



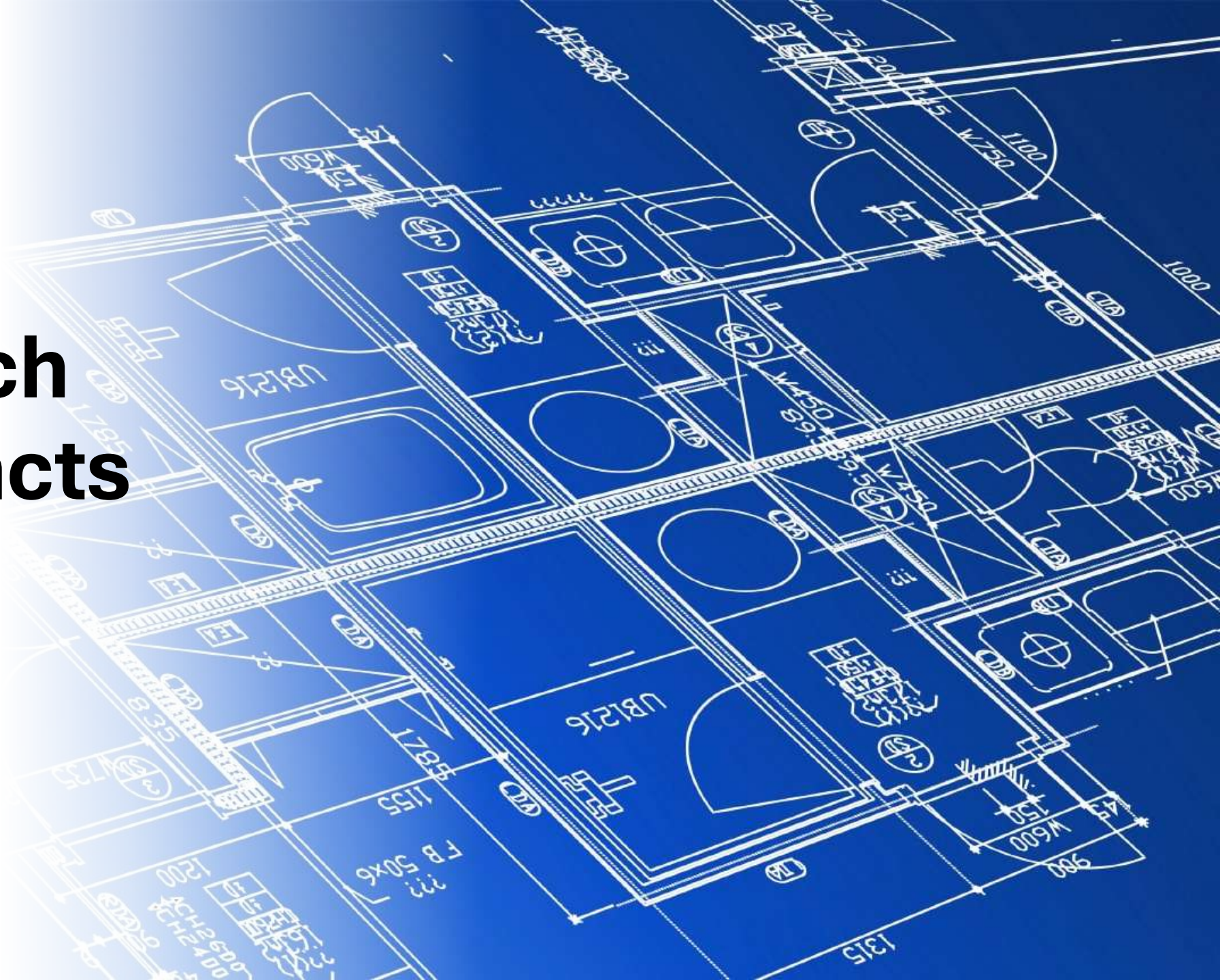
The Book of Ephesians

The church that impacts the world



- 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.”

