



We Are Chosen

Jeremy Mikeska

Life Change: We live as chosen ones

Ephesians 1:3-6

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Elevated Status

Blessed be GOD

v. 3

HE blessed us

v.3

HE chose us

v. 4

HE predestined us

v. 5

According to **HIS** will

v. 5

For praising **HIS** glorious grace

v. 6

The Chosen's Elevated Status Leads to JOY



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Jude 24

²⁴ Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, (CSB)

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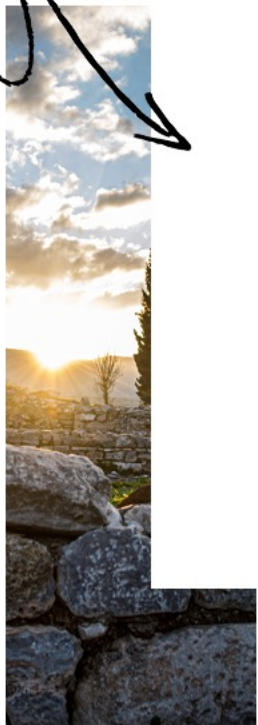


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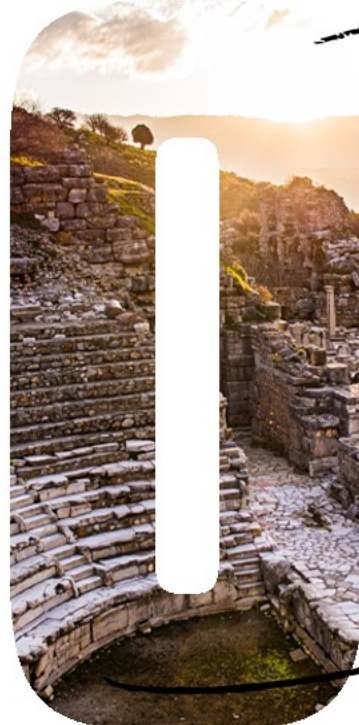


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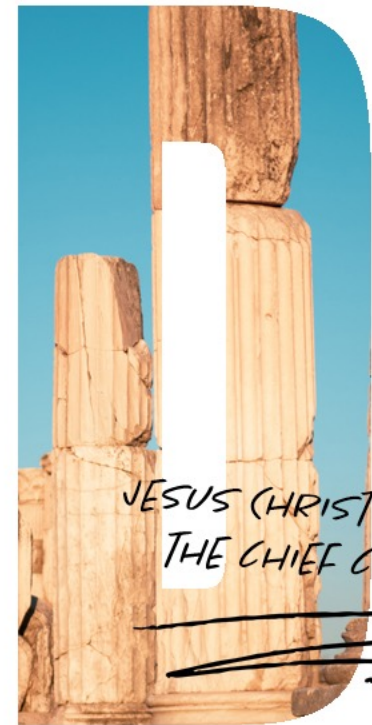
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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



Taylor Swift cheers from a suite with Travis Kelce's mother, Donna Kelce, at Sunday's Kansas City Chiefs game. PHOTO: COOPER NEIL AP; NBCNEWS.COM



Taylor Swift on the 2023 GRAMMYs red carpet.
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Travis Kelce after winning the 2023 Super Bowl.
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**Willem Vrelant (Flemish,
died 1481, active 1454 -
1481), illuminator**

***Adam and Eve Eating the
Forbidden Fruit*, early
1460s Tempera colors,
gold leaf, and ink
Leaf:
25.6 × 17.3 cm (10 1/16 ×
6 13/16 in.)**

**The J. Paul Getty Museum,
Los Angeles, Ms. Ludwig IX 8,
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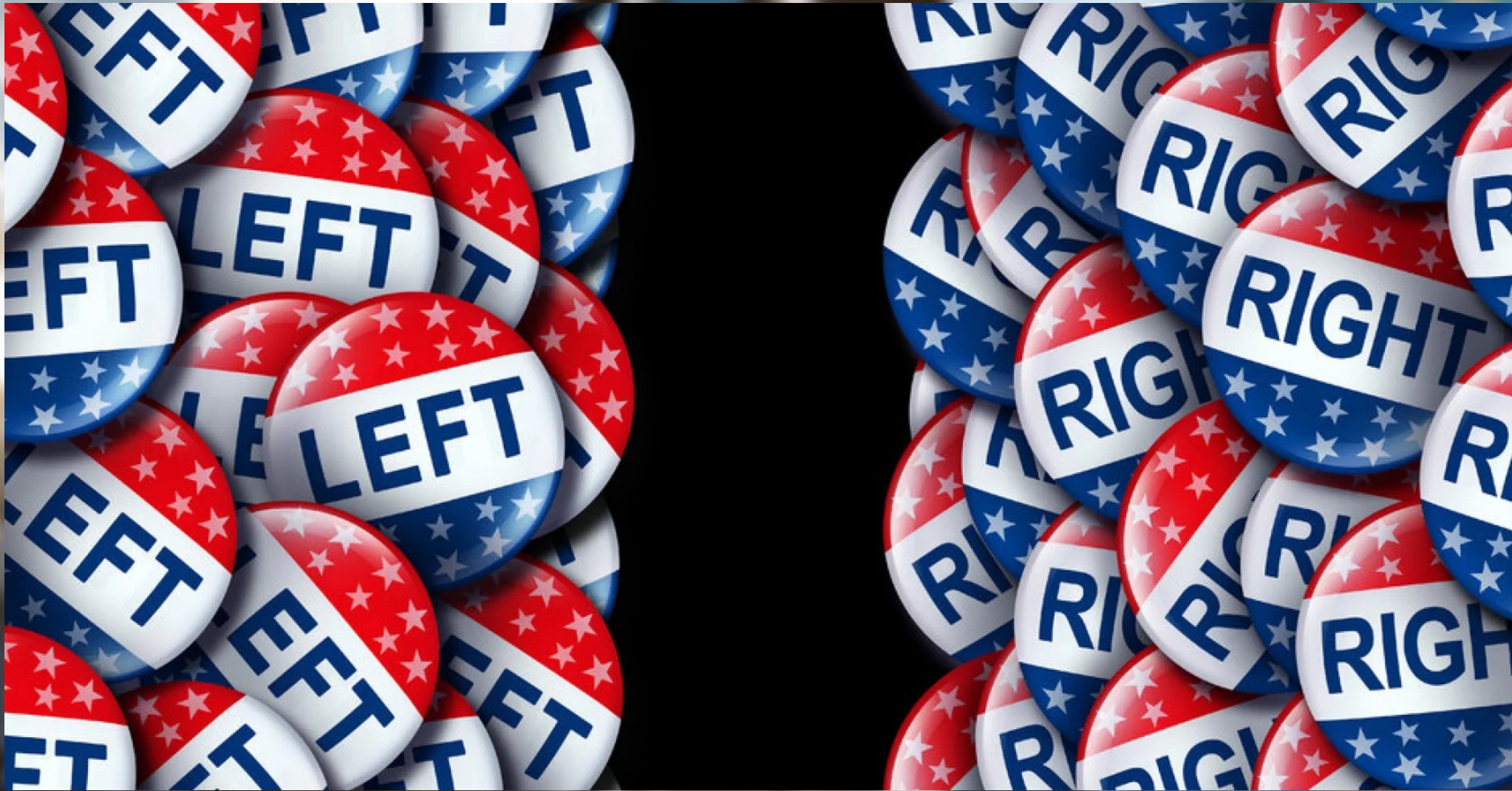


