

The Book of Ephesians

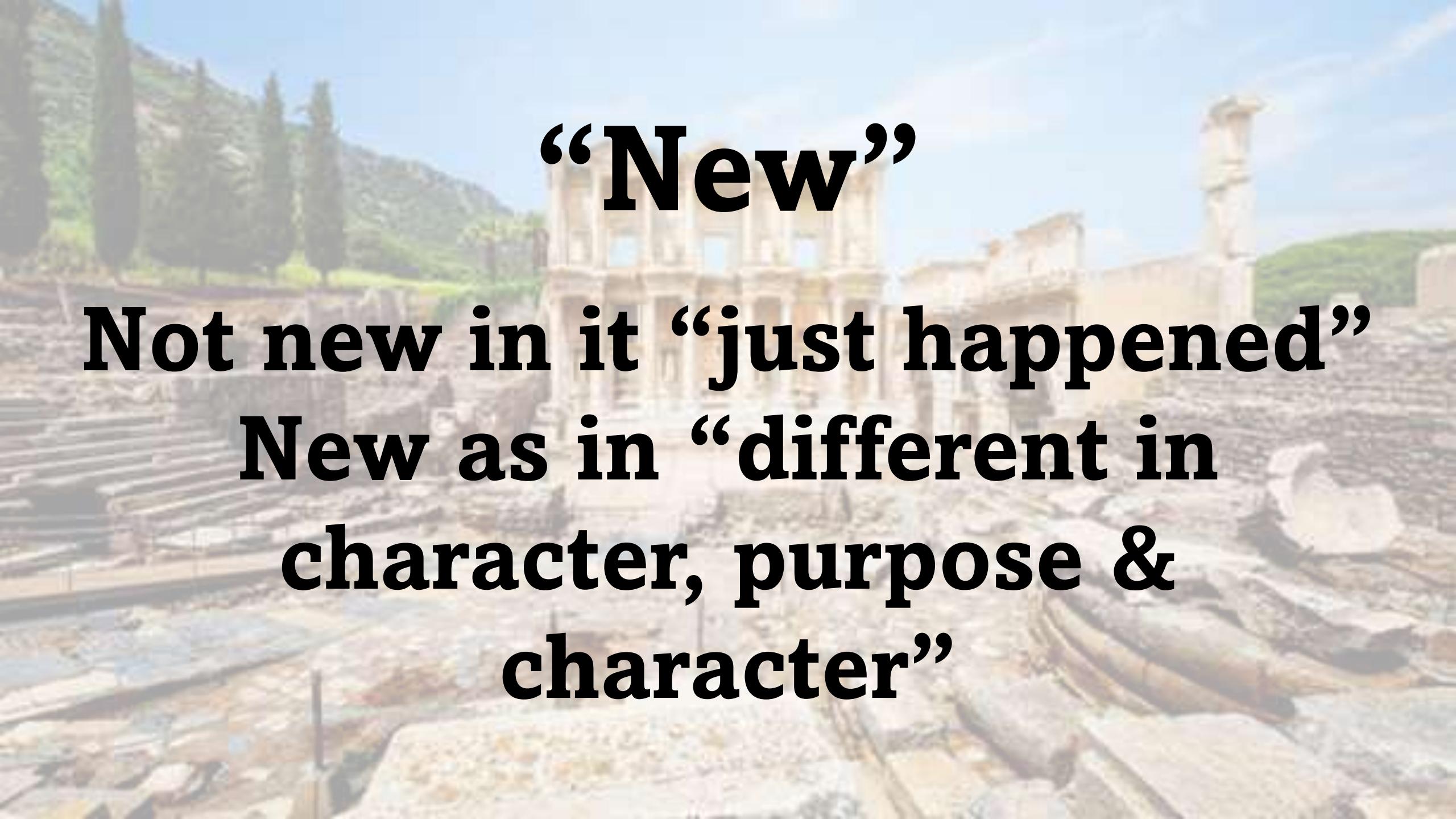
The church that impacts the world

A photograph of the ancient ruins of Ephesus, Turkey. In the background, the multi-story Library of Celsus stands prominently against a clear blue sky. To the right, the remains of a large amphitheater are visible. The foreground is filled with the scattered stone blocks and foundations of the ancient city, with a few modern wooden poles and a small figure for scale. The overall scene is one of historical grandeur and archaeological excavation.

