



# The Book of Ephesians

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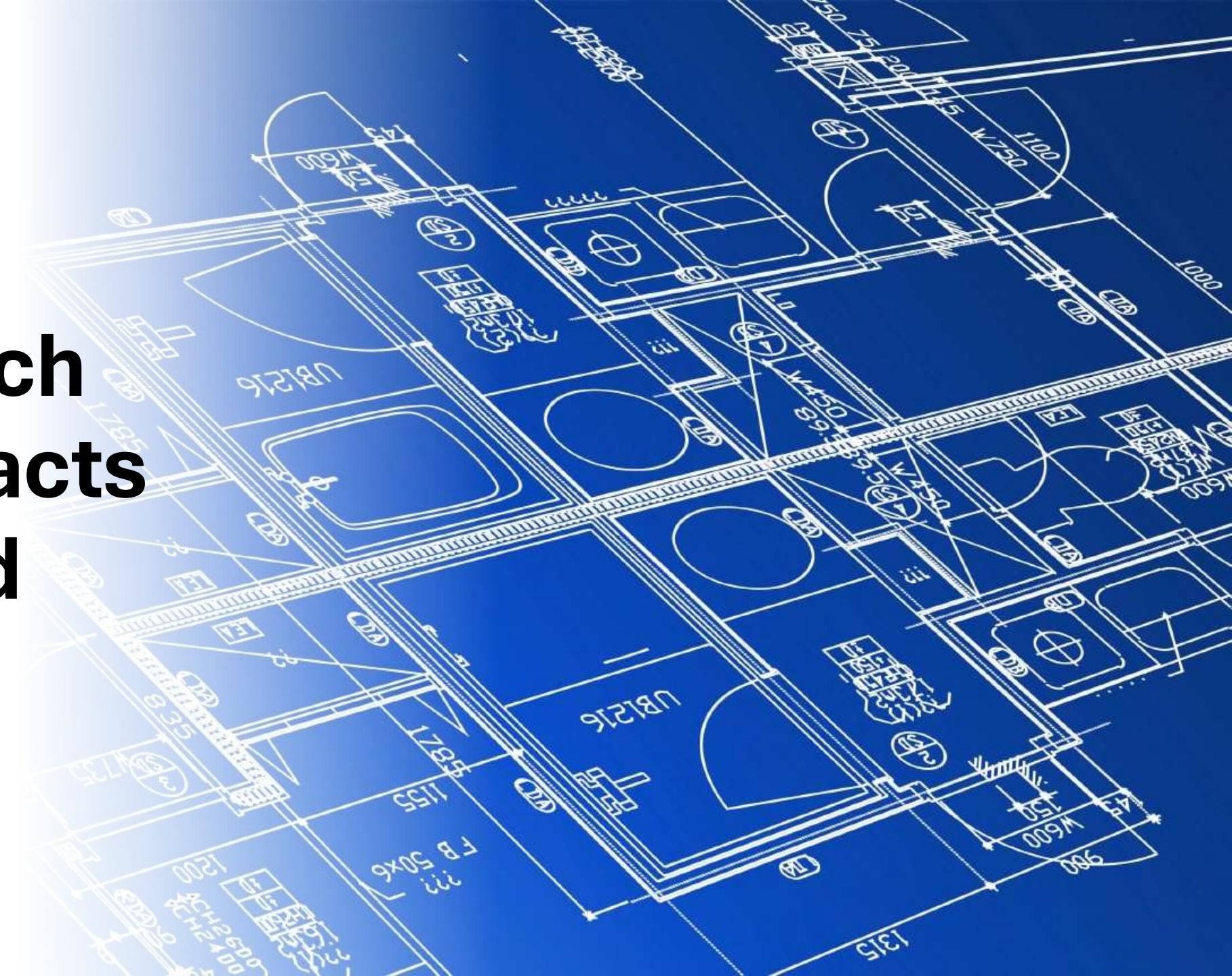
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The church that impacts the world



- 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.”