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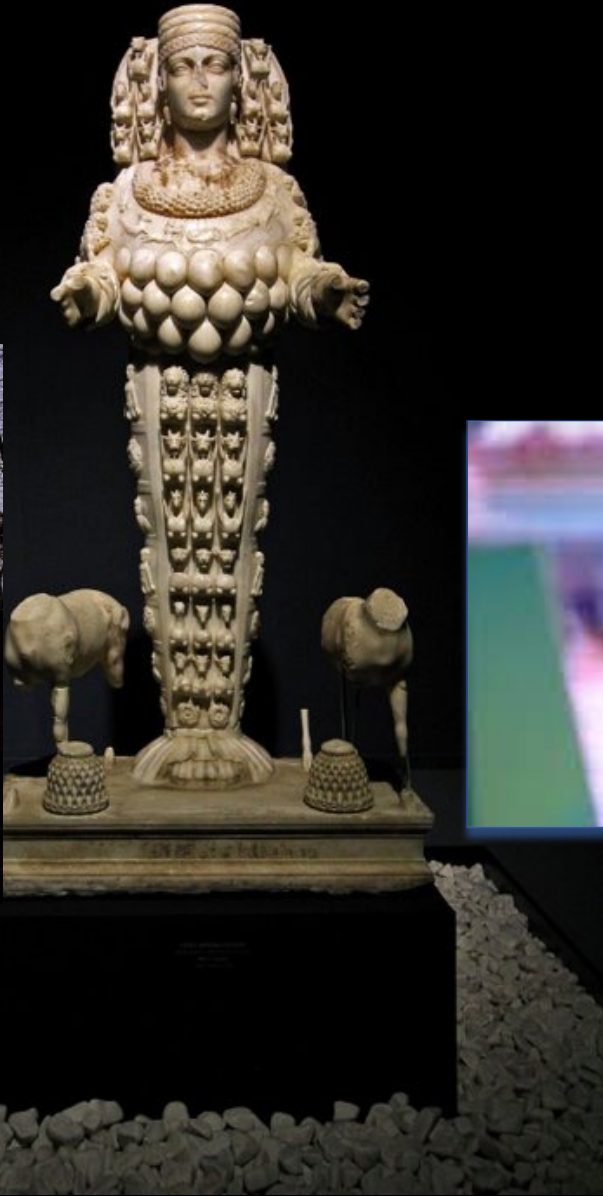
Acts 19:27-29

27 Not only do we run a risk that our business may be discredited, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be despised and her magnificence come to the verge of ruin—the very one all of Asia and the world worship.”

28 When they had heard this, they were filled with rage and began to cry out, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” 29 So the city was filled with confusion, and they rushed all together into the amphitheater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s traveling companions.

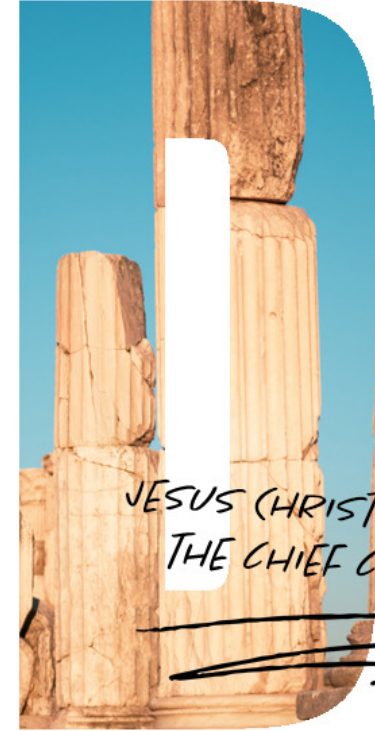
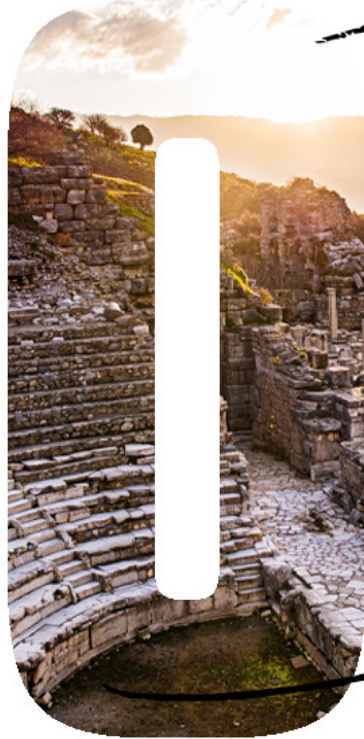
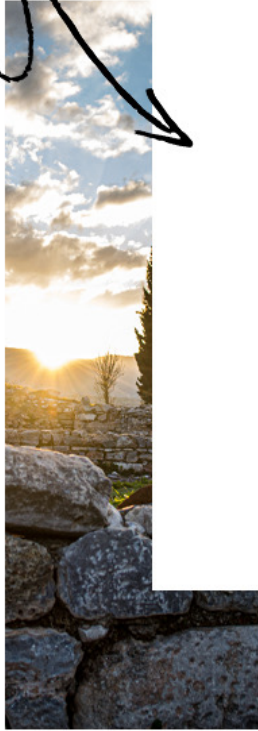


