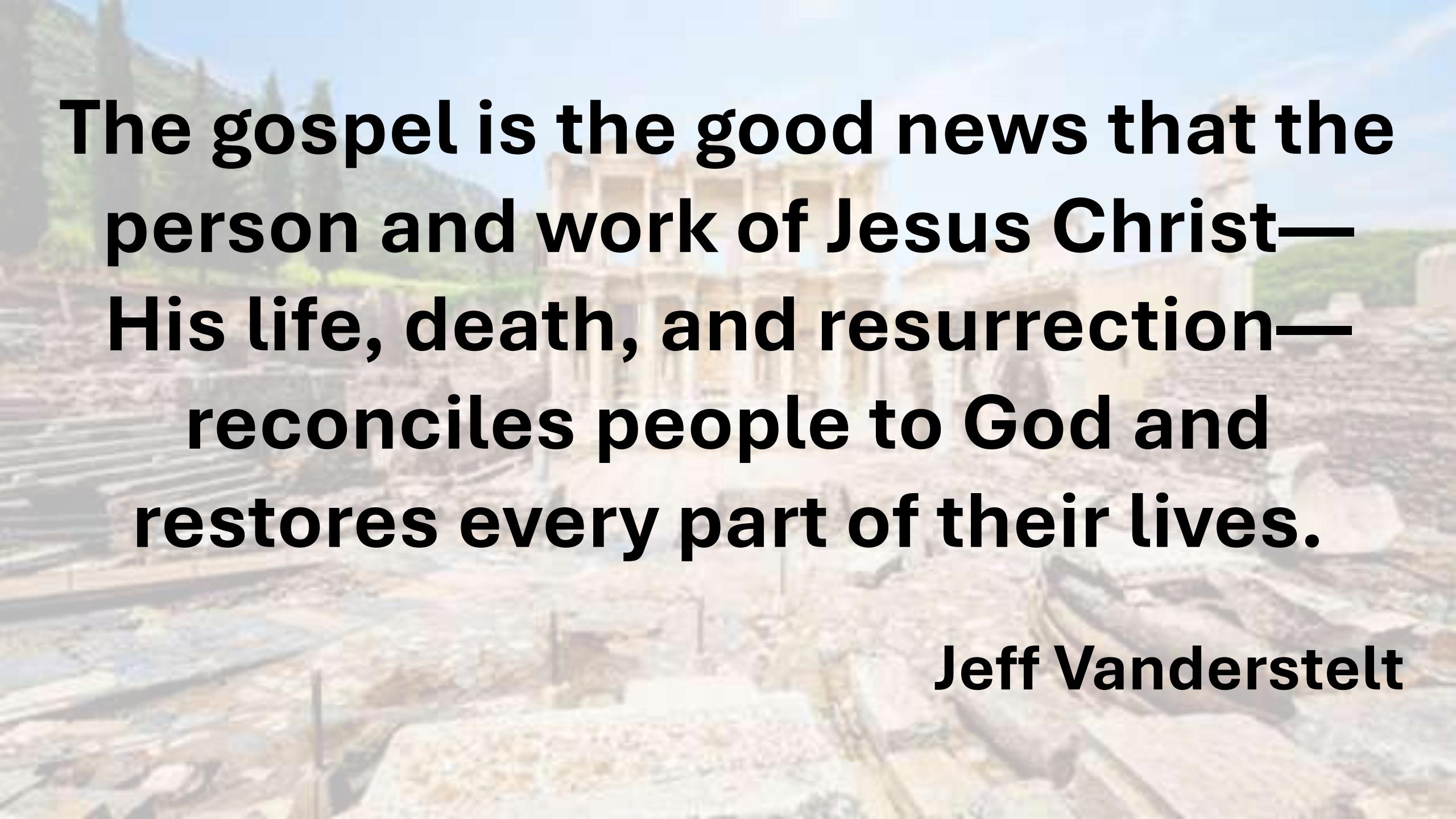
Ephesians 1:3-14



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A scenic view of a stone bridge over a river, with a forested hillside in the background.

