



We were the children of wrath

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Life Change: We live out the change

Ephesians 2:1-7

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Can Christians not swim?

We were:
Dead

v. 1

In trespasses and sins

Trapped in a three-part system

v. 2-3

But God:
Is rich in mercy

v. 4

Is full of love

God did:
Love us

v. 5-6

Make us alive

Seat us in the heavens

Show the riches of His grace

v. 7

We are:
Alive!

Living differently?

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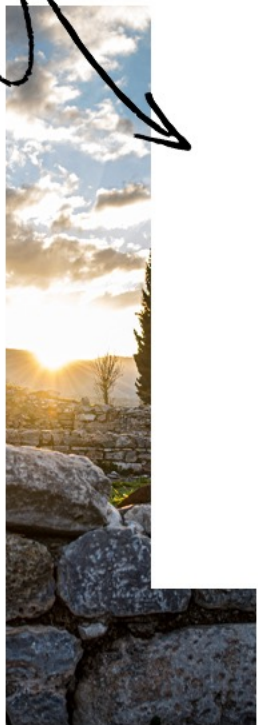


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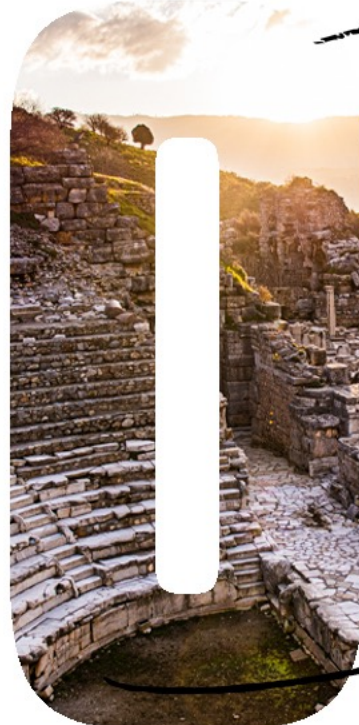


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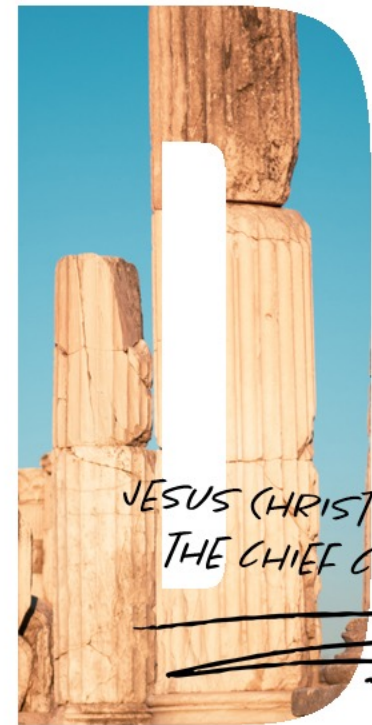
IN HIM...WE ARE



FOR WE ARE HIS
WORKMANSHIP



ROOTED AND GROUNDED
IN LOVE



JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF BEING
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EPHESIANS

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



courtesy montagemountain



courtesy White Water



courtesy Daily Mail

The waves wind down while the drowning person is rescued. Then, the turbines have to cool for 5 minutes before the waves can restart.





courtesy mymodernmet



courtesy pinterest



courtesy Kit Costello

**Wayne, you're a
Christian, right?**



Yep.

What's the deal,
dude? Can Christians
not swim?



courtesy Kit Costello

You asked if Christians can swim. The answer is no. Actually, no one can, really...



courtesy IHOP

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Ephesians 2 CSB

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Pelagius
ca. A.D. 354-418



courtesy (very appropriately) The Humanist Society

Paul got it all wrong. Paul teaches that no one can contribute at all to their own salvation. But people are able and in fact must secure their own salvation. – Pelagius



Pelagius' Anthropology

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Emotions

Will

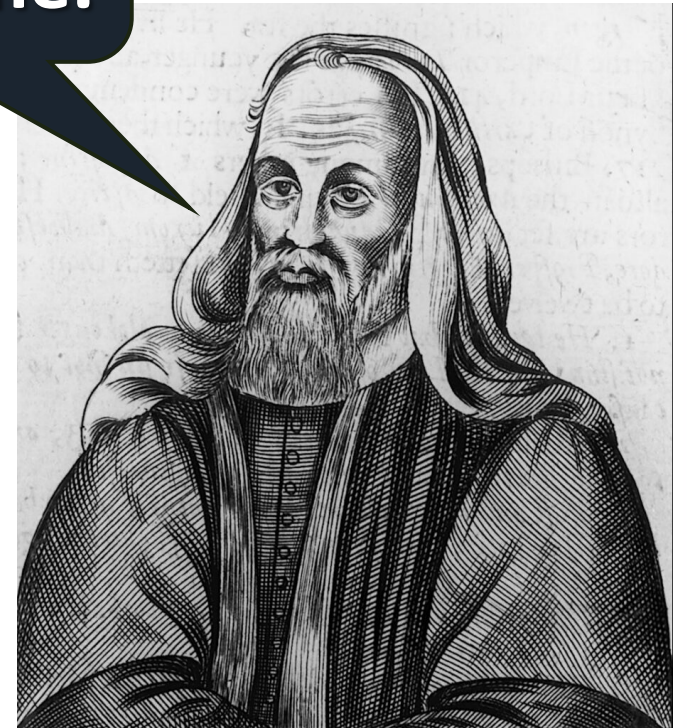
Every human is naturally spiritually:

Alive

Able to grab salvation

Pure

**That feels
right to me.**



Augustine's Anthropology

Sin corrupts human:

Mind

Emotions

Will

Every human is naturally spiritually:

Dead

Unable to grab salvation

Depraved by nature

**Scripture
says this.**



Pelagius

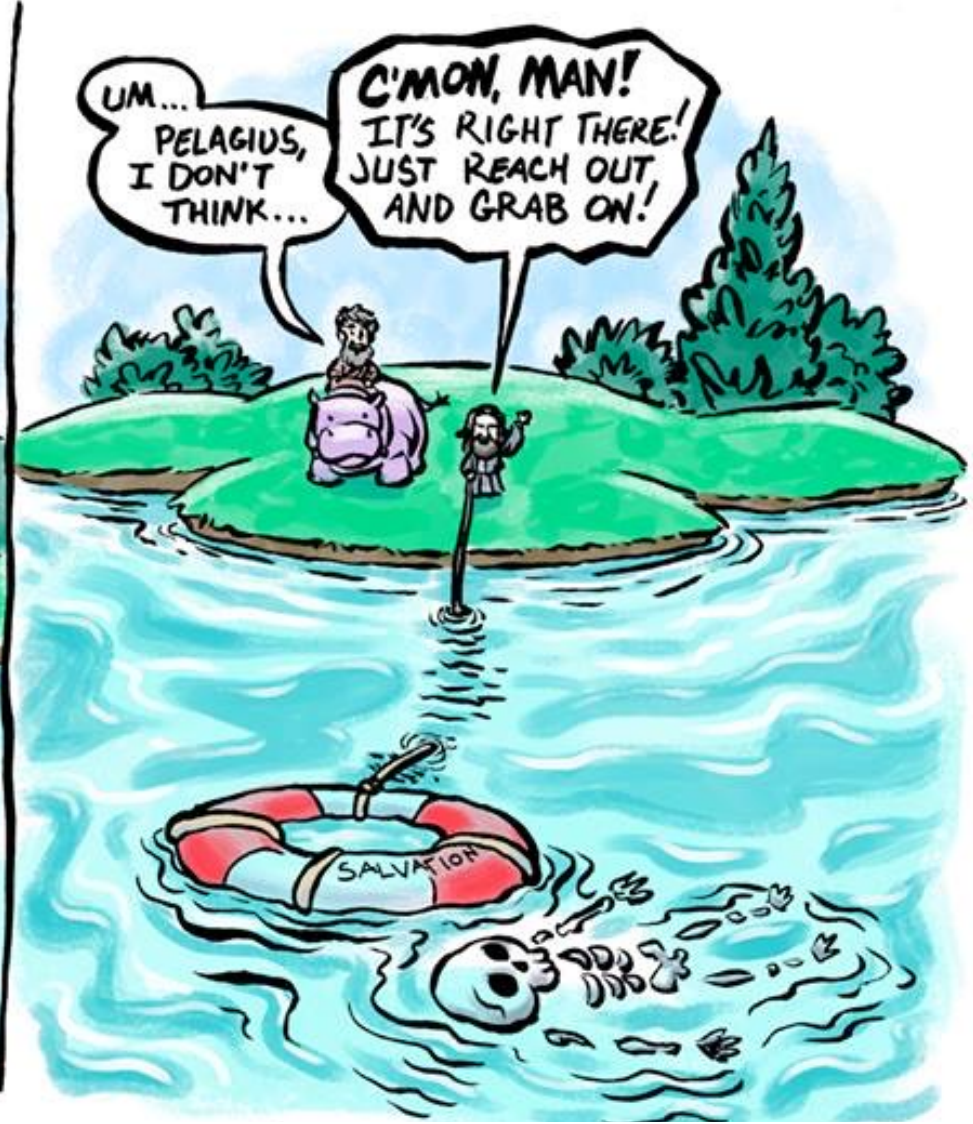
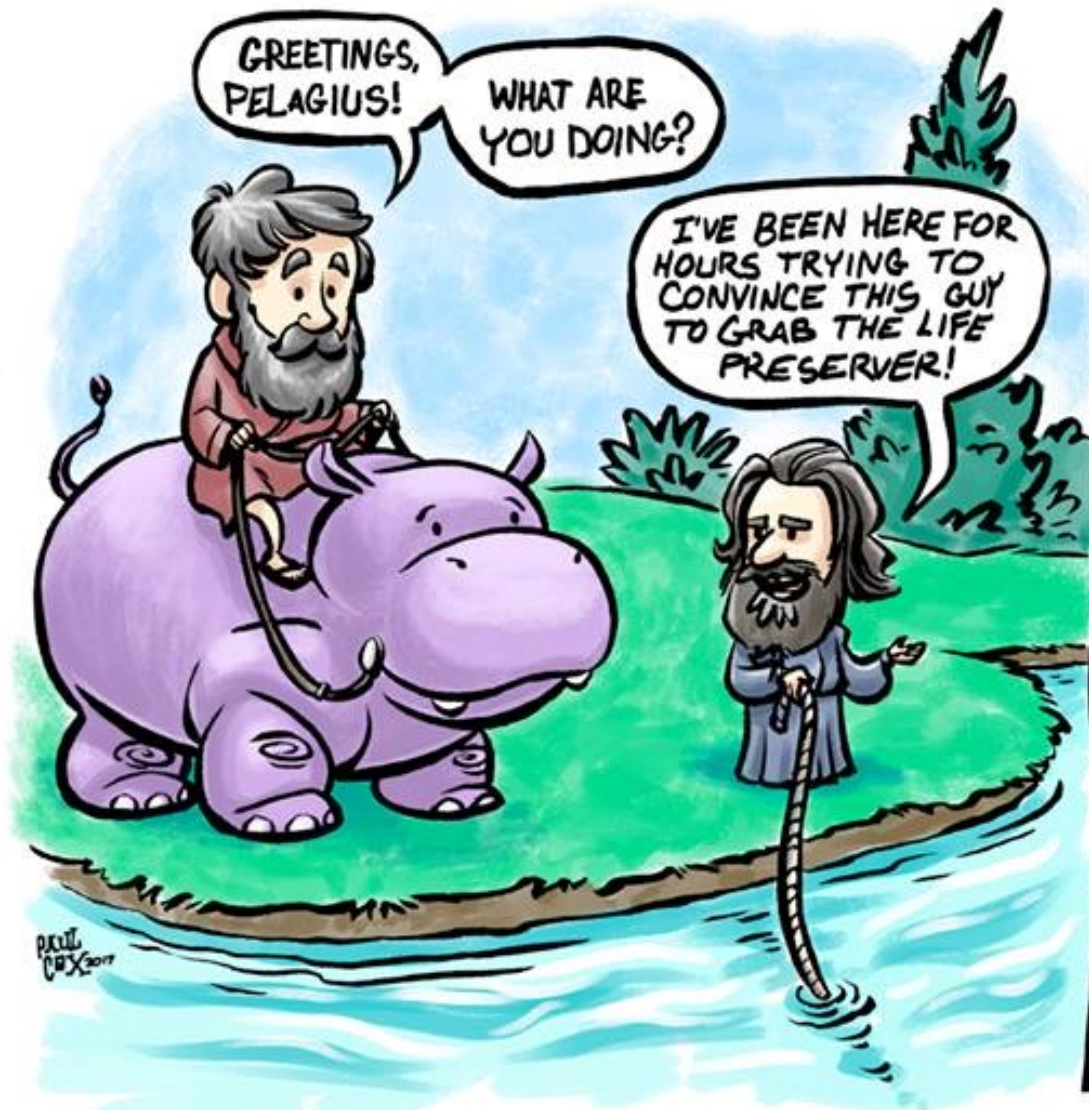
- **Adam would have died anyway**
- **Adam hurt no one but himself**
- **Salvation comes in many ways**
- **Grace [unearned favor from God] is nice but not necessary**