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God IS:

- **The determiner**
- **The Father**
- **The Christ**
- **The Giver of grace and granter of peace.**

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

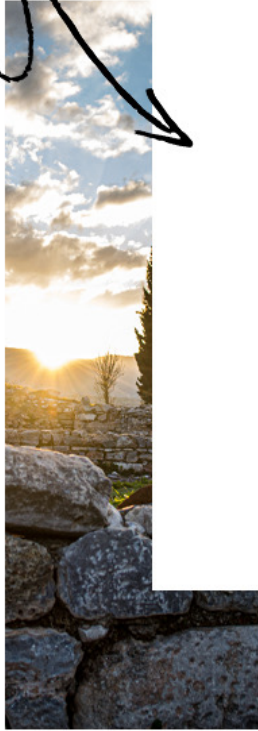
Luke 1:68

**Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has visited and provided
redemption for his people.**

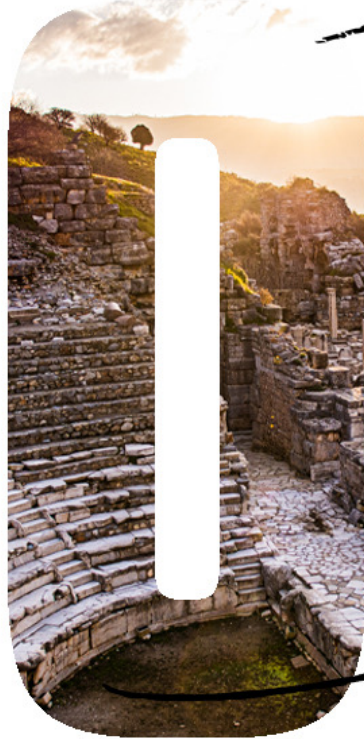
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1 Corinthians 1:3

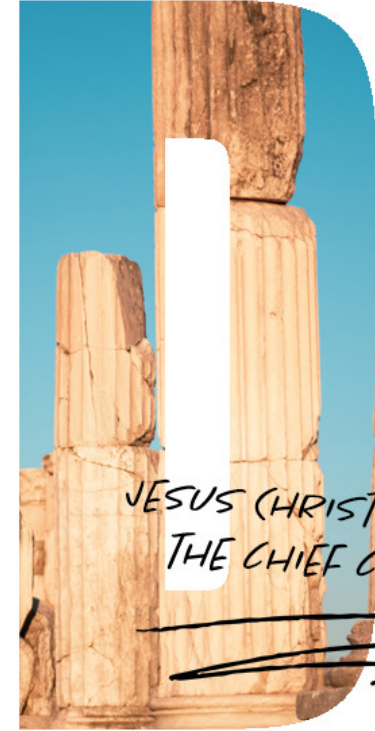
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2 Peter 1:3-7

³ His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, ⁶ knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with godliness, ⁷ godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

1 Peter 1:8-9

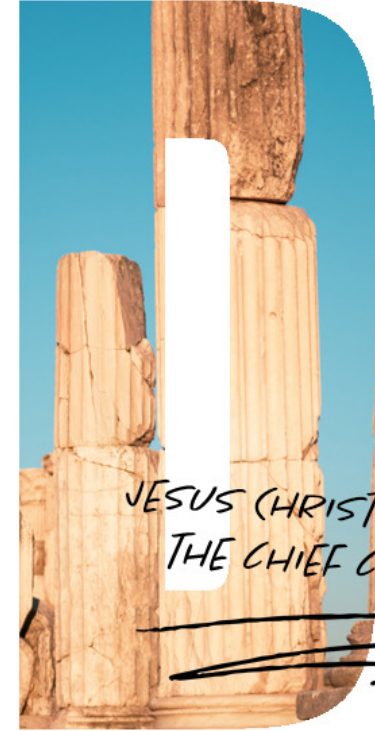
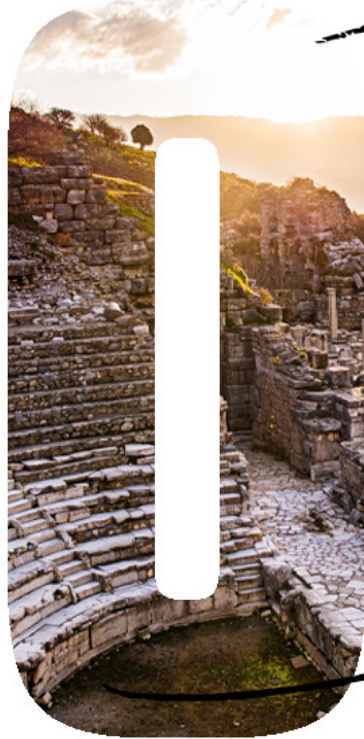
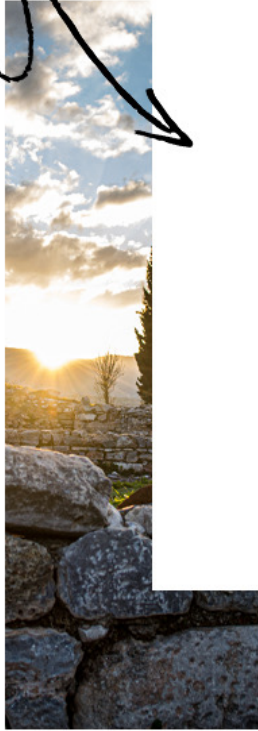
⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ The person who lacks these things is blind and shortsighted and has forgotten the cleansing from his past sins.