Because we are “in
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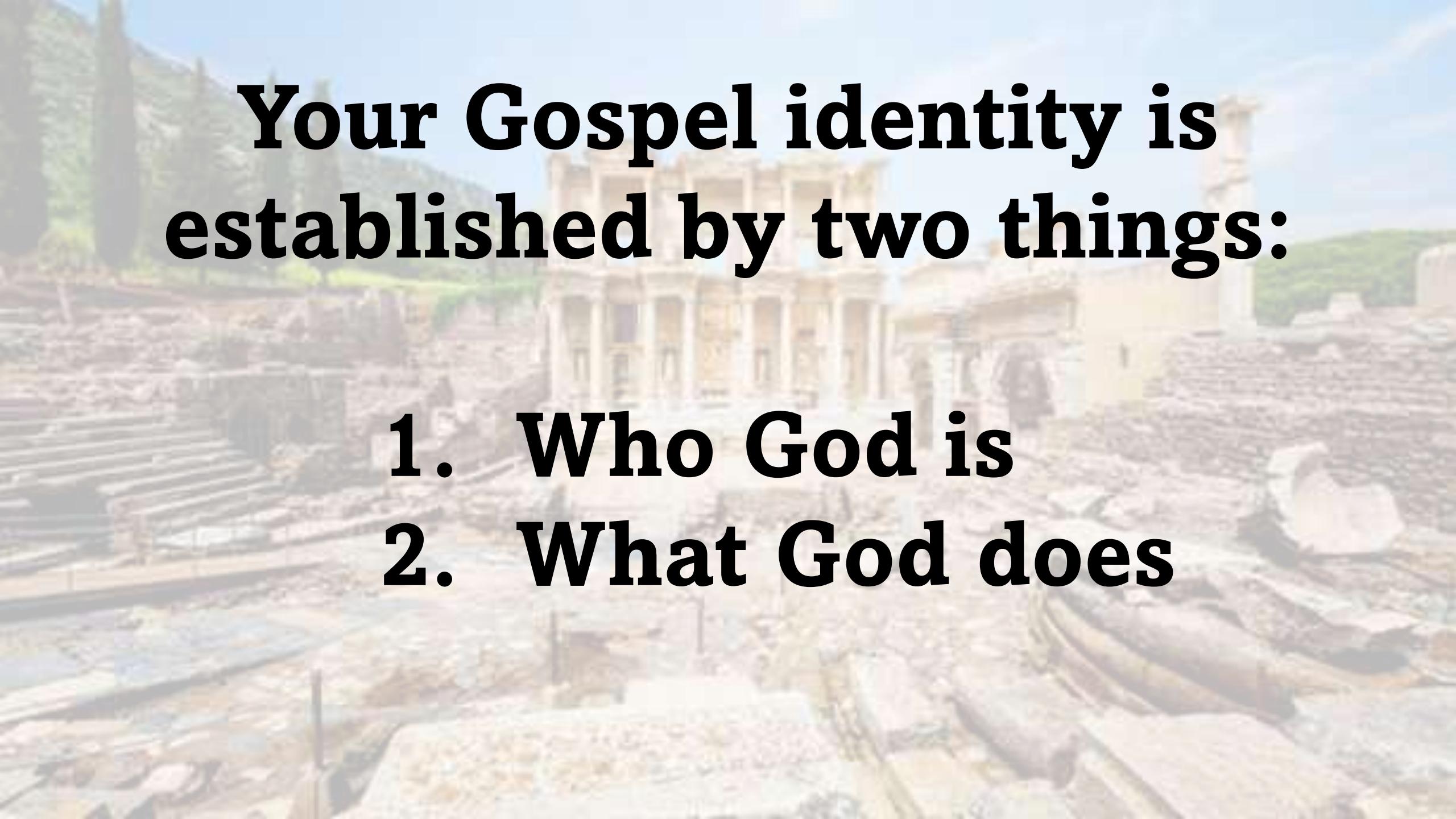


The gospel is the good news that the person and work of Jesus Christ— His life, death, and resurrection— reconciles people to God and restores every part of their lives.