Ephesians 2:11-22



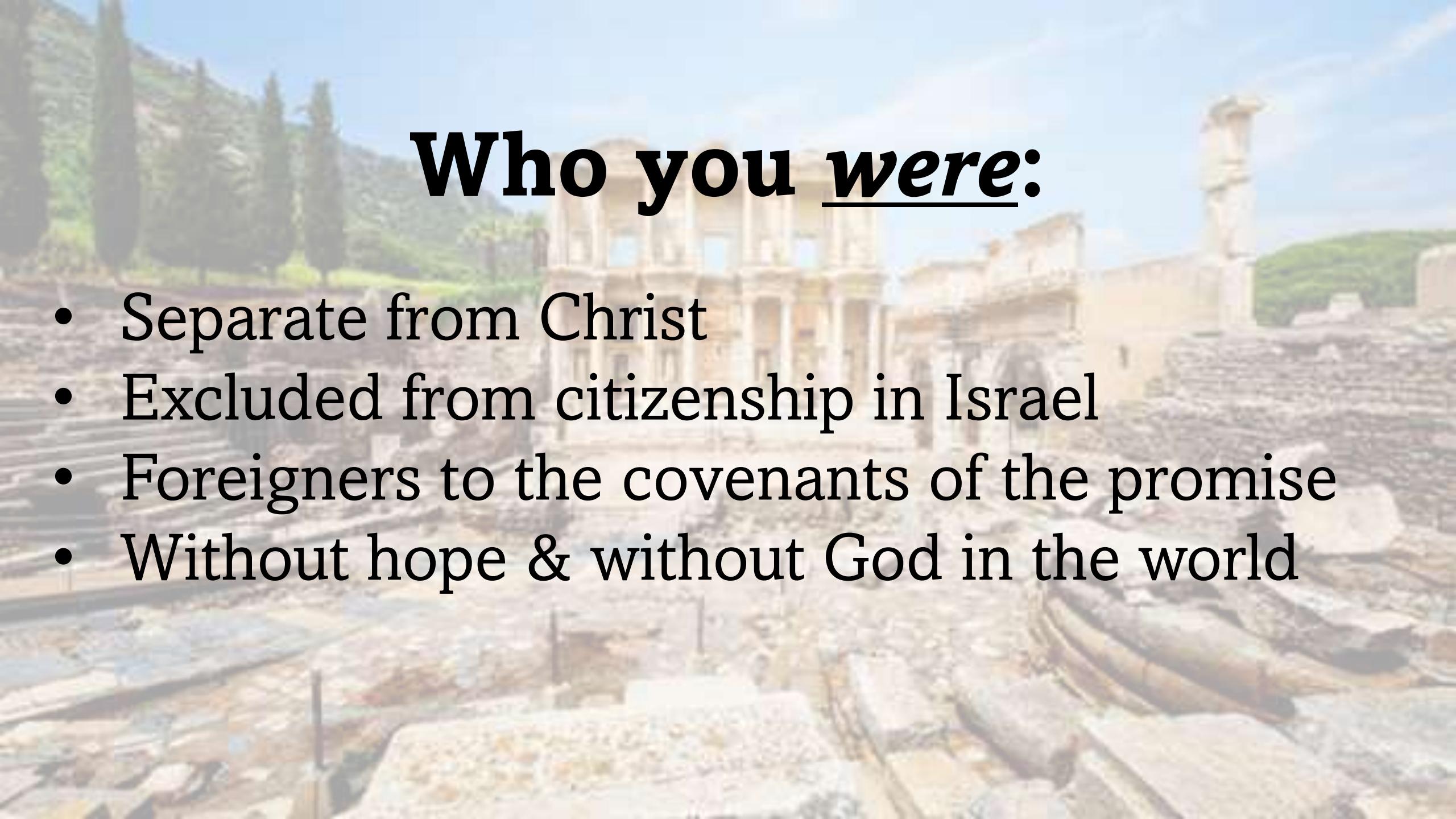
**You are a member of
the new family of
Jesus**