W.L. Liefeld: Here in Ephesians Paul emphasizes the heavenly dimension more than in any other letter. After a number of references in the first two chapters, he will refer again to the heavenly realms in 3:10 and 6:12, where he will reveal a remarkable dimension of the church's mission, one that affects even supernatural beings. Paul knew that the church was engaged in an intense spiritual warfare against the world of evil and its manifestations in many areas of life, from "ordinary" sins to magic, occultism, demonic oppression and the direct work of Satan.

The place of Christ and the believer in the heavenly realms is not simply a pleasant spiritual idea, but a major factor in the way Christians are to live in such circumstances.

Today's remarkable flow of new information about our physical universe, which should increase our confidence in, and awe of, God as Creator, may lead others to think of heaven as a distant, irrelevant place with little connection to earth and the visible universe. Ephesians shows that there is a greater universe of space and time than we might imagine. Heaven above and the age to come may exist in a different dimension, but the *heavenly realms* are real and integral parts of God's creation and are presently experientially accessible to Christians, who are *in Christ*.

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Come Jesus Come

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray

Come Jesus come let today be the day

Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break

But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

**There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak and the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name**

**Come Jesus come we've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt and right every wrong
We need you right now come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
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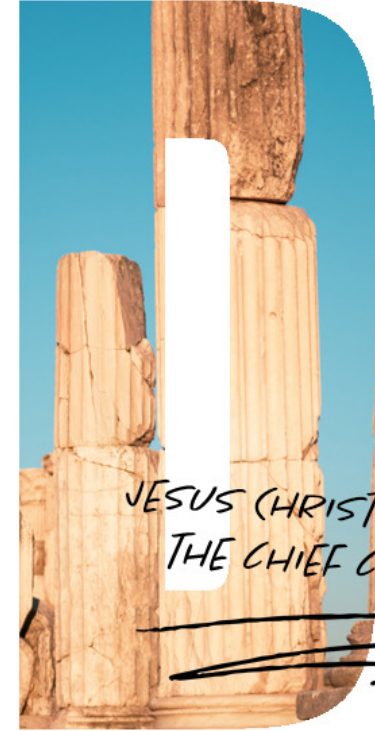
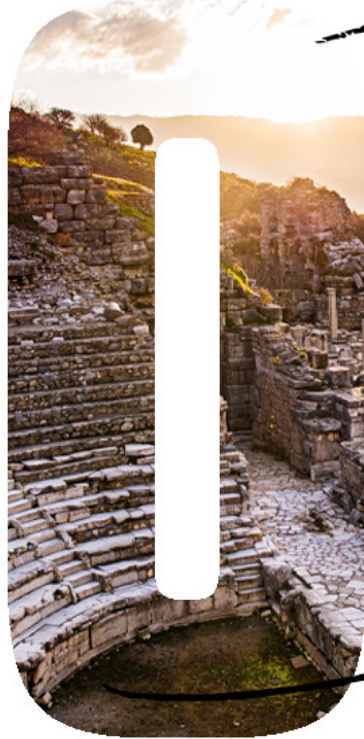
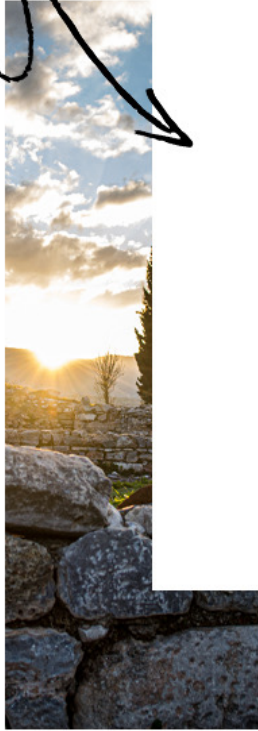
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**ἐκλεκτός
(eklektos)**

chosen; elect.

***The Lexham Analytical Lexicon to the
Greek New Testament.* Logos**

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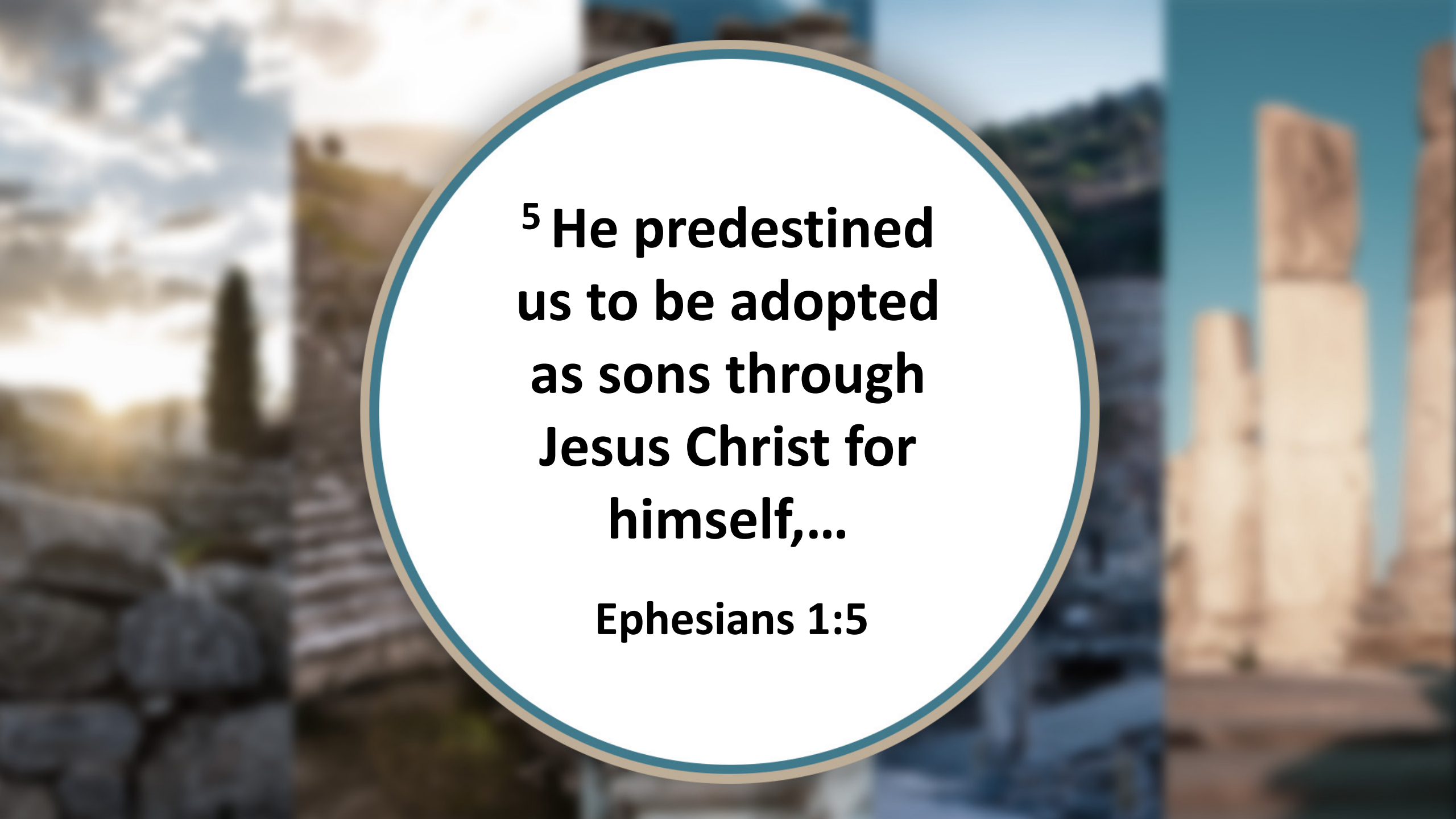
And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. ³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! ⁶ He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,