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- 2. What God does**



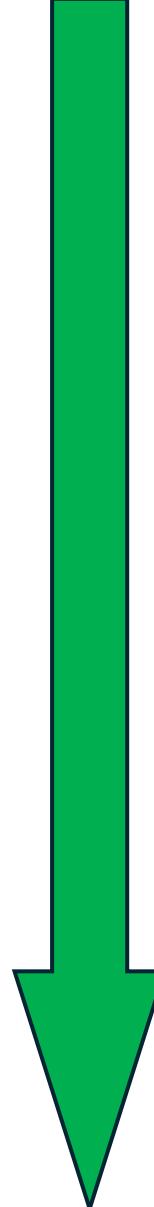
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What does God do?

Who am I?

What do I do?

The Gospel Ladder



**Start at the top
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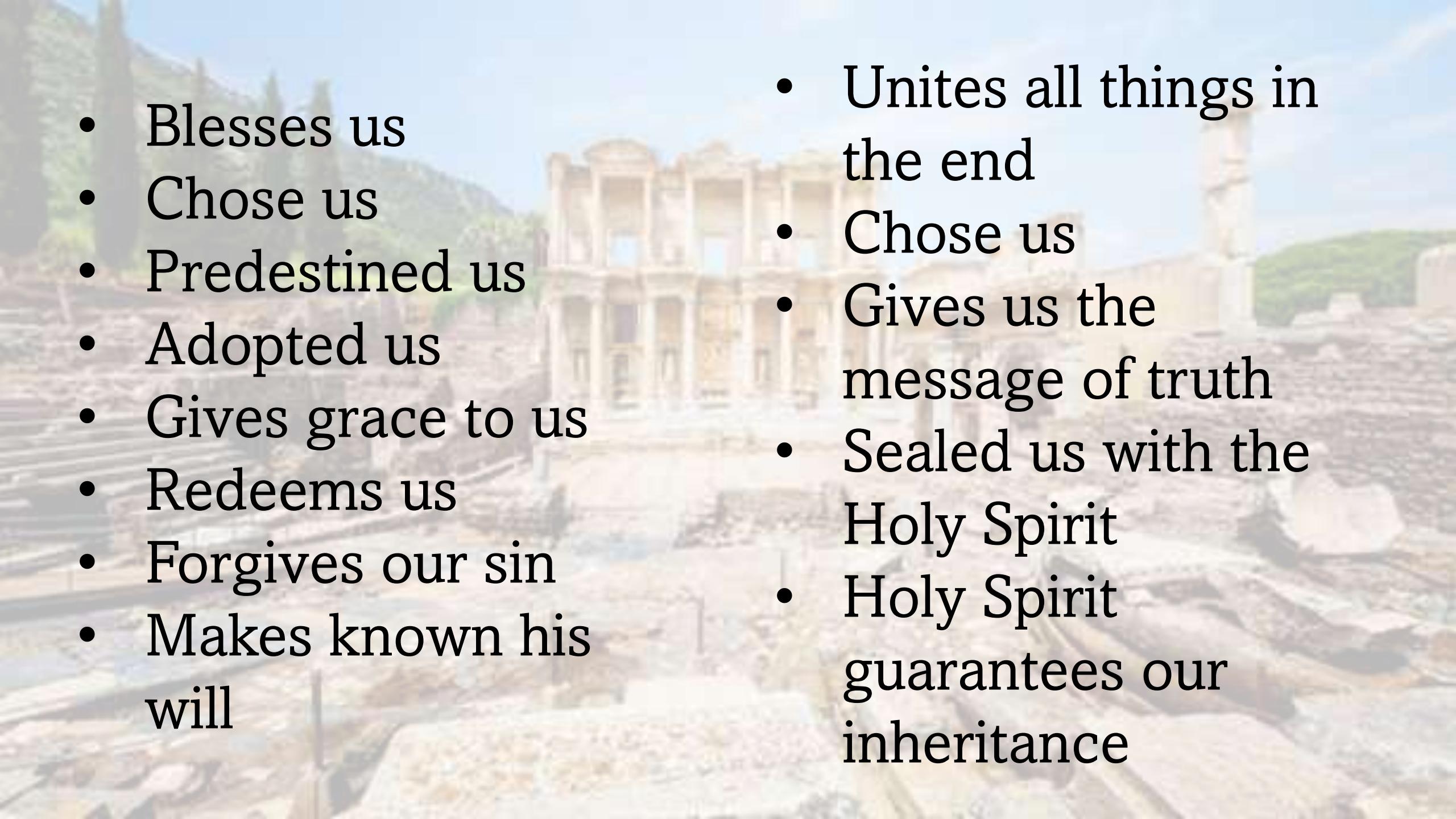