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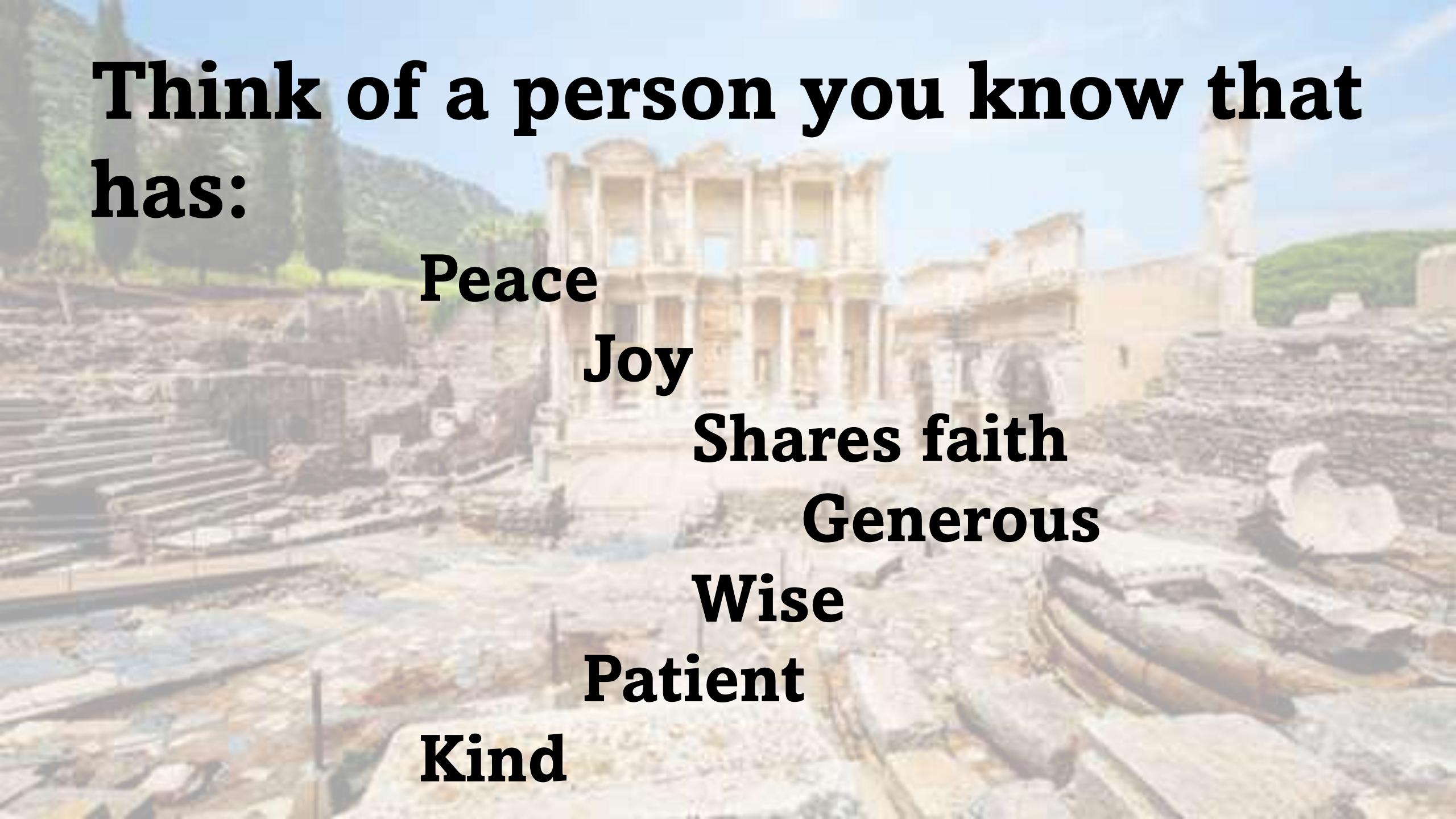


- Third most important city in the Roman Empire
- Port city on the Caster River
- Major international trade route both on land and water
- This is the Great Theatre of Ephesus which held 25,000 people