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John 3:16

¹⁶ For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.



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Adoption (*huiiothesia*, “placing as a son”) is not so much a word of *relationship* as of *position*. The believer’s relation to God as a child results from the new birth (John 1:12, 13), whereas adoption is the act of God whereby one already a child is, through redemption from the law, placed in the position of an adult son (Gal. 4:1–5). The indwelling Spirit gives the realization of this in the believer’s present experience (Gal. 4:6); but the full manifestation of the believer’s sonship awaits the resurrection, change, and translation of saints, which is called “the redemption of the body” (Rom. 8:23; 1 Thes. 4:14–17; Eph. 1:14; 1 John 3:2).

Scofield, C. I. (Ed.). (1917). [*The Scofield Reference Bible: The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments*](#) (p. 1250). New York; London; Toronto; Melbourne; Bombay: Oxford University Press.

Galatians 4:1-6

Now I say that as long as the heir is a child, he differs in no way from a slave, though he is the owner of everything. ² Instead, he is under guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were in slavery under the elements of the world. ⁴ When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “*Abba*, Father!”

Logen Miller

I gained everything. My life before adoption was devoid of community, lacked the necessary love, and always overshadowed the good light ahead. I joined the Millers and was able to be loved like I have never been loved before. Both mom and dad were there for me even if I threw a fit and cursed up a storm. I was also able to gain what I believe to be one of if not the most important thing, a family. One that is more than just a person you call letting you eat some of their food or being able to have a roof over your head. I was now in a group that would go out of their way to have those difficult conversations and love doing it to make whomever a better person.

Being adopted is very much a part of my walk with Christ. He adopted me into his Family long before I knew, even though I wasn't deserving. He created a space just for me to be able to have a personal relationship with Him. I gain everything.

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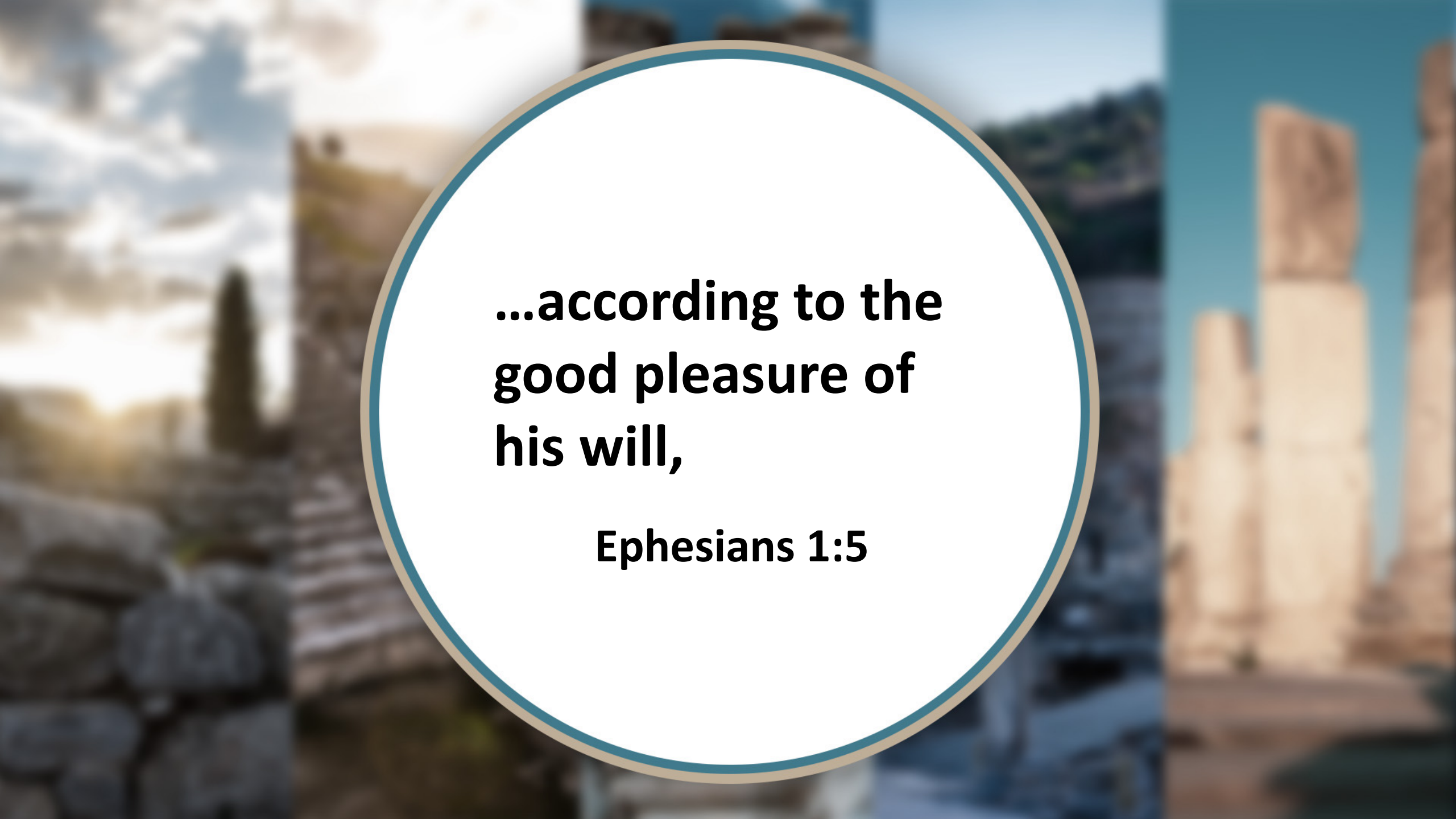
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Psalm 150:6

**⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD.
Hallelujah!**



**...according to the
good pleasure of
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Philippians 2:13

¹³ For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose

Matthew 7:21

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

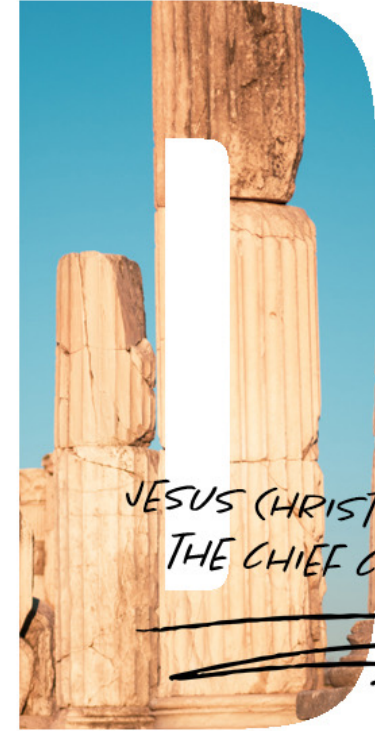
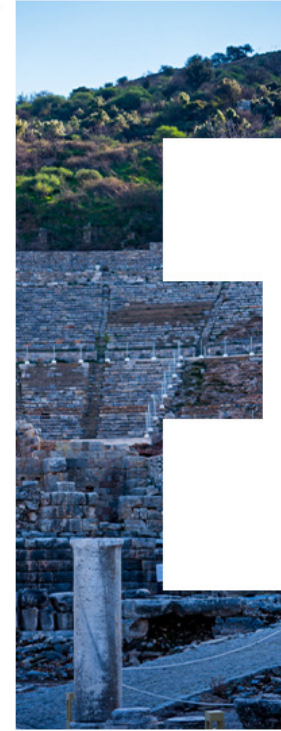
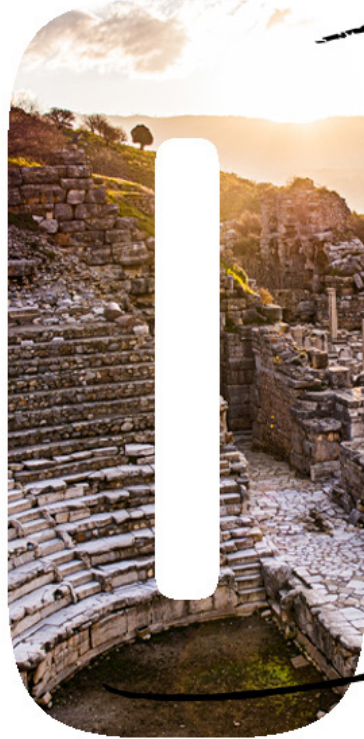
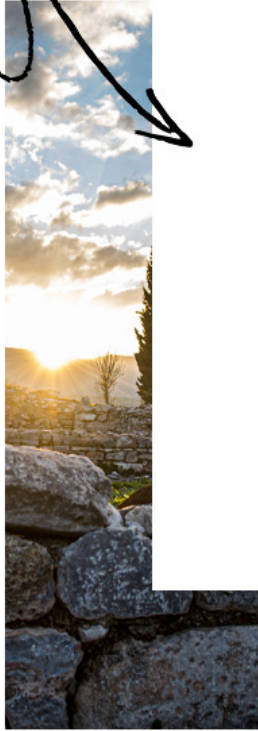
1 Thessalonians 4:3

³ For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, ⁴ that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don't know God.