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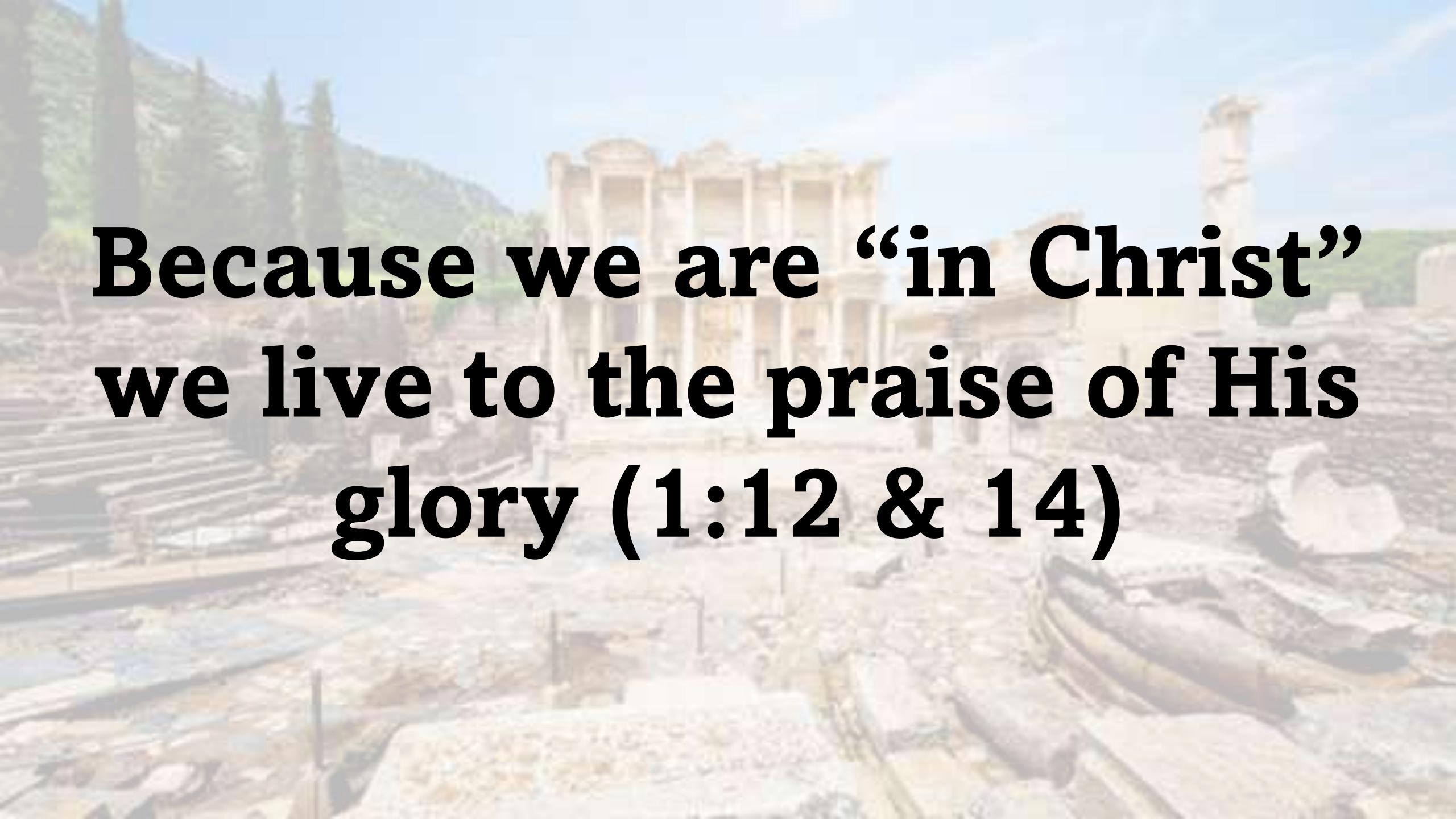
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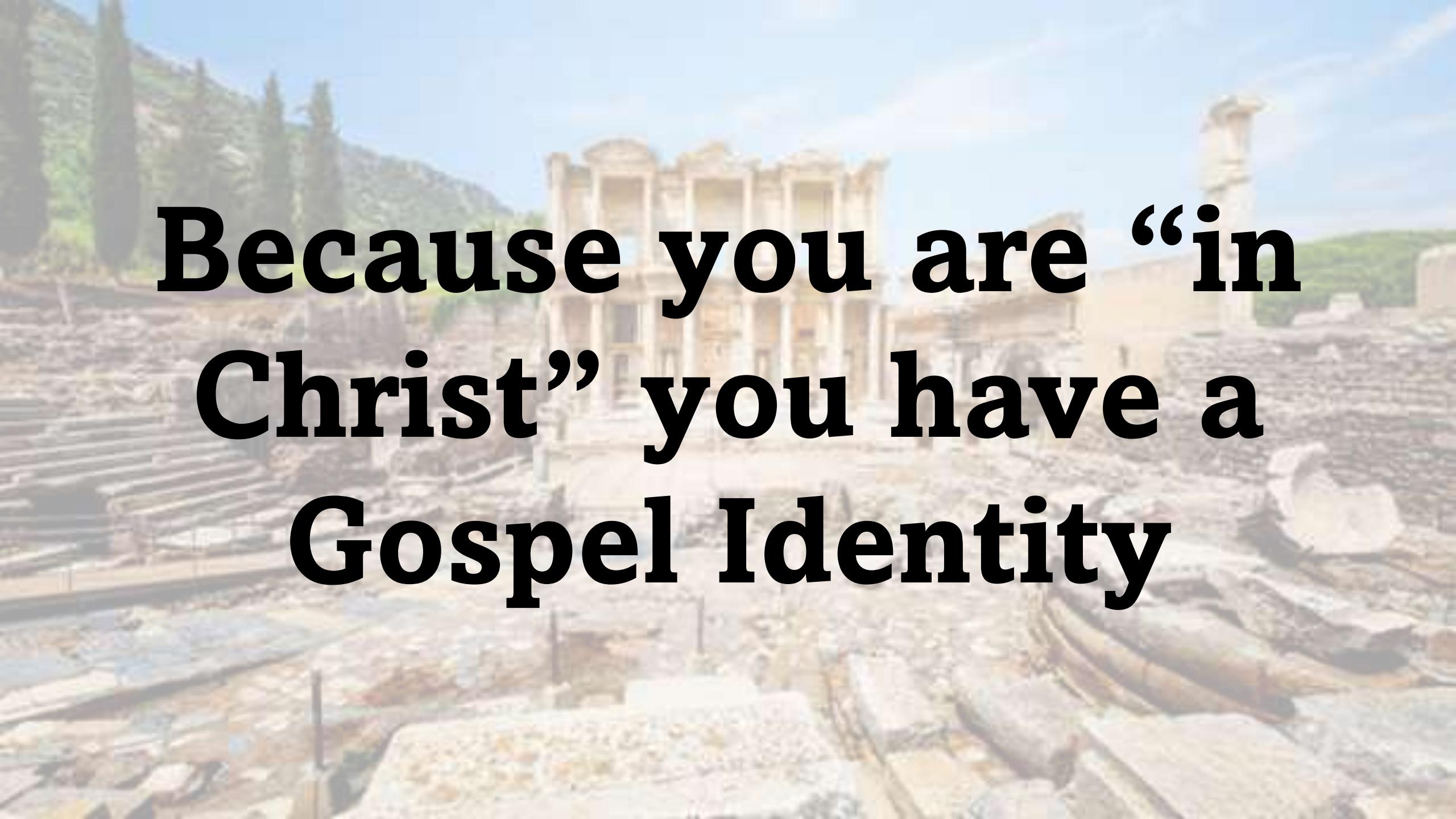