Ruins of the basilica where the council met in 431



Augustine

- **Sin brought death**
- **Scriptures says all fell in Adam**
- **Salvation is in Christ alone**
- **Grace is both lovely and absolutely necessary**



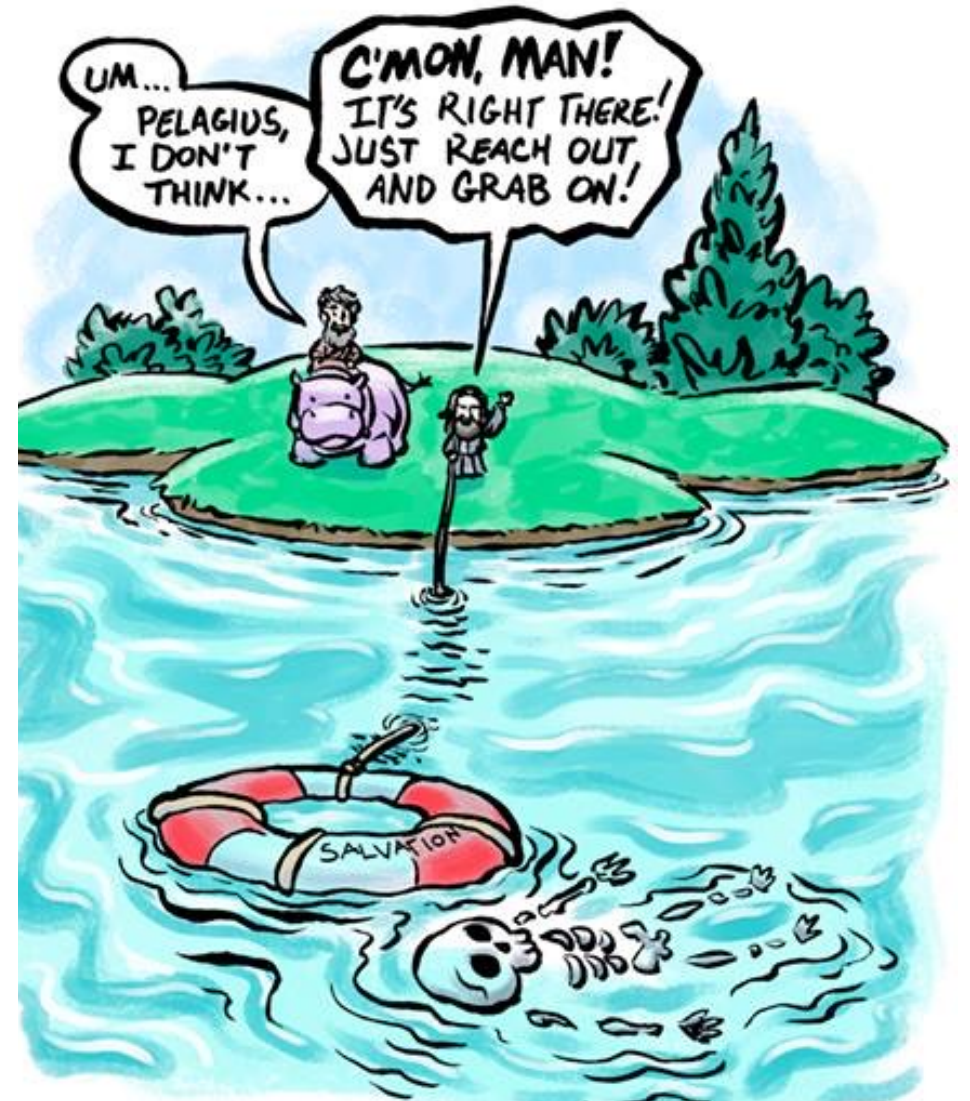
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**Human beings cannot swim; that is, we cannot save ourselves!
Not even a little bit. We were dead in our trespasses & sins.**