John 6:38-40

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ This is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me but should raise them up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him will have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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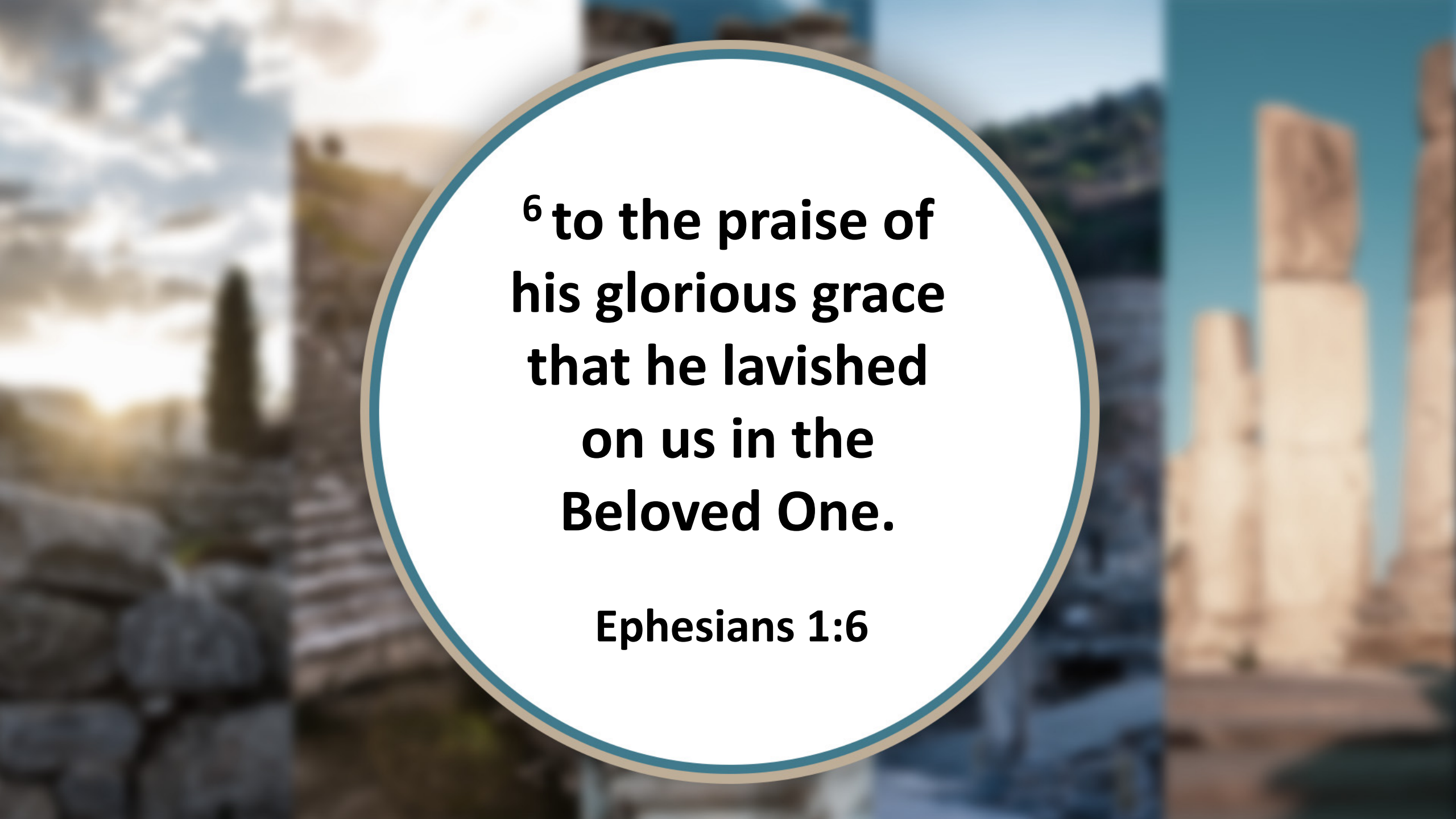
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For if we are chosen in Christ, the reason for our election is outside of us; that is, our Heavenly Father has included us in the body of Christ, not because he saw that we are worthy of it, but by the favor of adoption. For, if as he says we are chosen in Christ, it follows that we in ourselves are unworthy of our election.

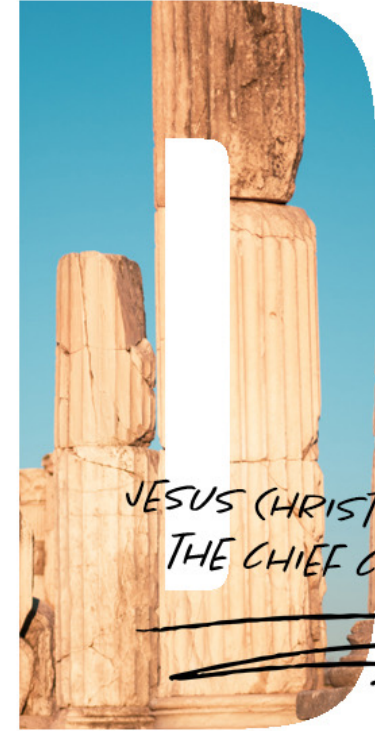
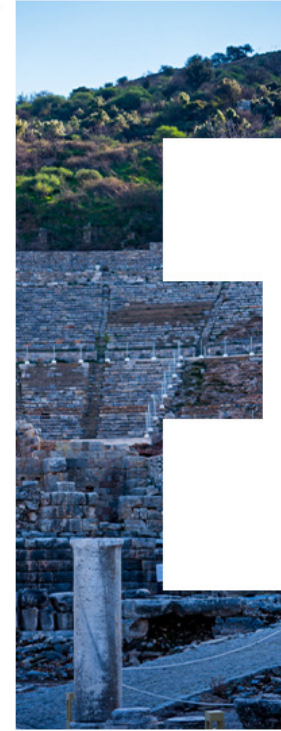
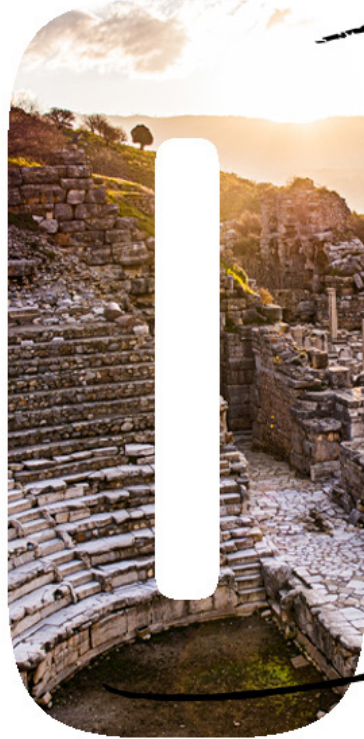
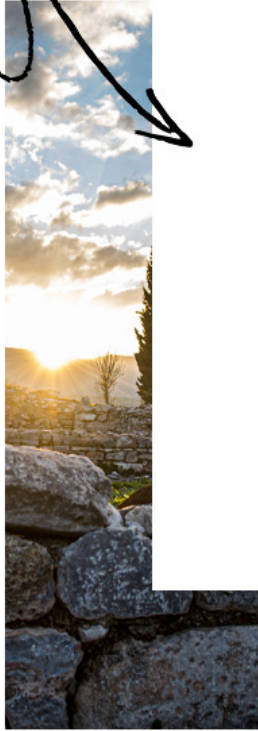
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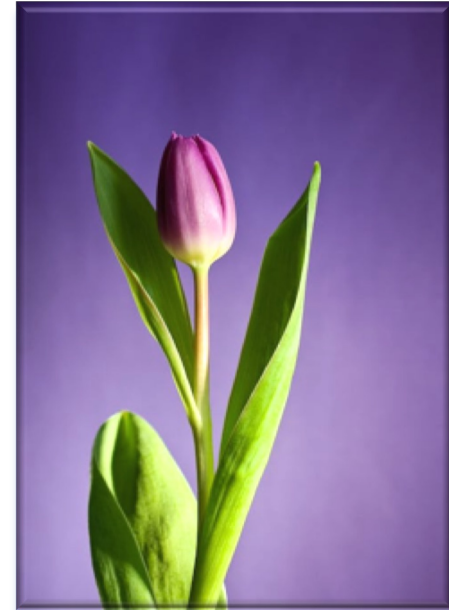
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**Thank U Lord, I'm Purified,
Pardoned, Provided for, and
Perfectly Positioned with You.**