“New”

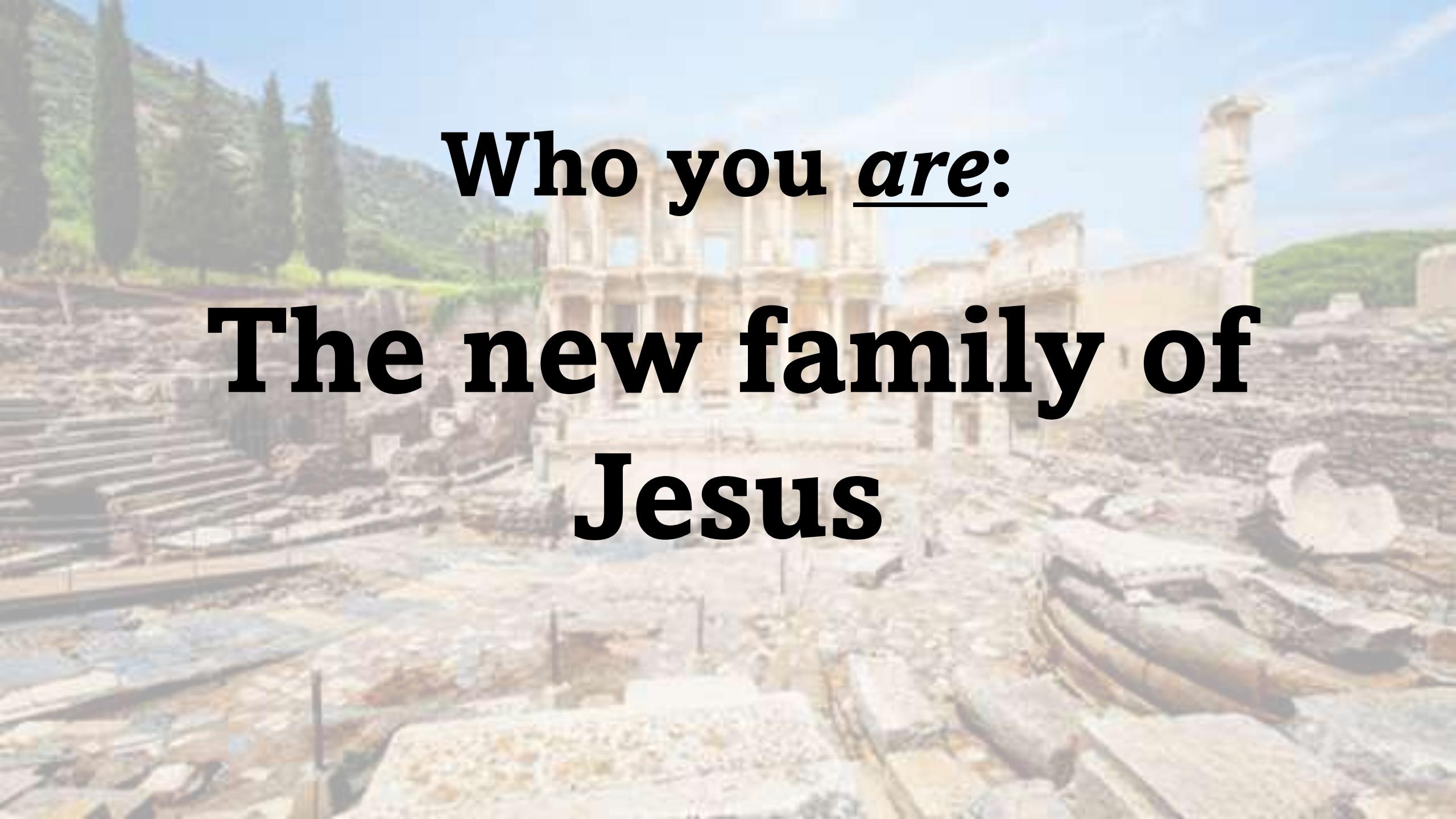
Not new in it “just happened”

New as in “different in character, purpose & character”



Who you were:

- Separate from Christ
- Excluded from citizenship in Israel
- Foreigners to the covenants of the promise
- Without hope & without God in the world



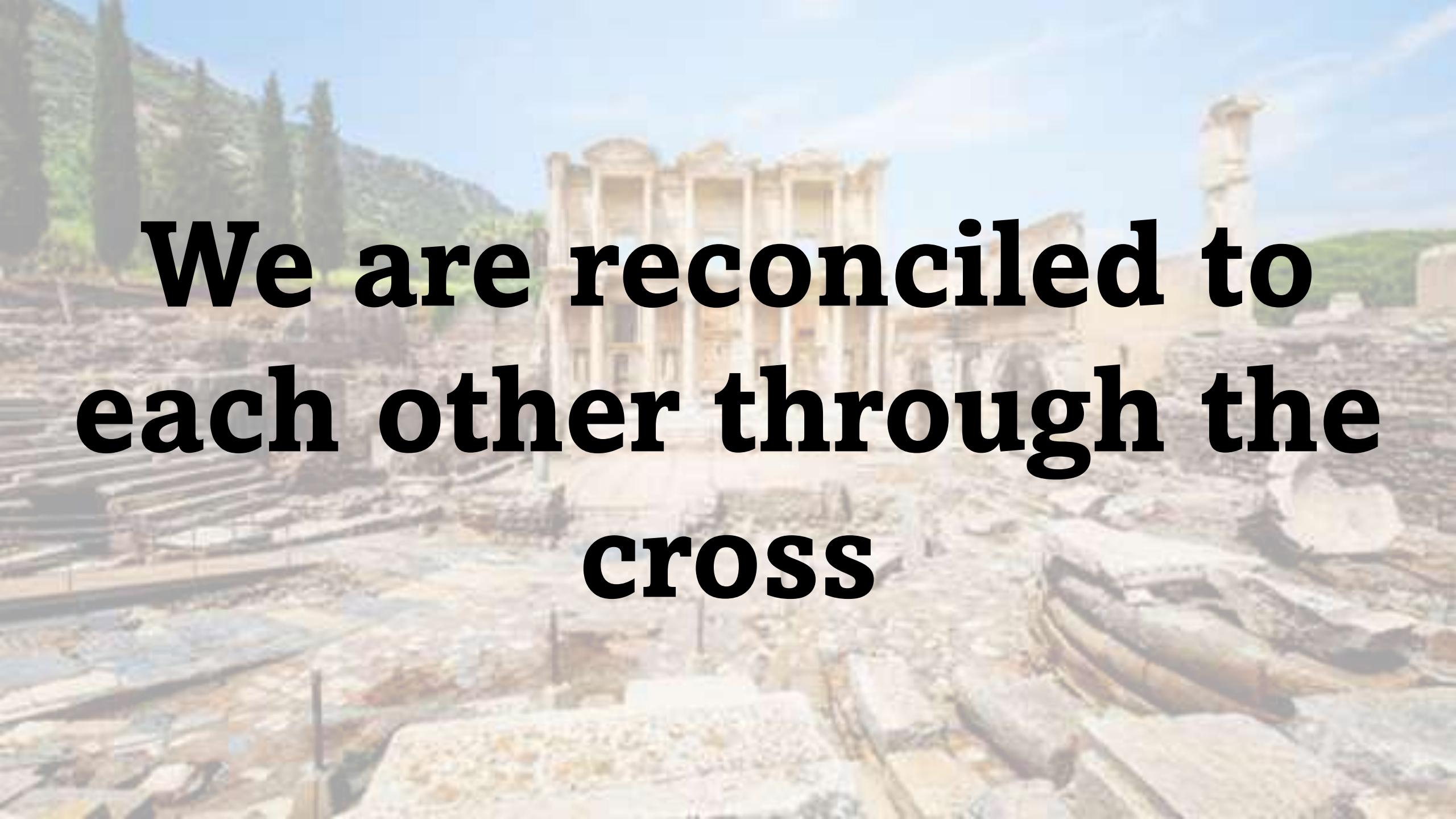