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trespasses and sins**

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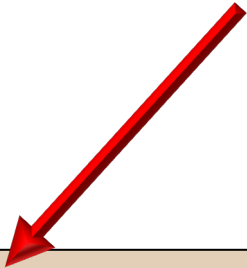


**18 Christ also suffered for sins
once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring you to God.**


1 Peter 2 CSB

Ephesians 2 CSB

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Humans both could not swim
and would not swim.



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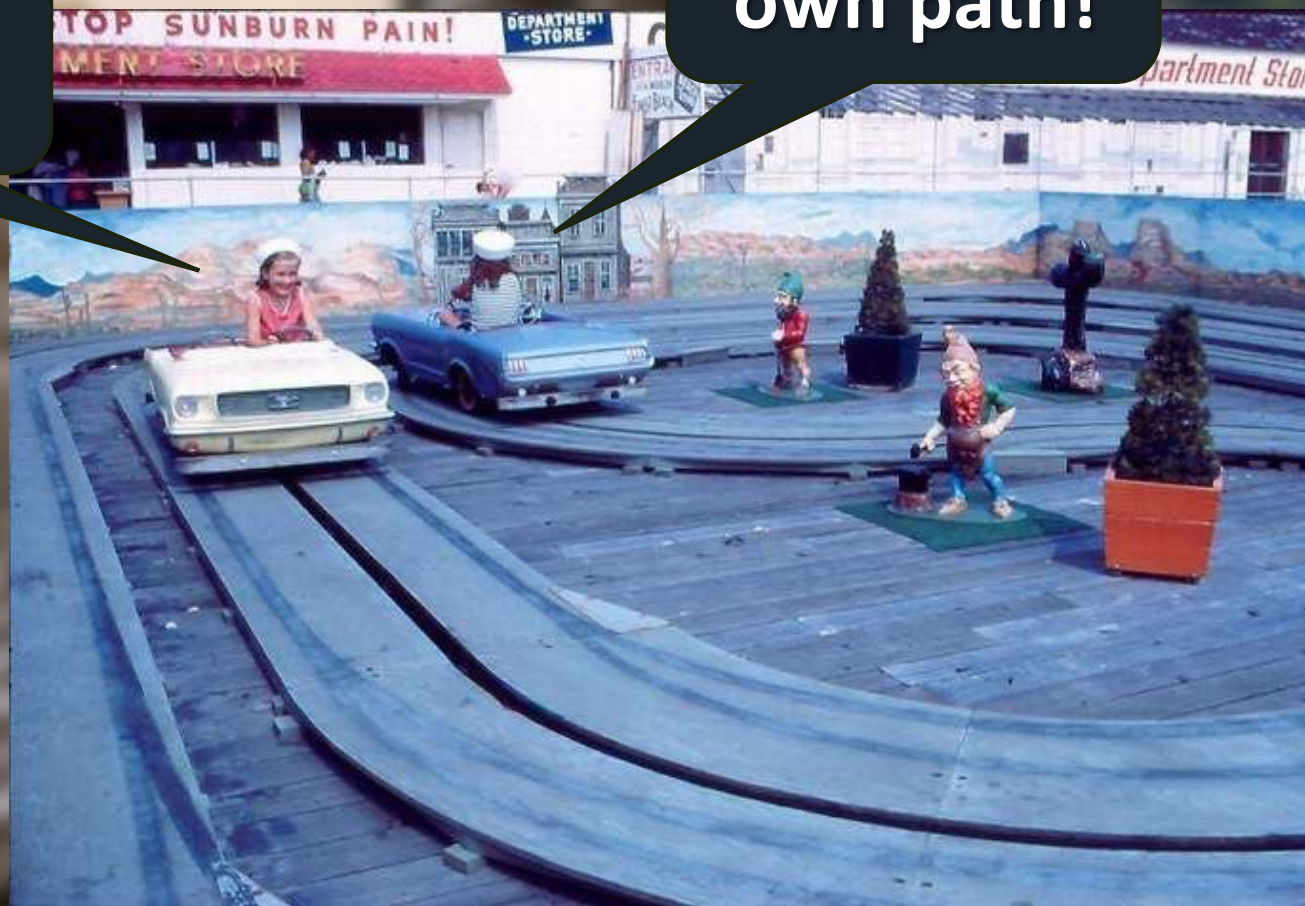
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courtesy tripadvisor

**I am wild
and free!**

**I chart my
own path!**



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In Greek thought, to be a “prince” was to have great authority. To be over the air was to be over all of life. Interestingly, for “air” Paul uses a word the Greeks used for the lower regions of the air, not the highest stratosphere. What they meant by that was that one in the lower air wasn’t the final boss – he just had lots of influence on earth.

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¹³ In him you also were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and when you believed.

Ephesians 1 CSB

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I was born in the USA to American parents and thus was a natural citizen under US law.

I was born human to human parents and thus was a natural child under wrath.