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**You said I was wonderfully made before time
began.**

**Faith's Author, You're the Great I AM,
I'm so blessed by all You do.**

T.U.L.I.P. Lyrics by Jeremy Mikeska, Music "You Belong to Me" by Taylor Swift; With respect, Miss Swift, my music part here is a very rough version of yours. No disrespect intended. 😊

**You said I was chosen in Jesus, given a place.
Predestined for adoption, Oh by Your great grace.
I'm so blessed by all You do.**

**I was a rebel; You came near me.
Yes, I was a sinner, You made holy;
Longing for the day You take me to paradise.
I'll trust in Your great sacrifice.**

**Thank U Lord, I'm Purified and Pardoned;
Blessed in Heaven, Purposed by all You do.
I belong to You, Yes, Your Word is true.**

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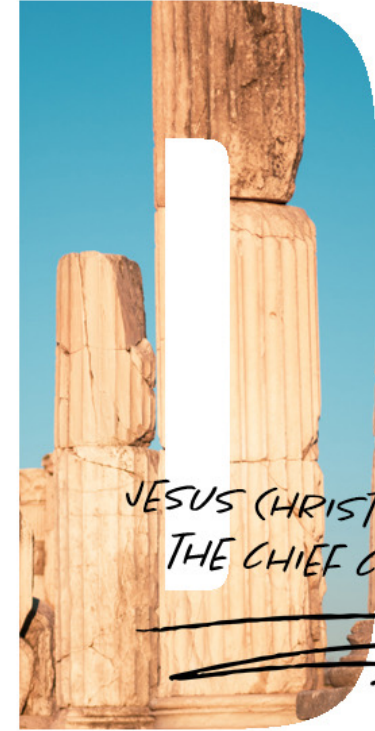
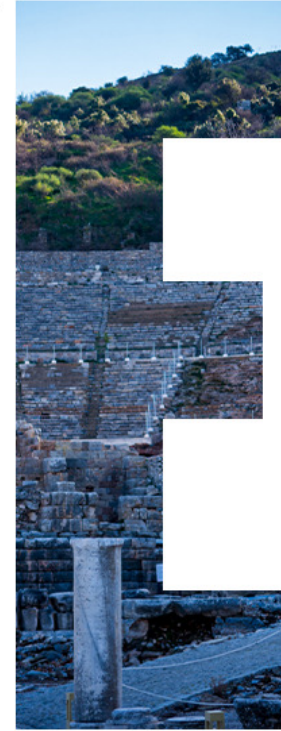
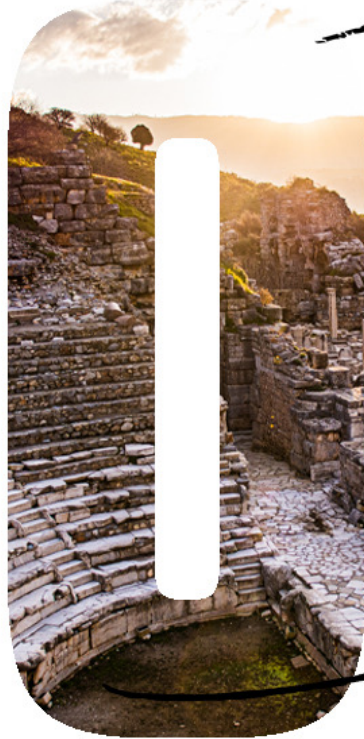
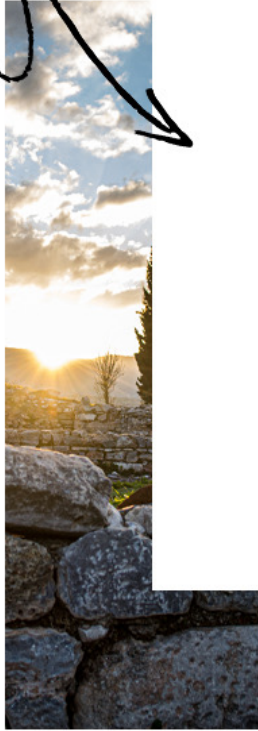
John Chrysostom

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Jude 24-25

²⁴ Now to him who is able to protect you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of his glory, without blemish and with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. Amen.

IN HIM...WE ARE



FOR WE ARE HIS
WORKMANSHIP

ROOTED AND GROUNDED
IN LOVE

JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING
THE CHIEF CORNER STONE

EPHESIANS