**The church
that impacts
the world**



- Third most important city in the Roman Empire
- Port city on the Caster River
- Major international trade route both on land and water
- This is the Great Theatre of Ephesus which held 25,000 people



- Temple of Artemis: One of the Seven Wonders of the World





**Think of a person you know that
has:**

Peace

Joy

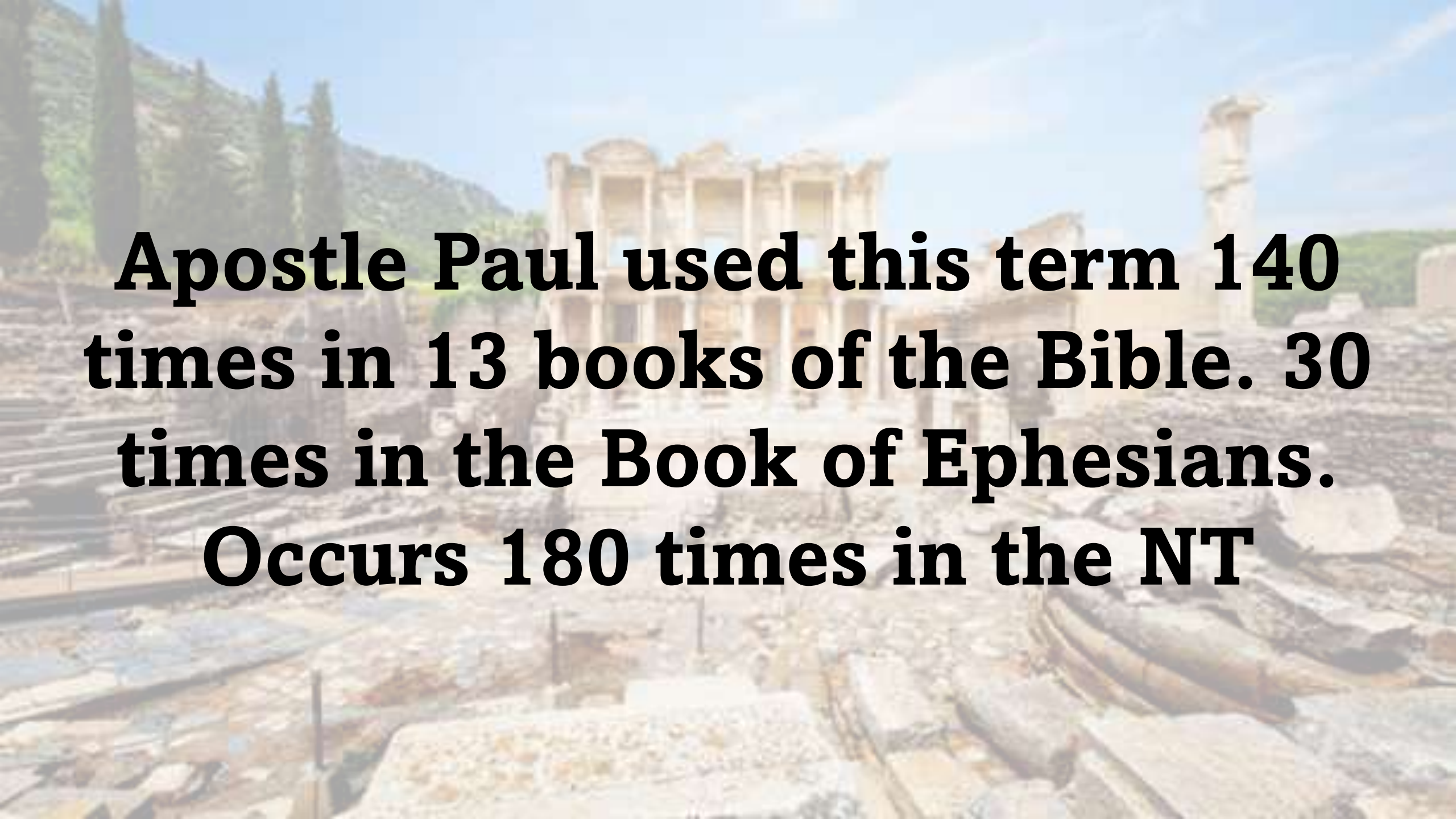
Shares faith

Generous

Wise

Patient

Kind



**Apostle Paul used this term 140
times in 13 books of the Bible. 30
times in the Book of Ephesians.
Occurs 180 times in the NT**



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“in Christ.”

“in him”