Who you are:
The new family of
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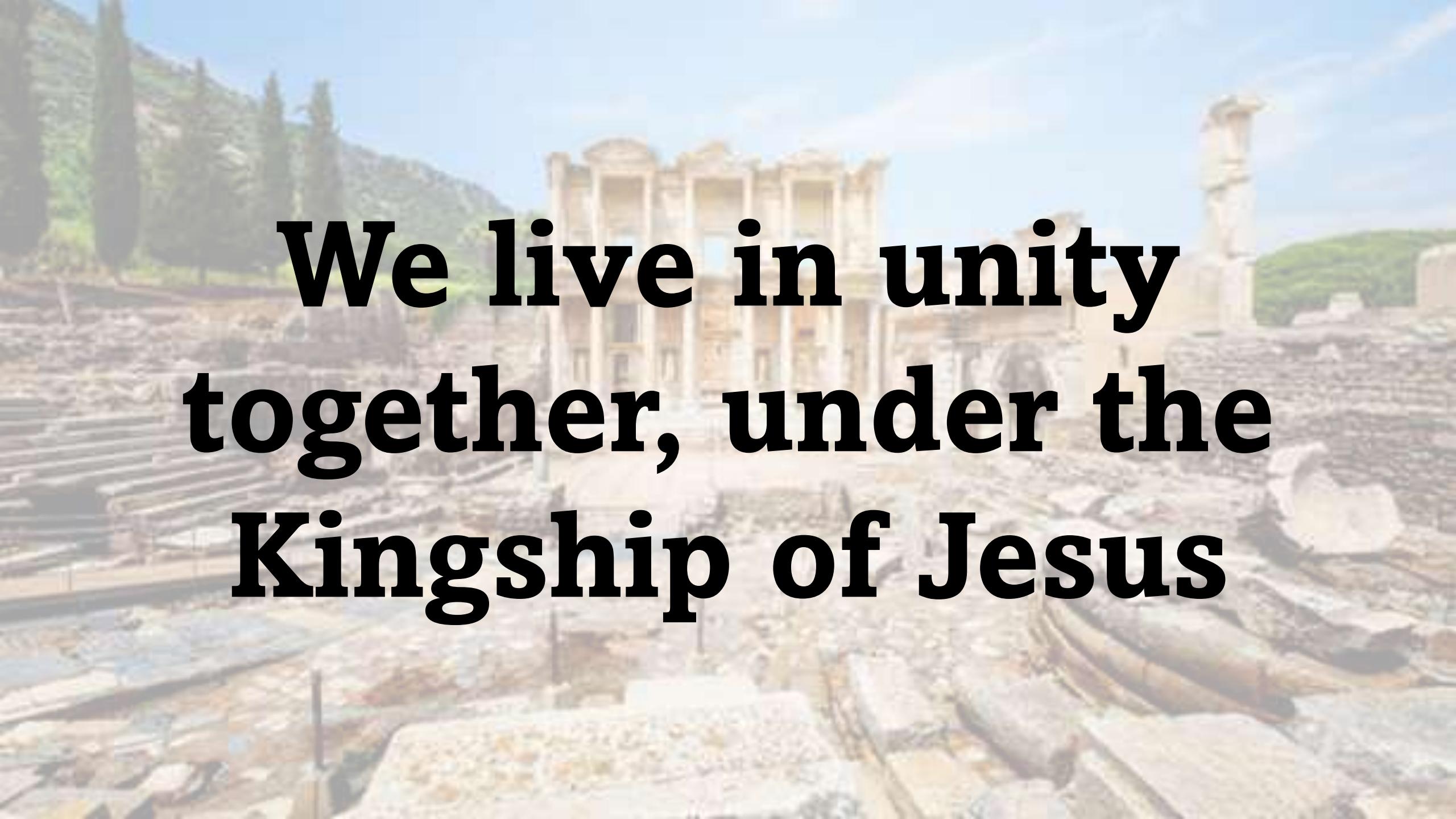
**In the New Family of
Jesus we live together
in unity**