- Blesses us
- Chose us
- Predestined us
- Adopted us
- Gives grace to us
- Redeems us
- Forgives our sin
- Makes known his will
- Unites all things in the end
- Chose us
- Gives us the message of truth
- Sealed us with the Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit guarantees our inheritance

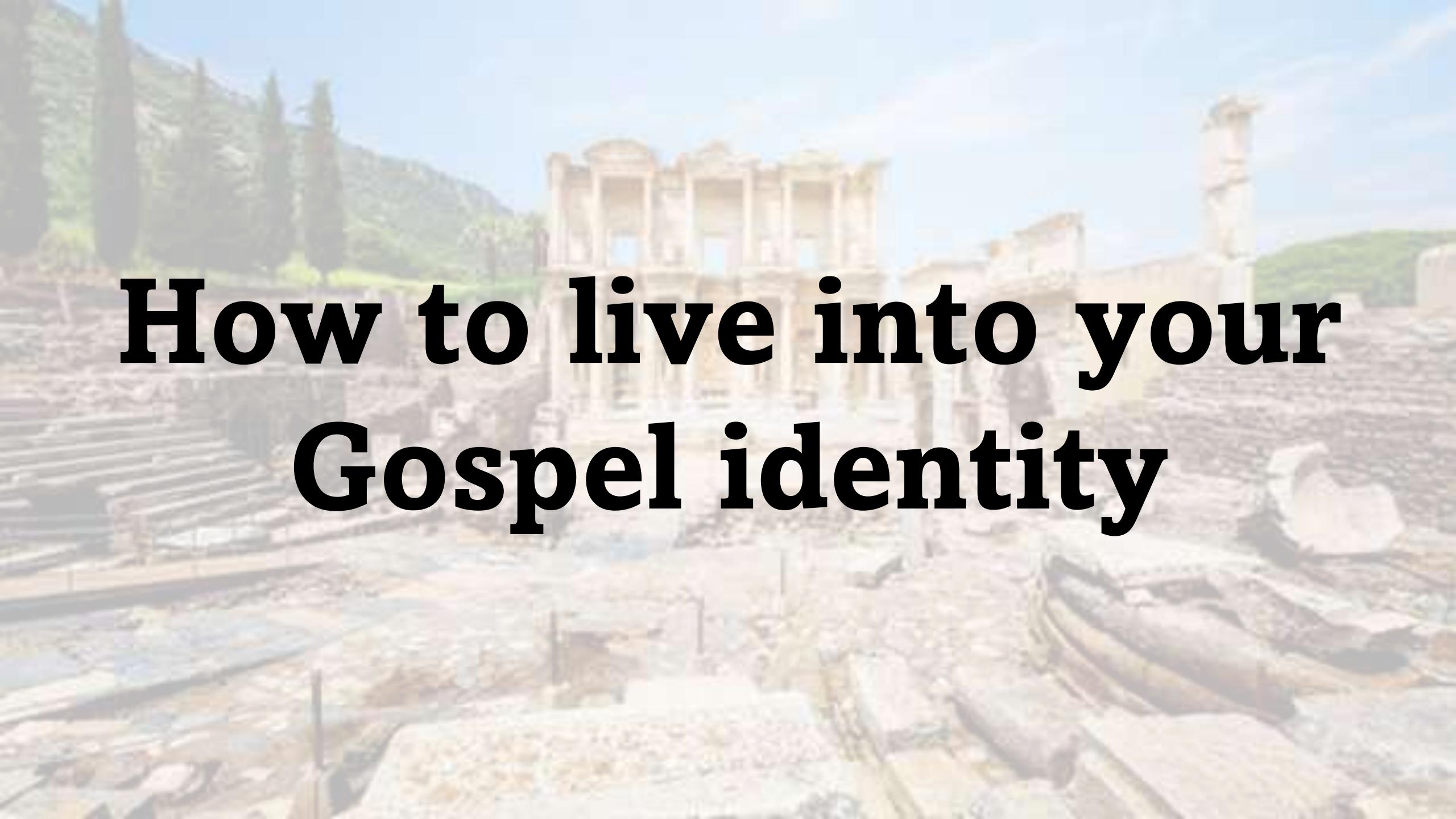
- According to His pleasure & will
- Lavishes on us the riches of His grace
- He freely gives
- All this gives him great pleasure