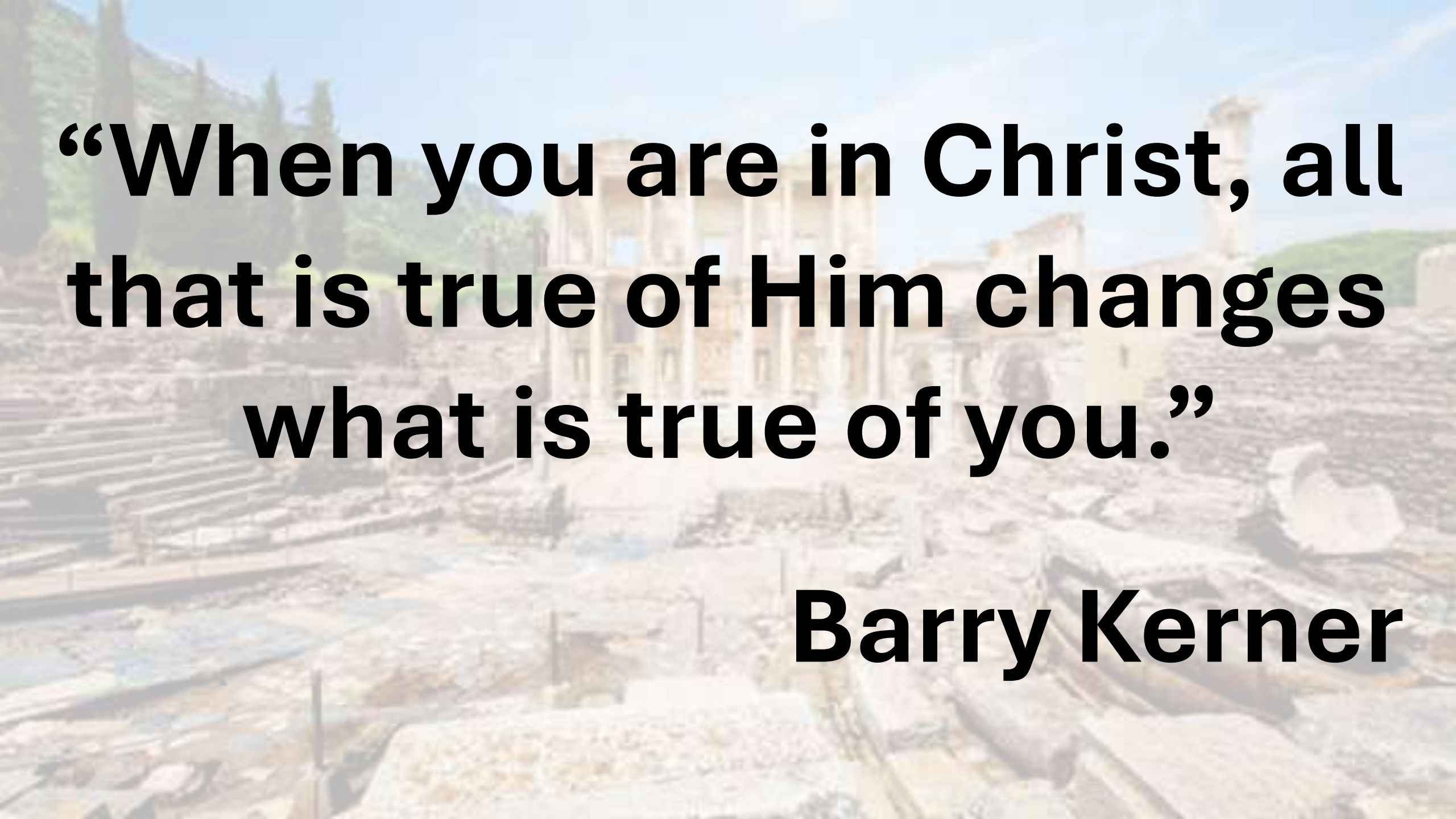
“in the Lord”

“with Christ”