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





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

**Peace**

**Joy**

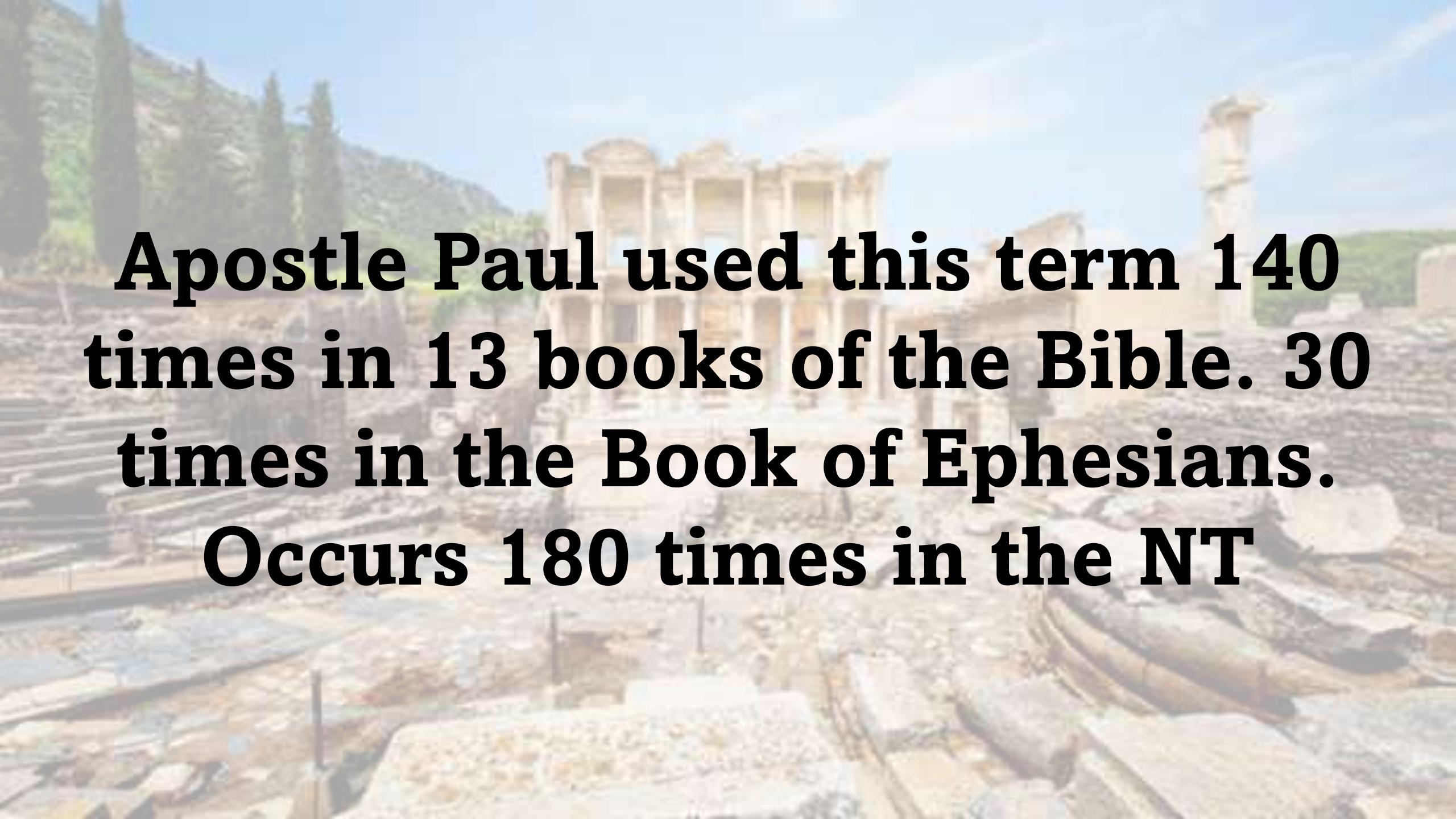