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



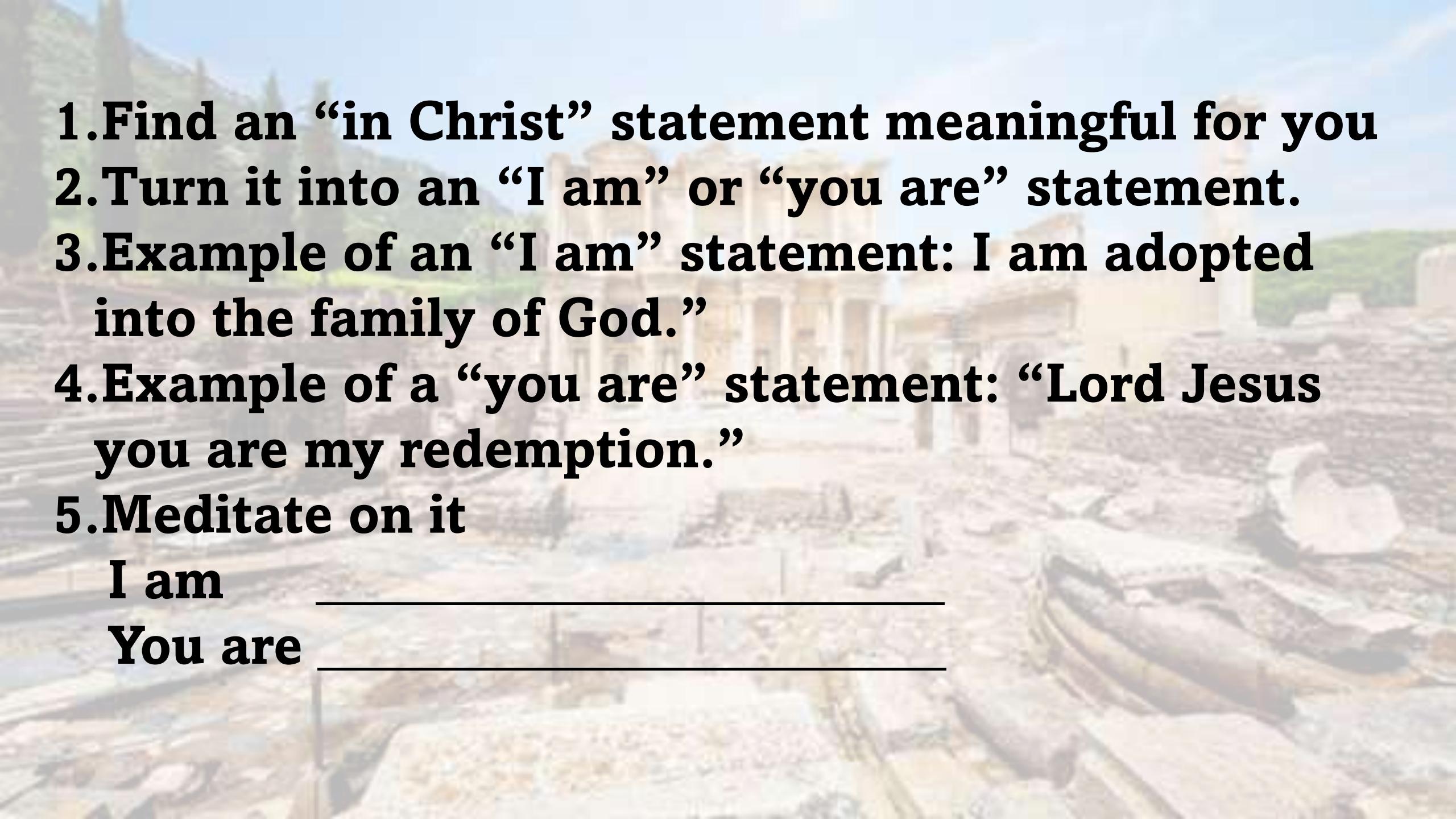
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**How to live into your
Gospel identity**