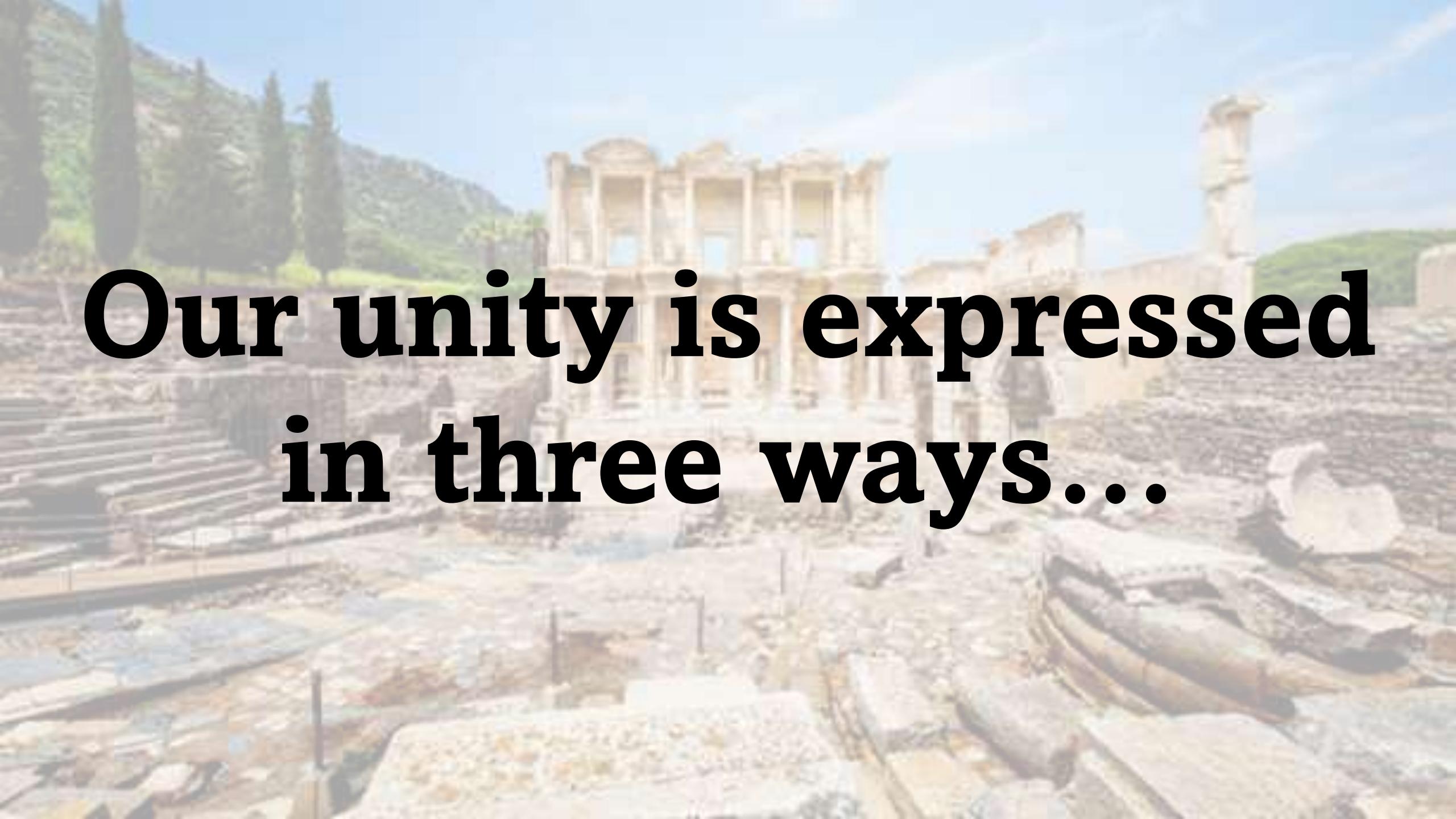
**You are reconciled to
God through the cross**