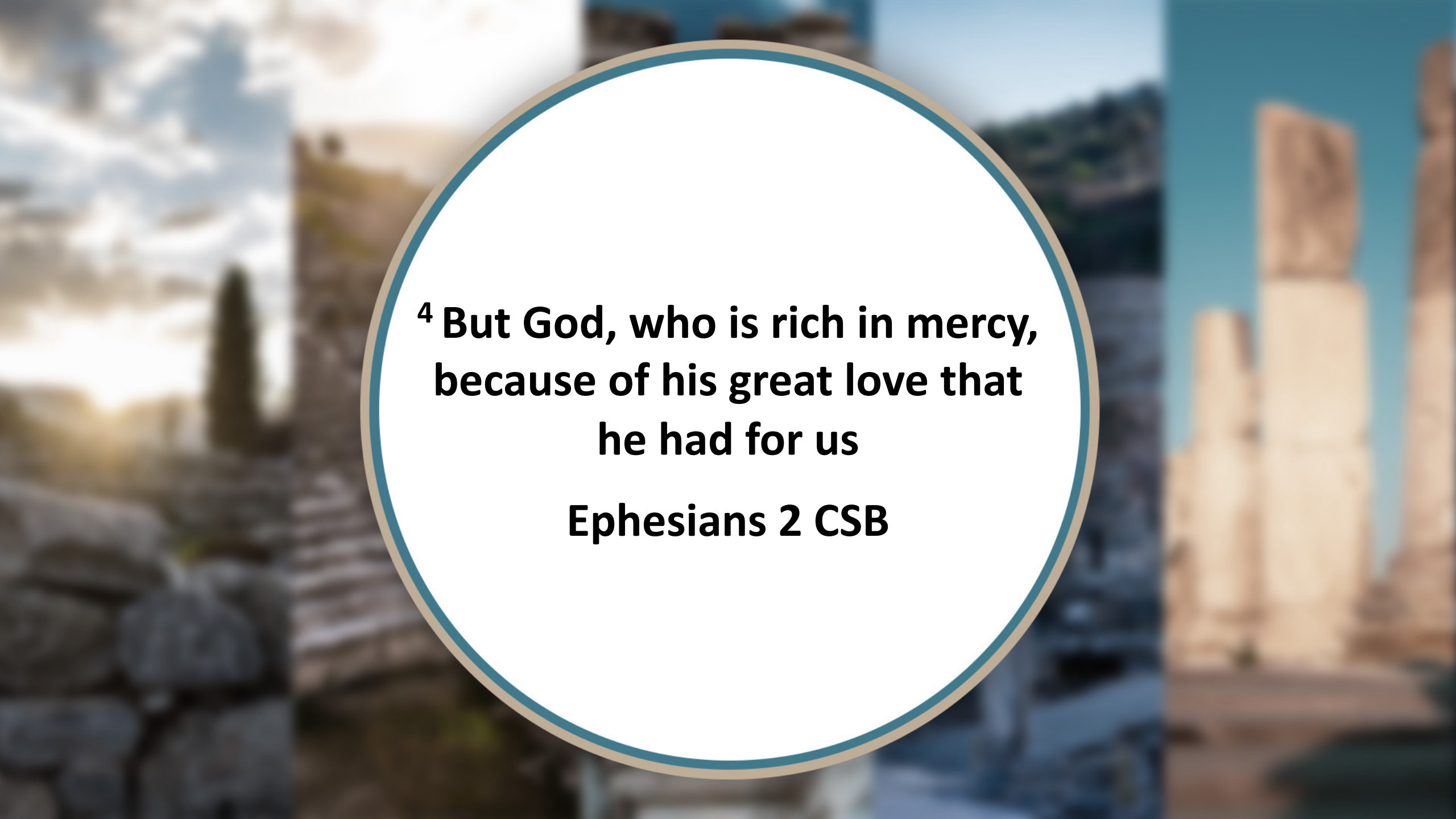




courtesy mymodernmet



courtesy stocksy



**⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy,
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⁵ he [Jesus] saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy

Titus 3 CSB



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GOD IS LOVE

1 JOHN 4:8

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courtesy Amy's View

We only wish!



I can't conceive...

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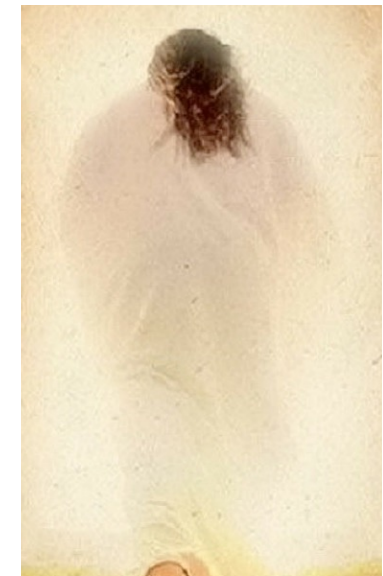
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Crucifixion



Resurrection



Ascension



**steps at St. John
Lateran**



**Since legend says
Jesus walked
these steps,
those who climb
are told they
gain salvation.**

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- It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters.**
- The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.**