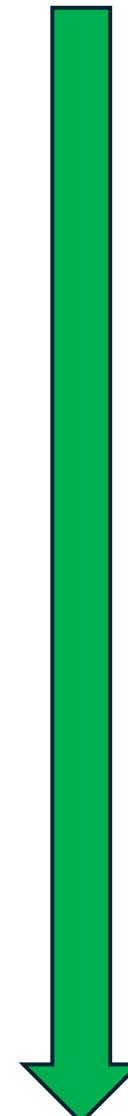
Action Steps



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

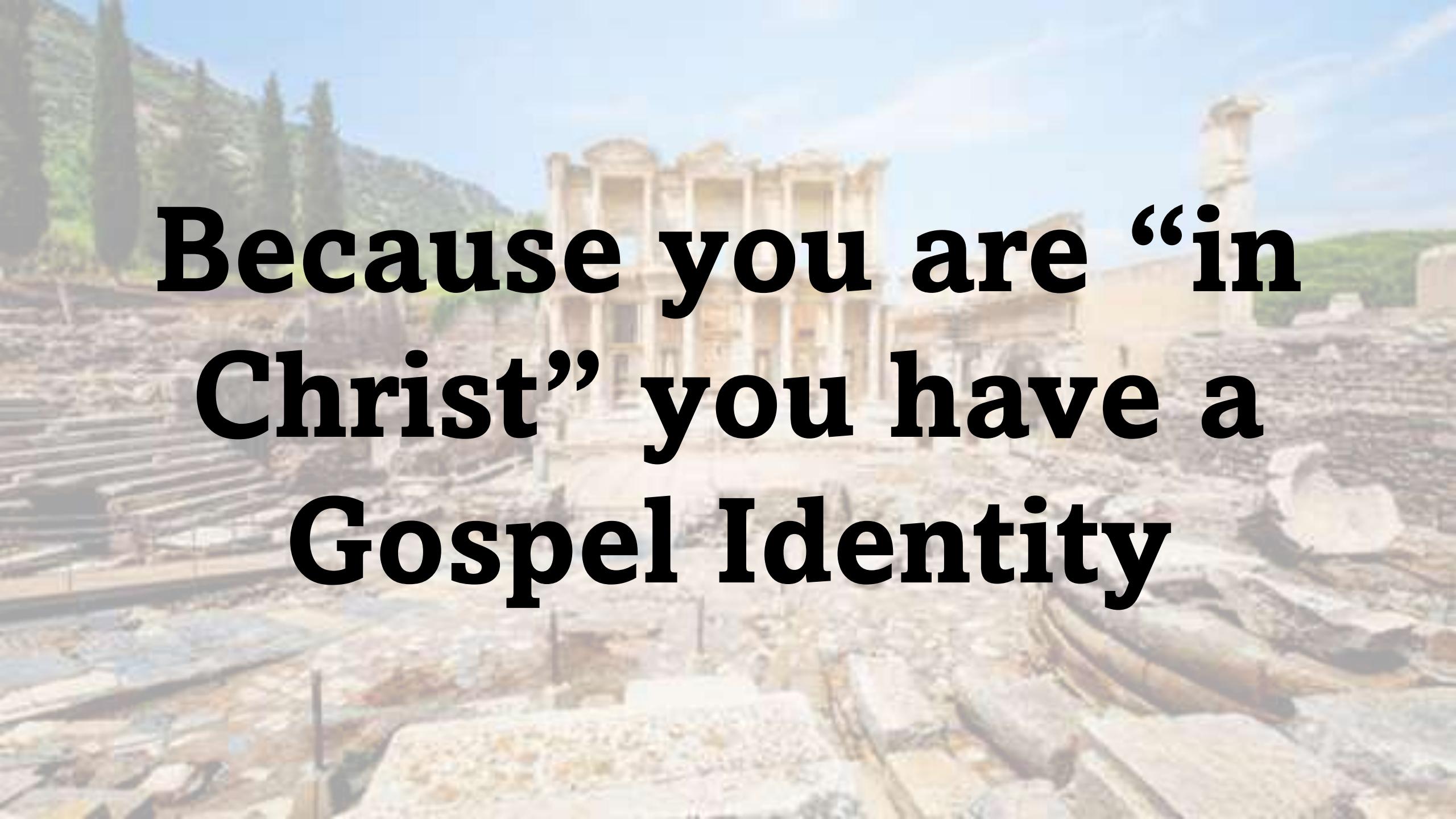
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