**We are reconciled to
each other through the
cross**



**We live in unity
together, under the
Kingship of Jesus**

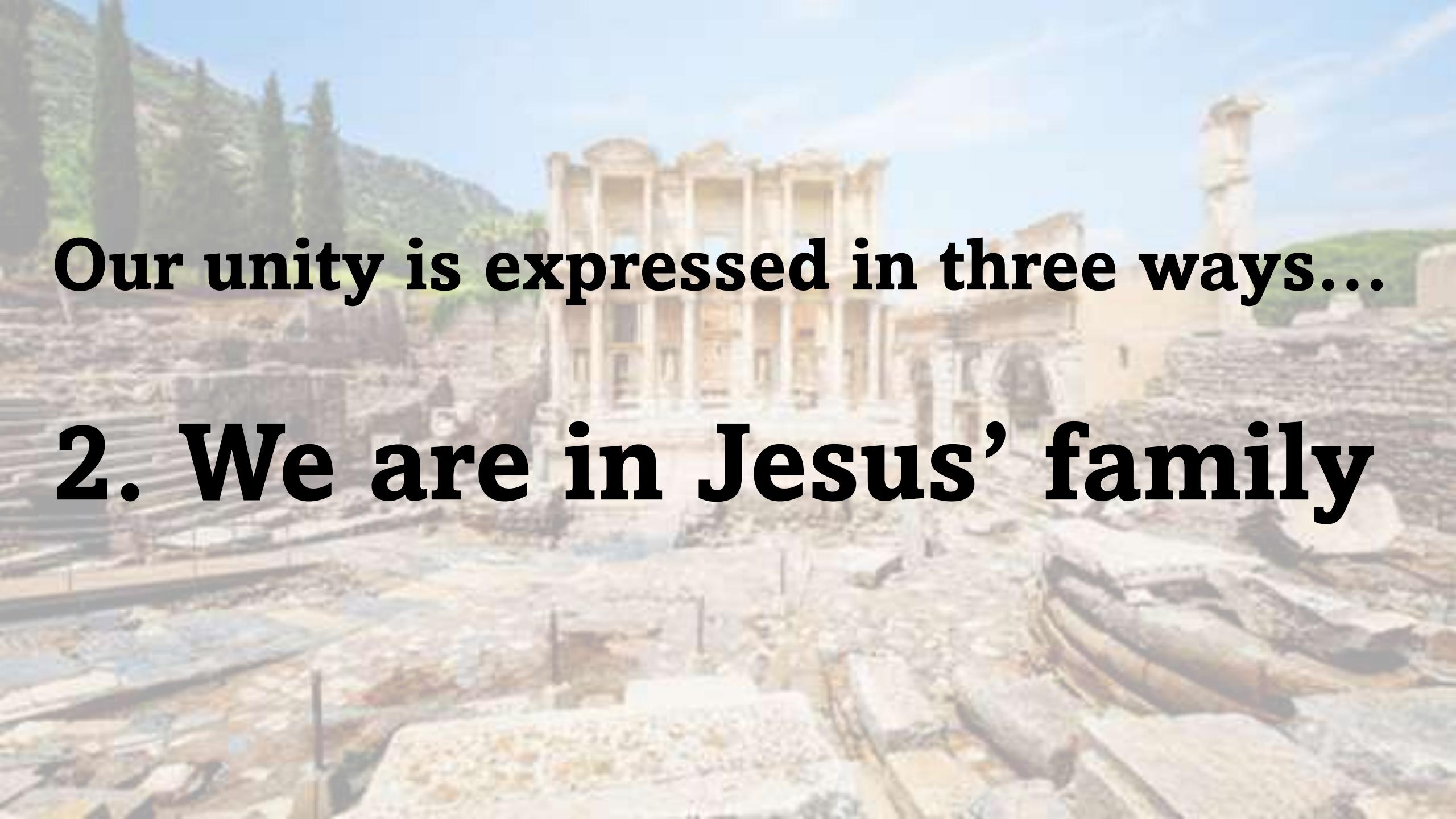
A photograph of the ruins of the Celsus Library in Ephesus, Turkey. In the foreground, the stone steps and seating of an amphitheater are visible. In the middle ground, the massive, multi-story facade of the Celsus Library stands, featuring numerous rectangular niches and a series of columns. The background shows more of the ancient city's ruins and a hillside with trees under a clear blue sky.