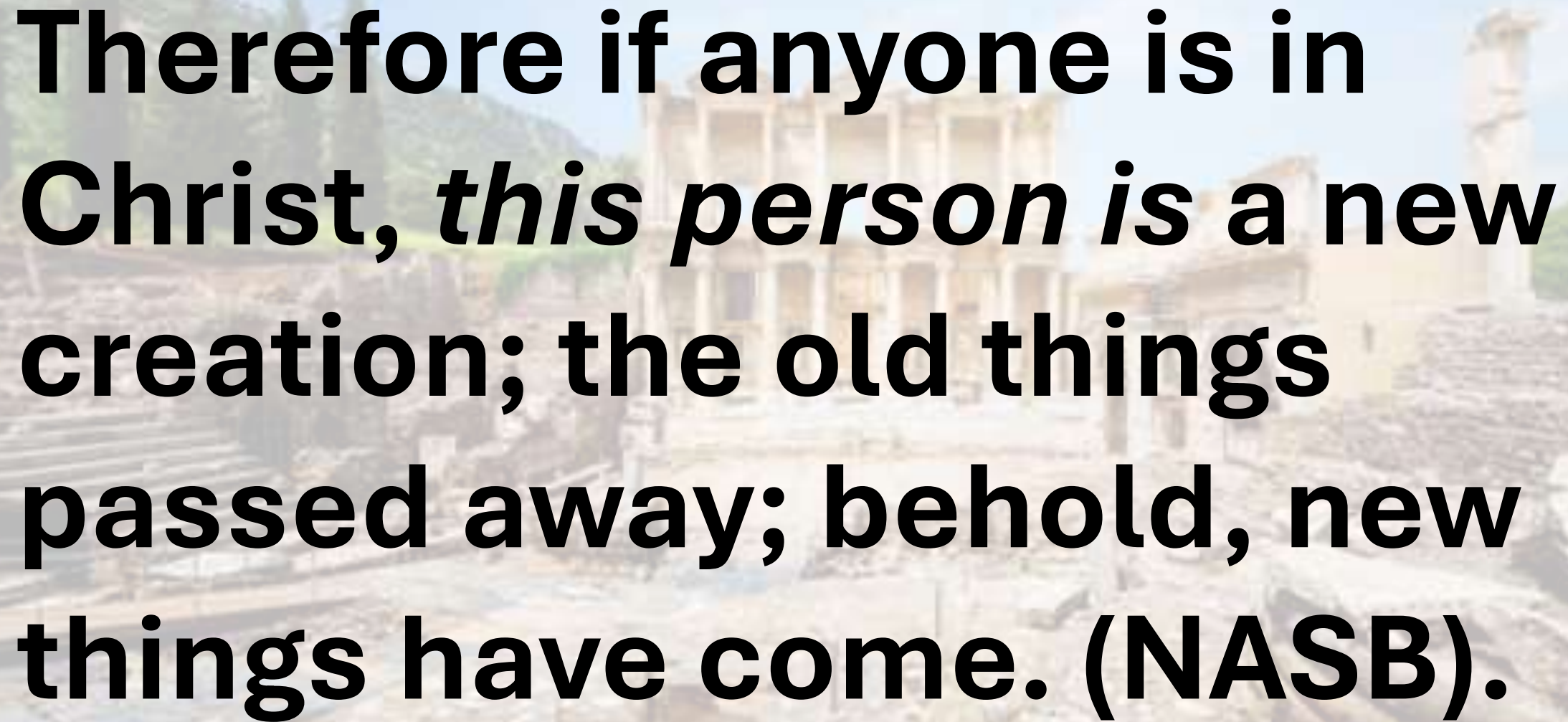
To be “in Christ” means:

- **A way to sum up all of salvation**
- **all that Jesus accomplished by living a perfect life, his crucifixion, death & resurrection is applied to you.**

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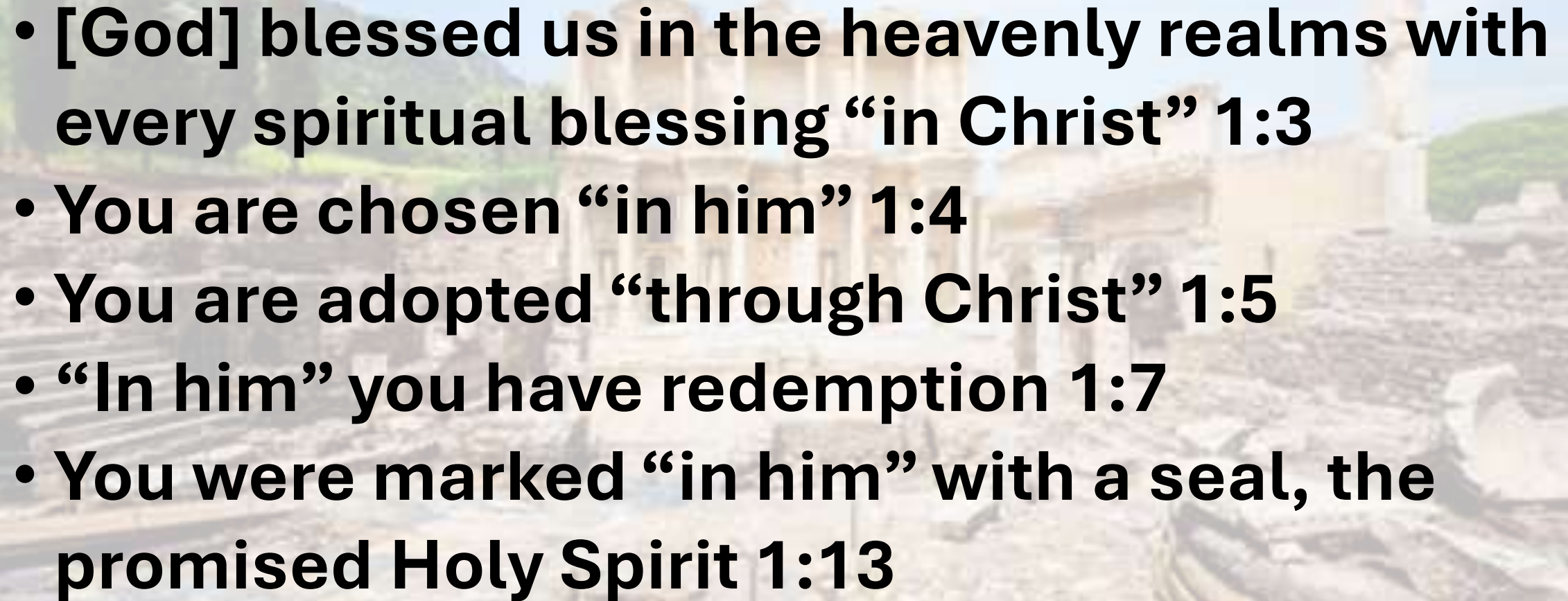
**“When you are in Christ, all
that is true of Him changes
what is true of you.”**