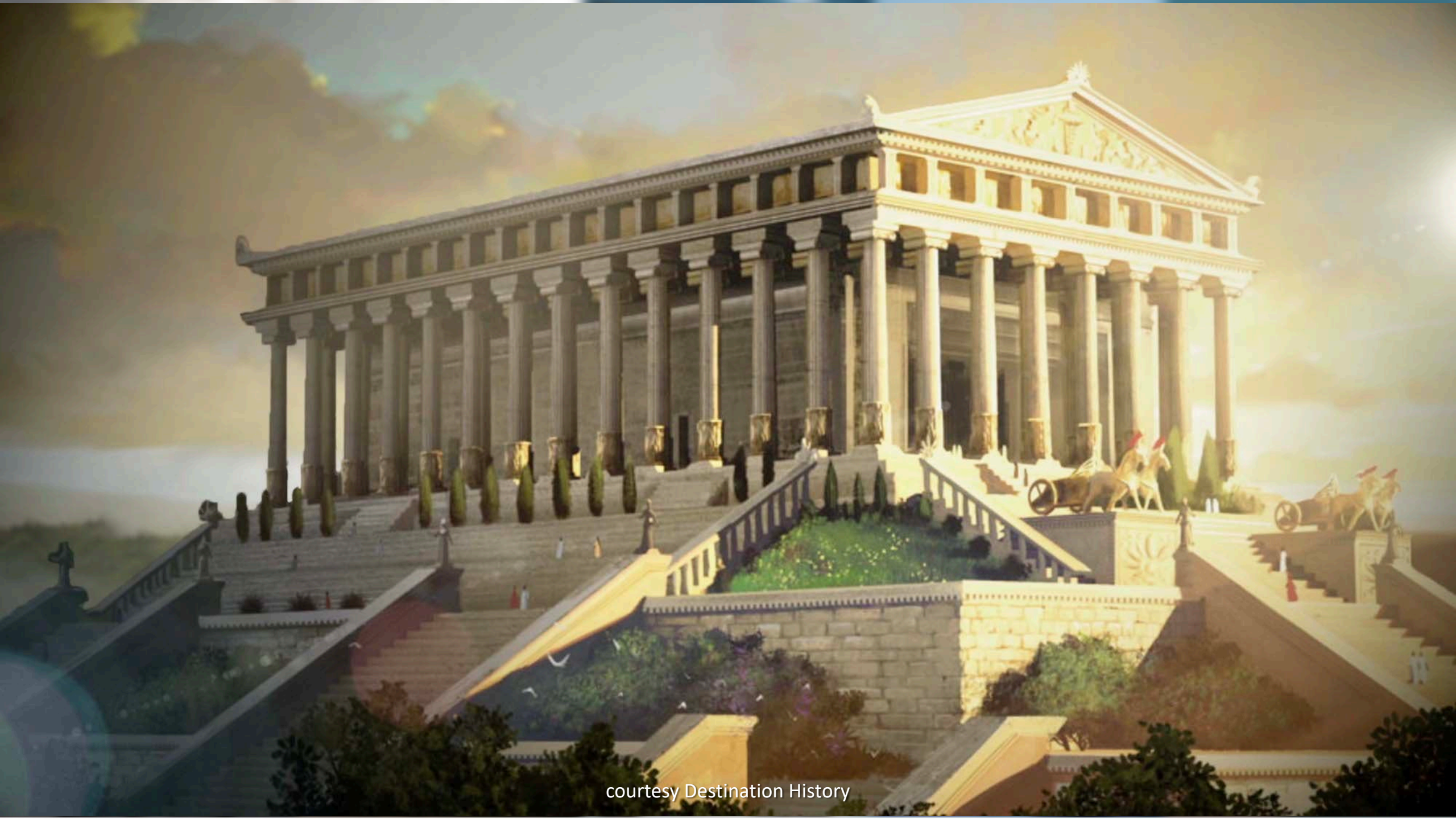


**God wants people to come to Him as we are—
with all our faults and failure. Many sadly believe
that they must first change (and somehow
become good people) in order to come to God.
This is a lie from the pit. – Martin MacDonald**



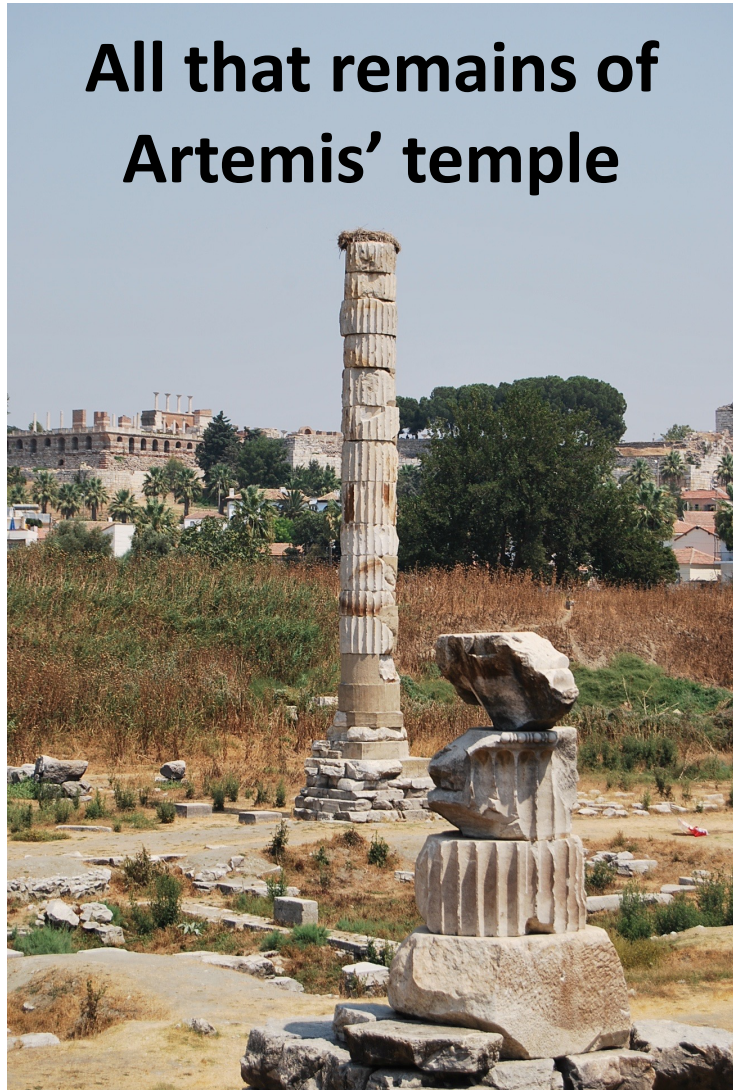
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courtesy Destination History

**All that remains of
Artemis' temple**



YOU ARE
SEATED IN
HEAVENLY
PLACES
WITH
JESUS

Ephesians 2:6

6 He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus

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³ Don't you know that we will judge angels—how much more matters of this life?