**Our unity is expressed
in three ways...**



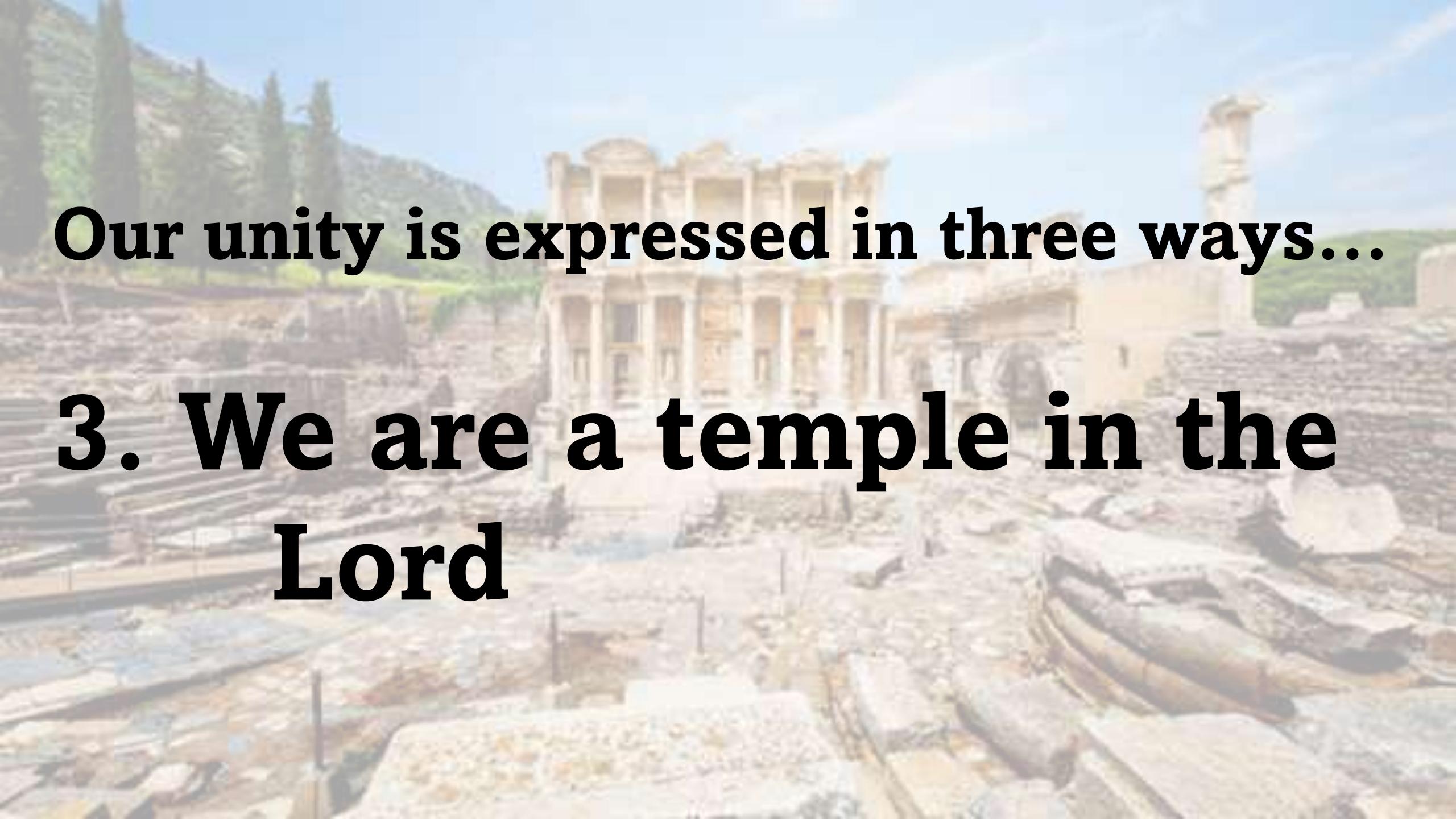
Our unity is expressed in three ways...

1. We are fellow citizens



Our unity is expressed in three ways...

2. We are in Jesus' family



Our unity is expressed in three ways...

**3. We are a temple in the
Lord**





- 1. Citizenship = primary commitment**
- 2. Family = care, protection & nurture**
- 3. Temple = witness to the world**



Action Steps