**Shares faith**

**Generous**

**Wise**

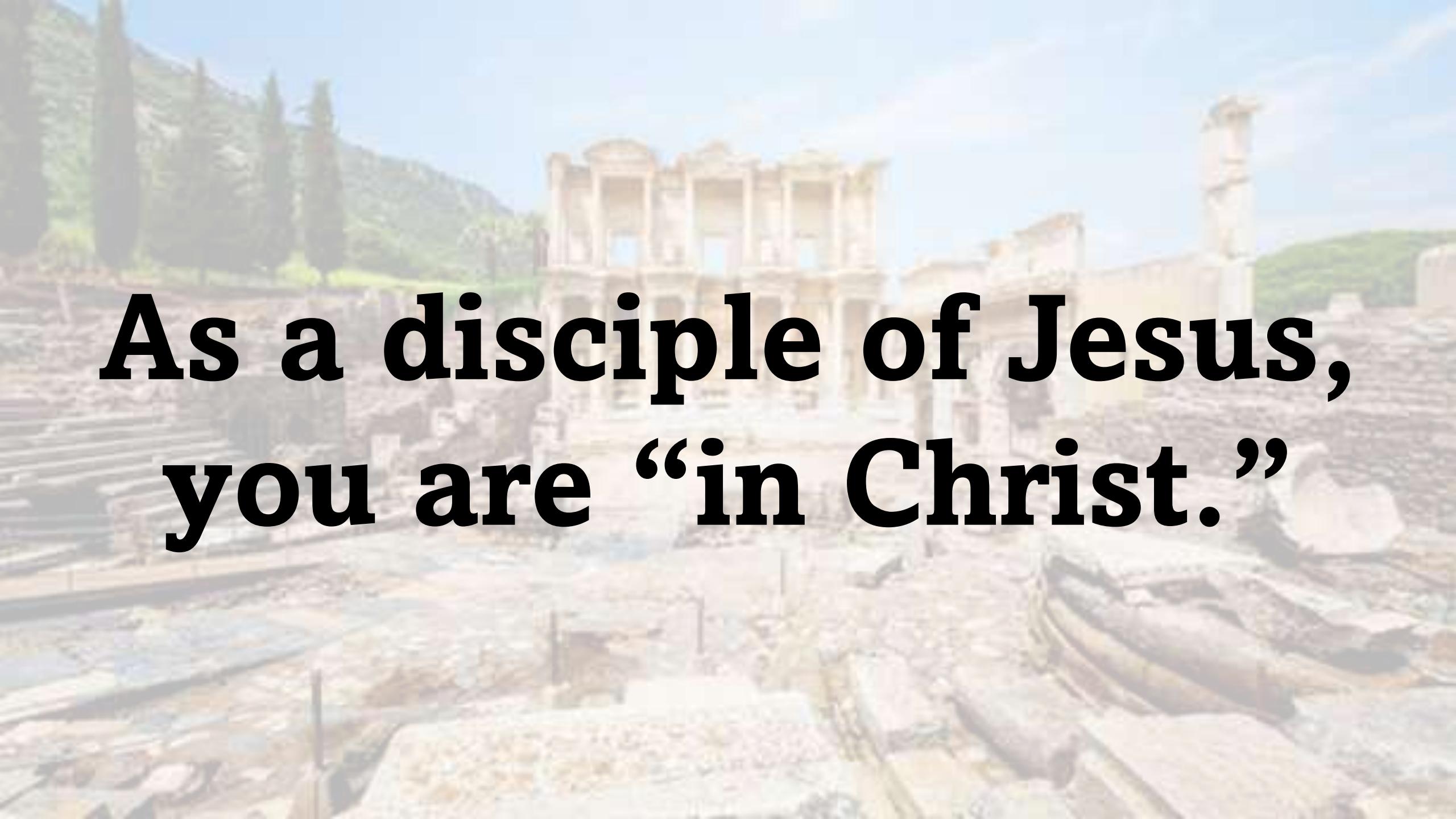
**Patient**

**Kind**

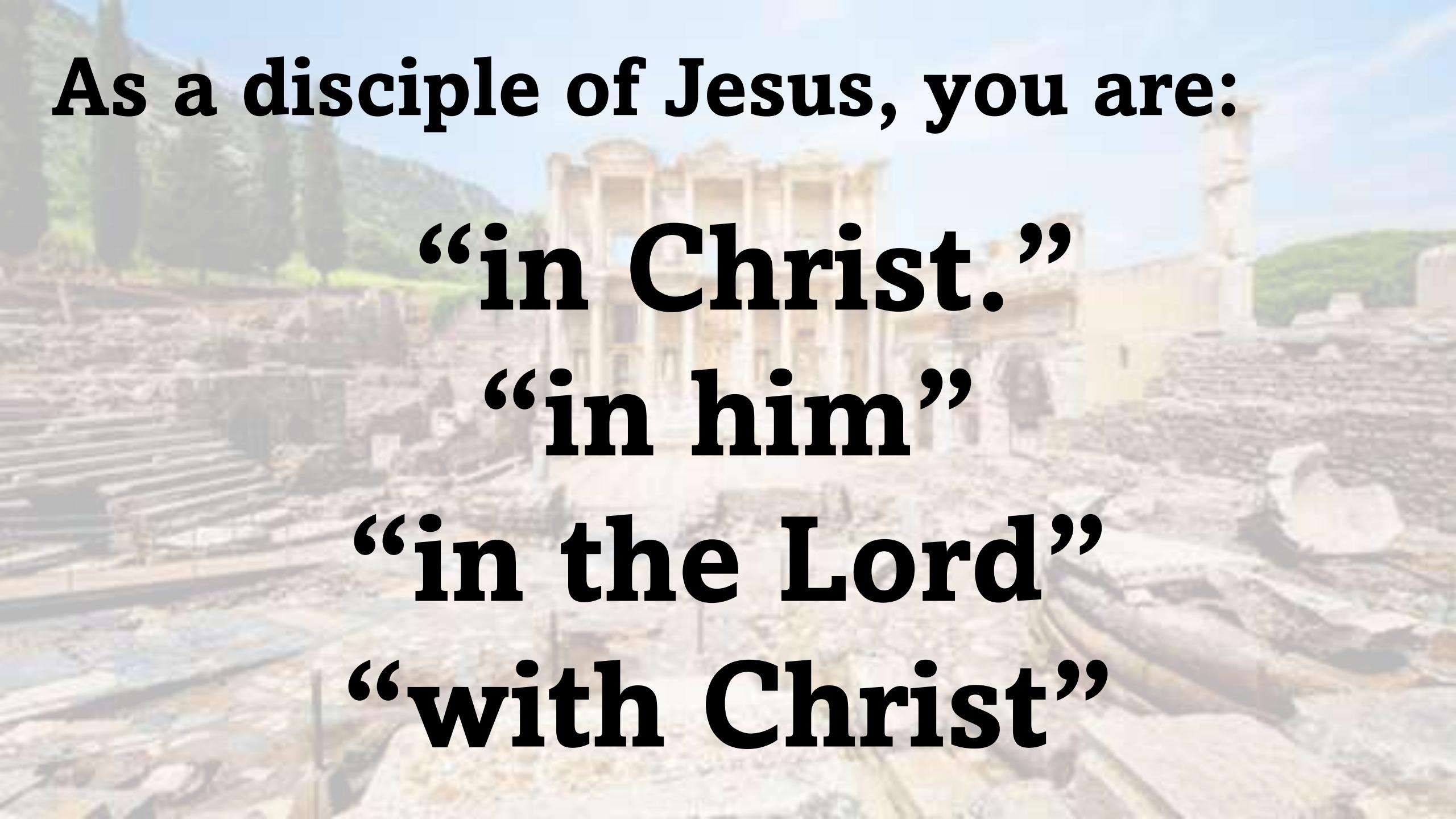