1 Corinthians 6 CSB

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Greek: *hina* clause = describes purpose

We were saved to this end: that we might be God's awesome, living trophy. God is rich in mercy & full of love – and Christians are the proof!

**Of course, God loves me!
Who wouldn't?**



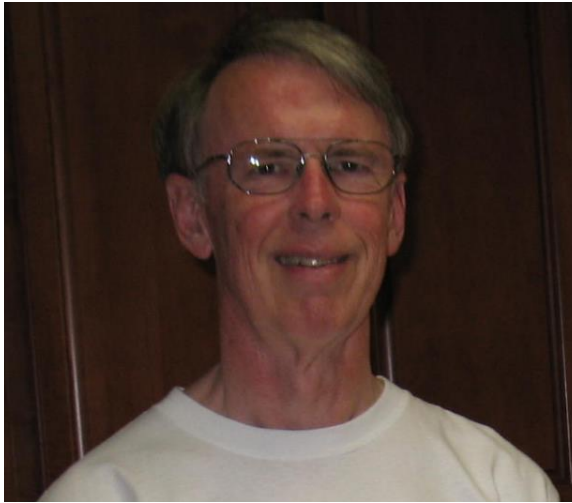
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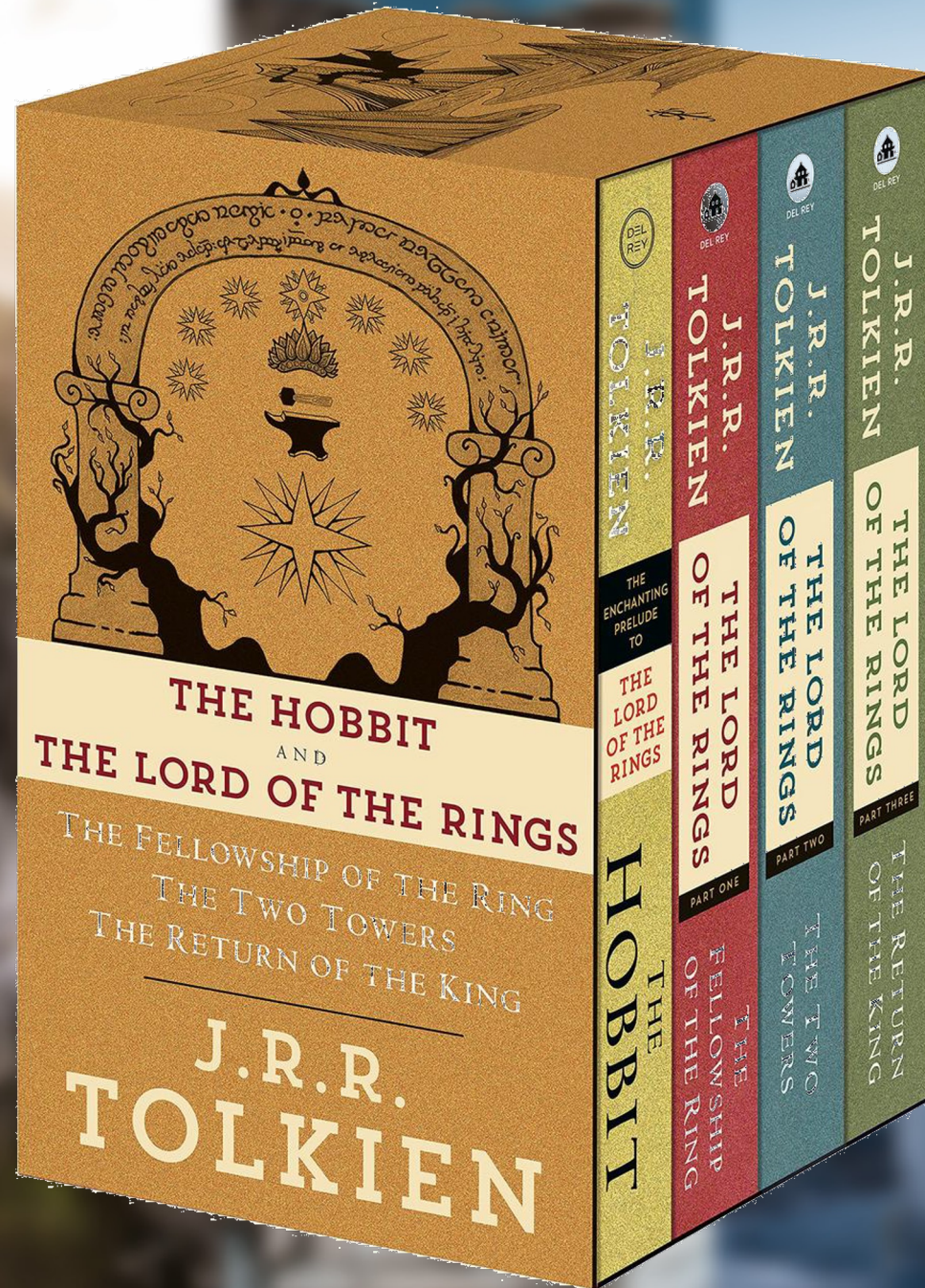