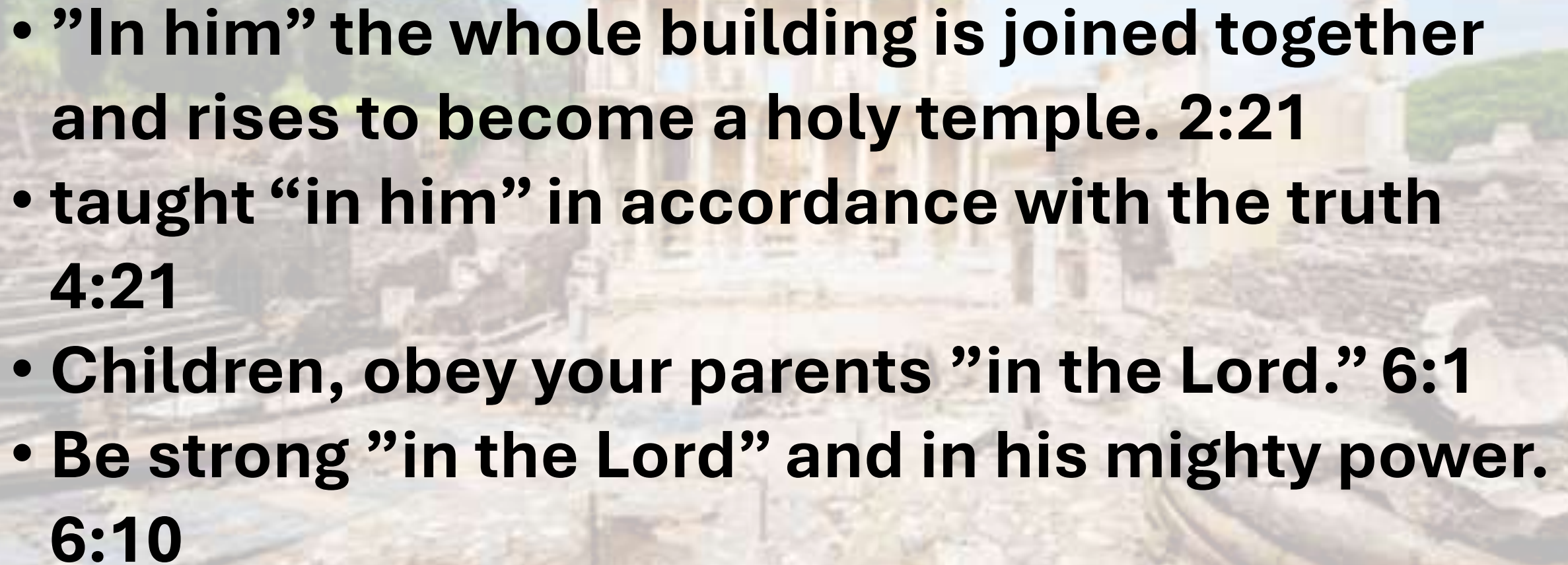
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**Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, *this person is* a new
creation; the old things
passed away; behold, new
things have come. (NASB).**

2 Corinthians 5:17

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- **[God] blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing “in Christ” 1:3**
 - **You are chosen “in him” 1:4**
 - **You are adopted “through Christ” 1:5**
 - **“In him” you have redemption 1:7**
 - **You were marked “in him” with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit 1:13**

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- **”In him” the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple. 2:21**
 - **taught “in him” in accordance with the truth 4:21**
 - **Children, obey your parents ”in the Lord.” 6:1**
 - **Be strong ”in the Lord” and in his mighty power. 6:10**

How to live life “in Christ”

Next steps