**Apostle Paul used this term 140 times in 13 books of the Bible. 30 times in the Book of Ephesians.**

**Occurs 180 times in the NT**



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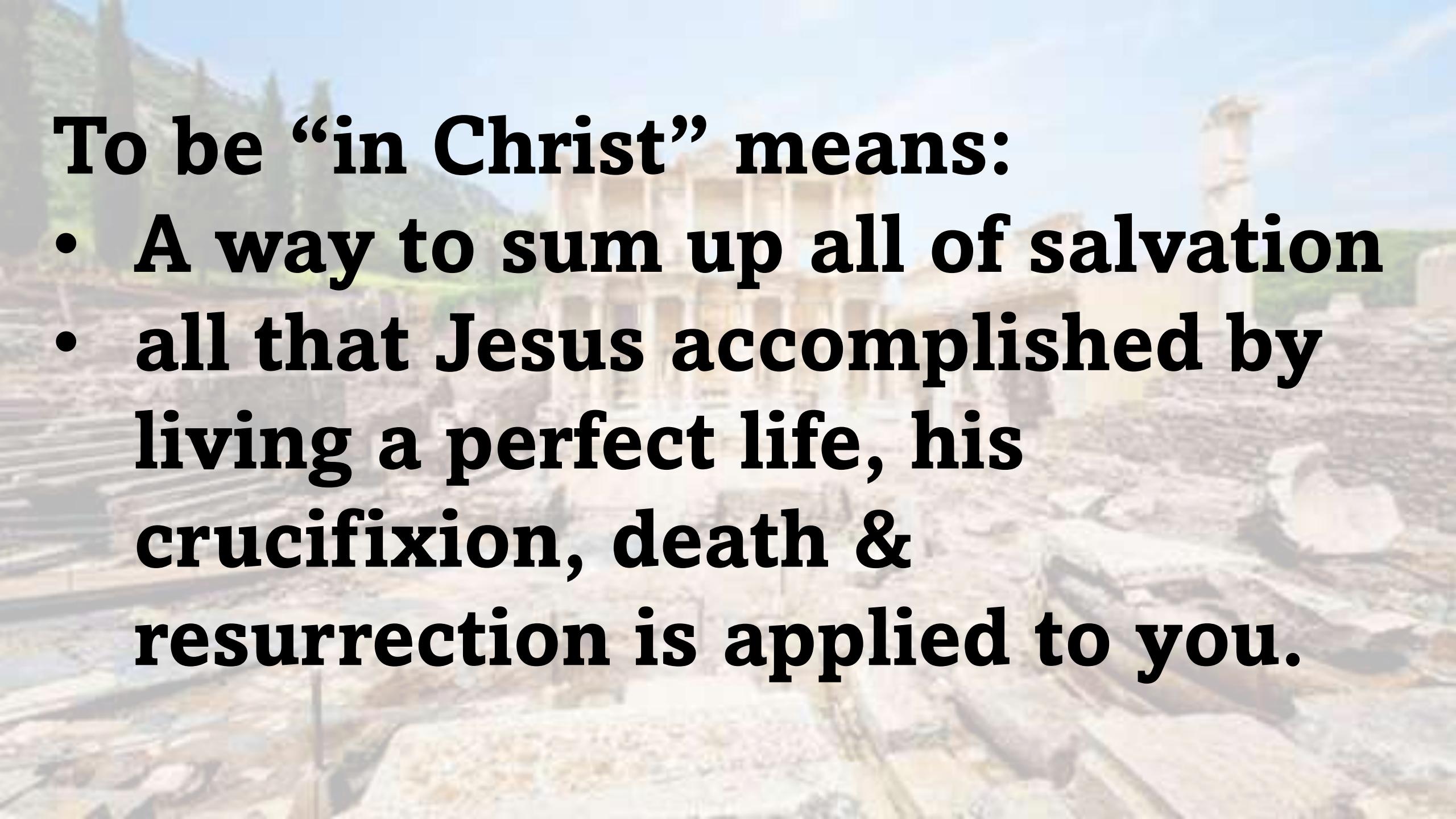
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**“in Christ.”**