**You aren't tan.
Your teeth
aren't perfect.
And you're not
cool.**



This is the really good news. We don't have to depend upon ourselves or our sacrifices or our works or anything else. It is by grace alone we are saved. – David Wade



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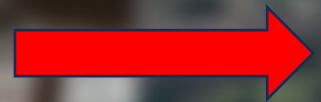
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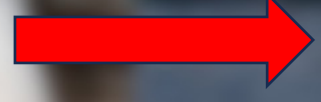
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... quod in dicitur nos in omni benedictio
... in quo etiam et nos forte uacua sum
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God is.



God did.

We are.



Implication is that we then do.

Ephesians 1-2
France
ca. 1300

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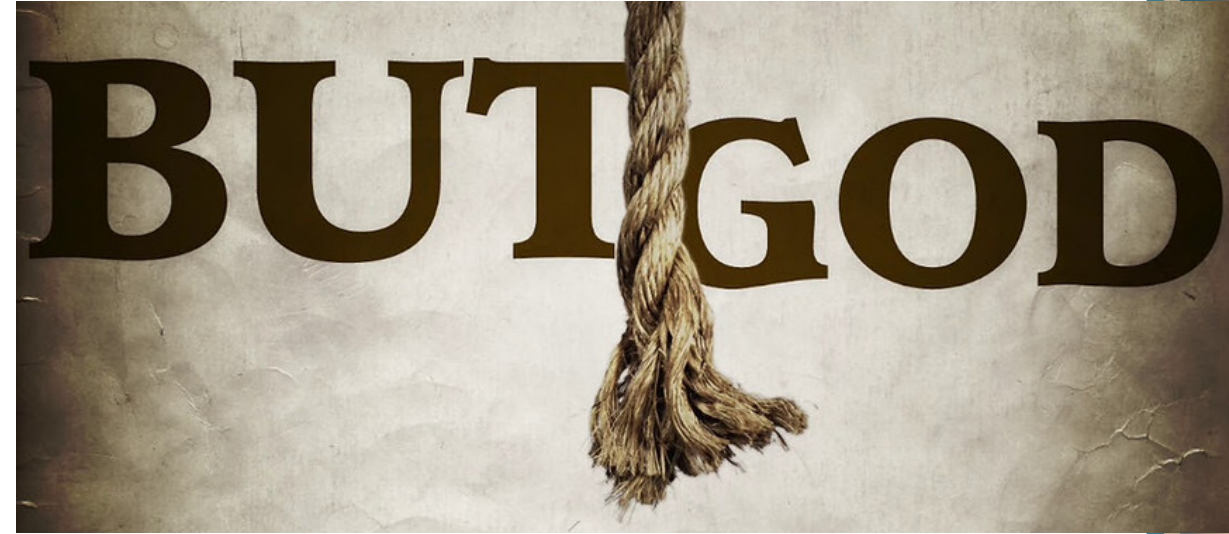
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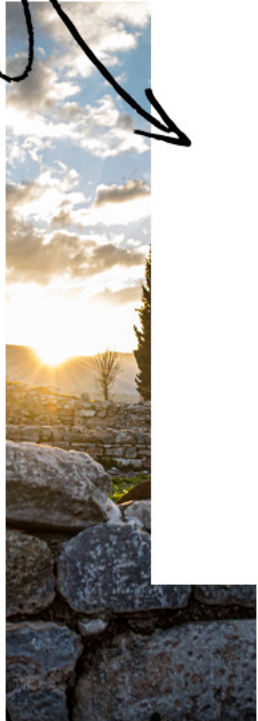


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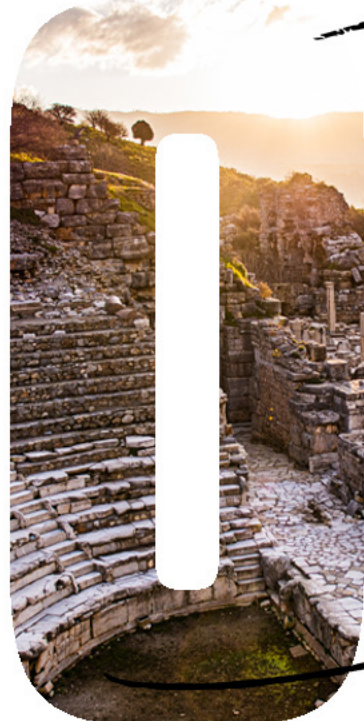


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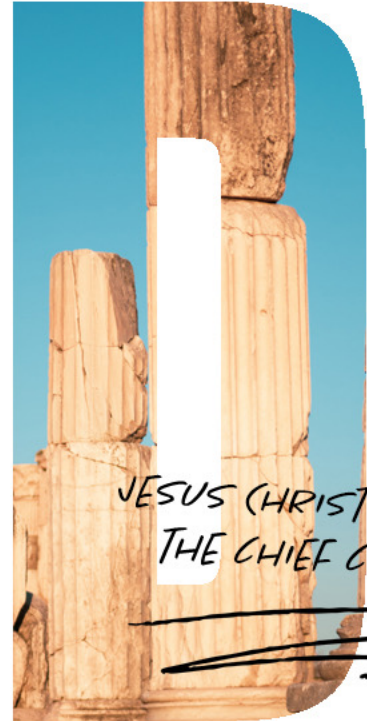
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