**“in him”**

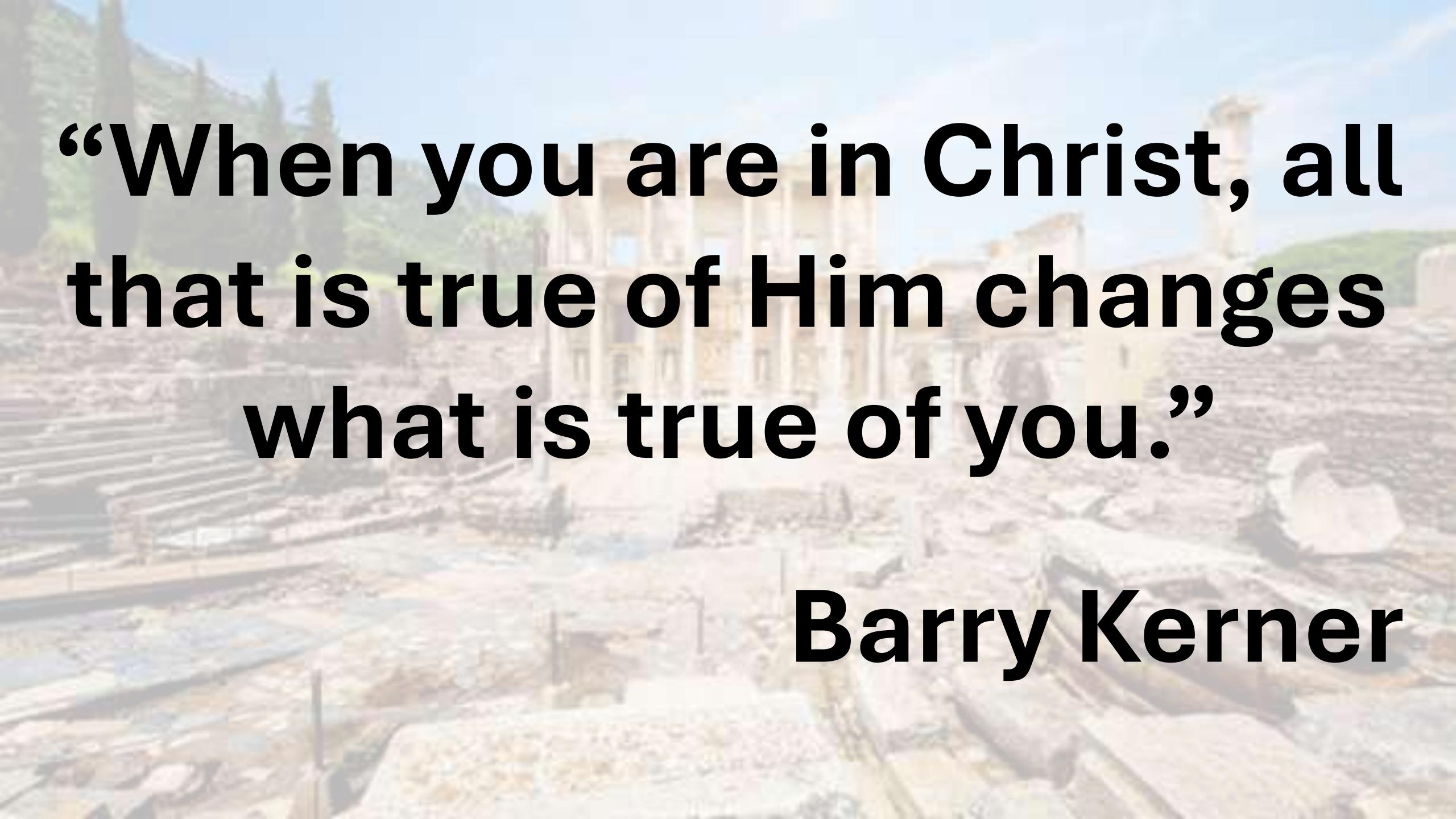
**“in the Lord”**

**“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.



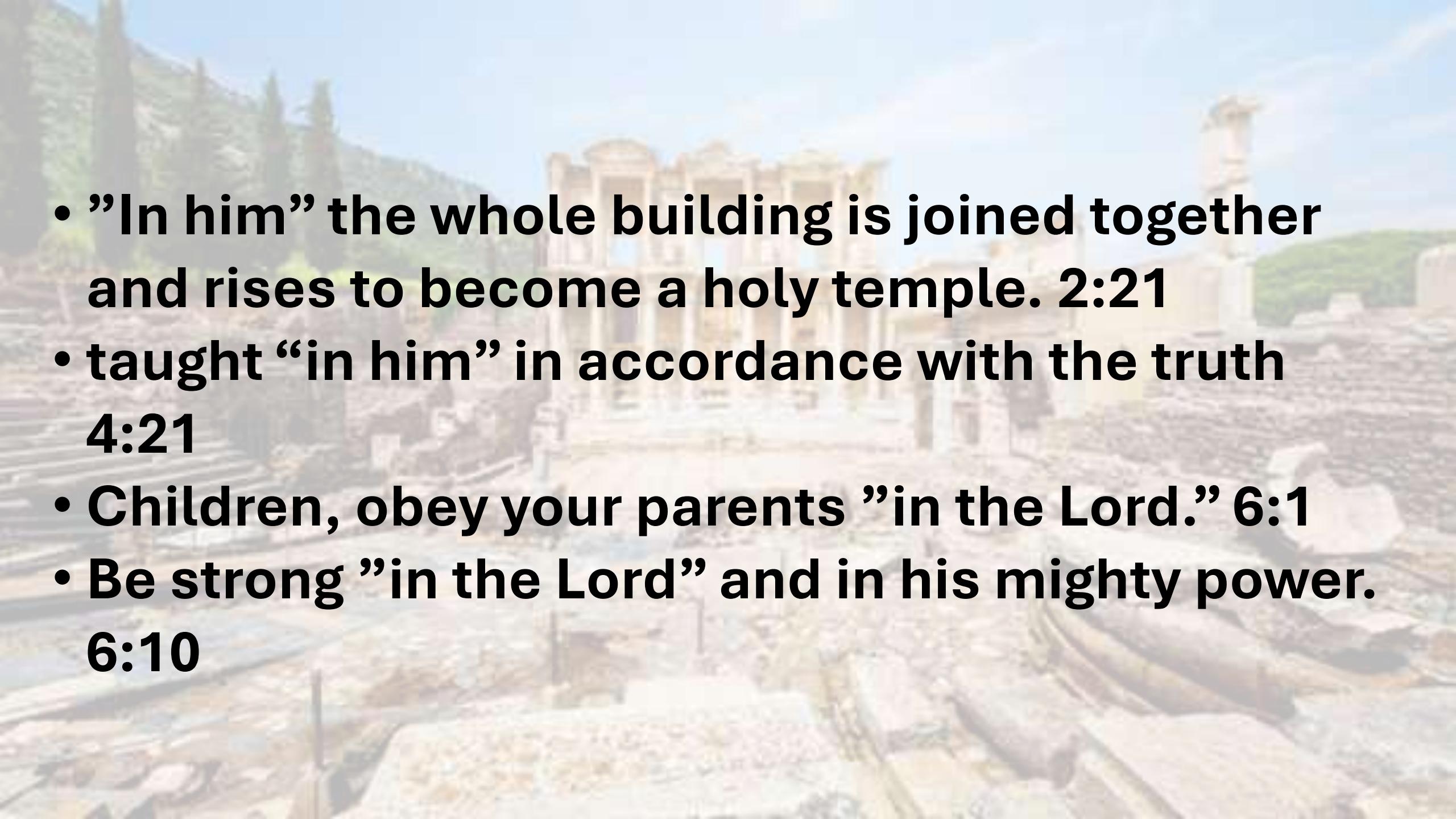
**“When you are in Christ, all  
that is true of Him changes  
what is true of you.”**

**Barry Kerner**

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

- [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



- “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**