



## We Were Children of Wrath

Wayne Braudrick

Life Change: We fit together and build with God

Ephesians 2:11-22

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### Truth about human buildings: they crumble

We were separate and hopeless materials

v.11-12

Excluded

Deceived

Without hope and without God in the world

God changed us into useful materials

v.13-18

Through Christ's sacrifice

According to radical unity

In His triune image

God is now building permanently with us

v.19-22

We belong

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We are being fitted together

We are God's temple

God wants us to partner in the building process with Him

Build wisely

1 Cor. 3:10-15

Do not destroy

1 Cor. 3:16-17

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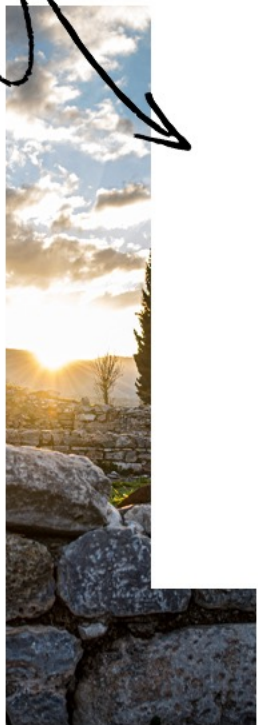


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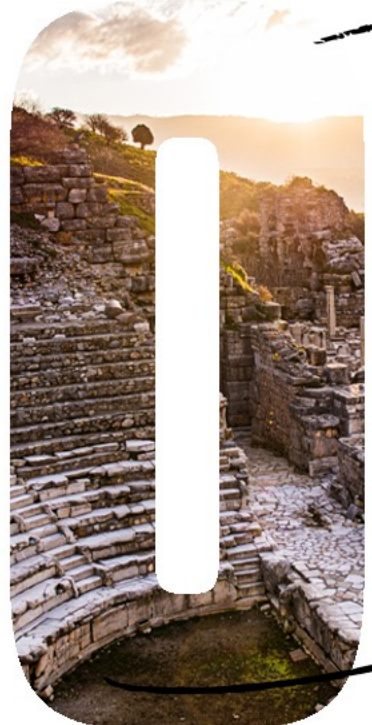


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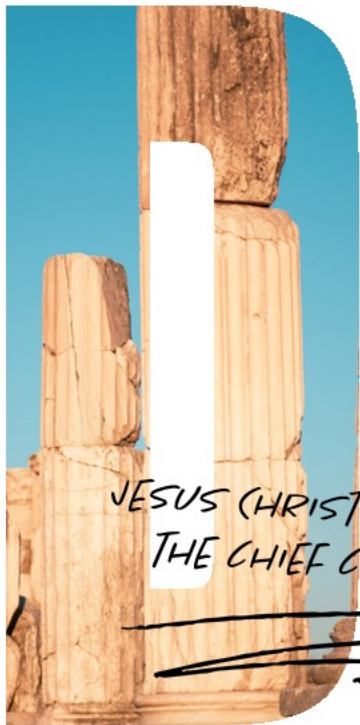
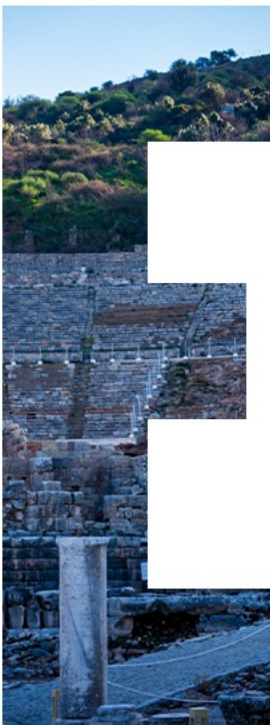
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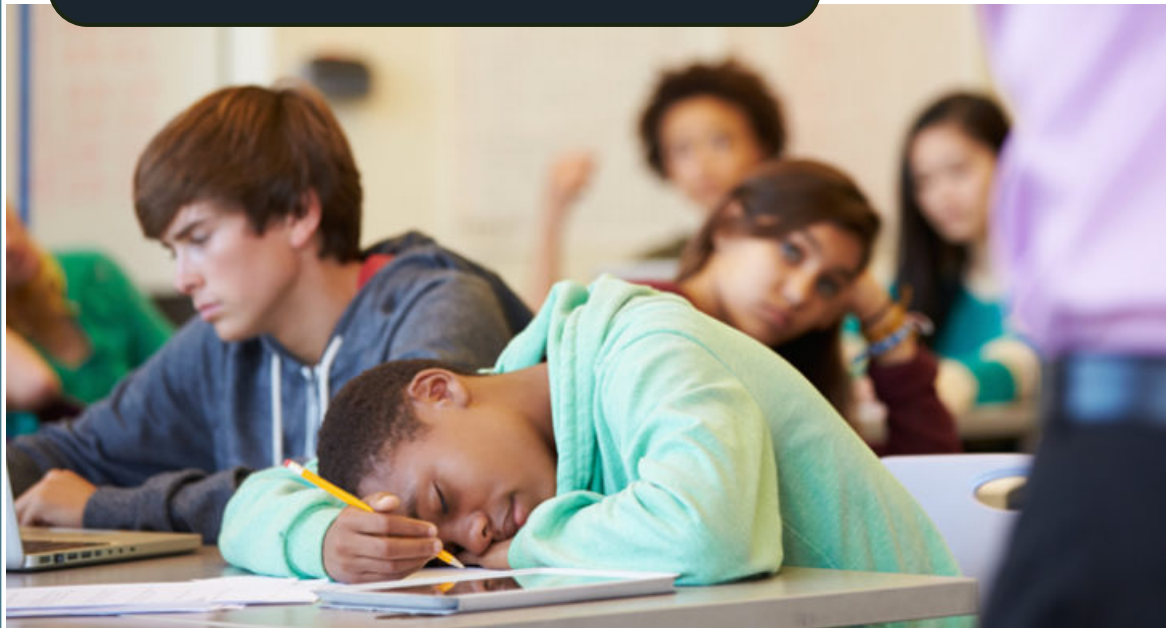
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**You are so lucky to be in this exclusive class!**



**Greek: λέγω lego = a long speech one must endure; a lecture that defines you, and which you can't leave**

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**Pastor, it took this awful loss  
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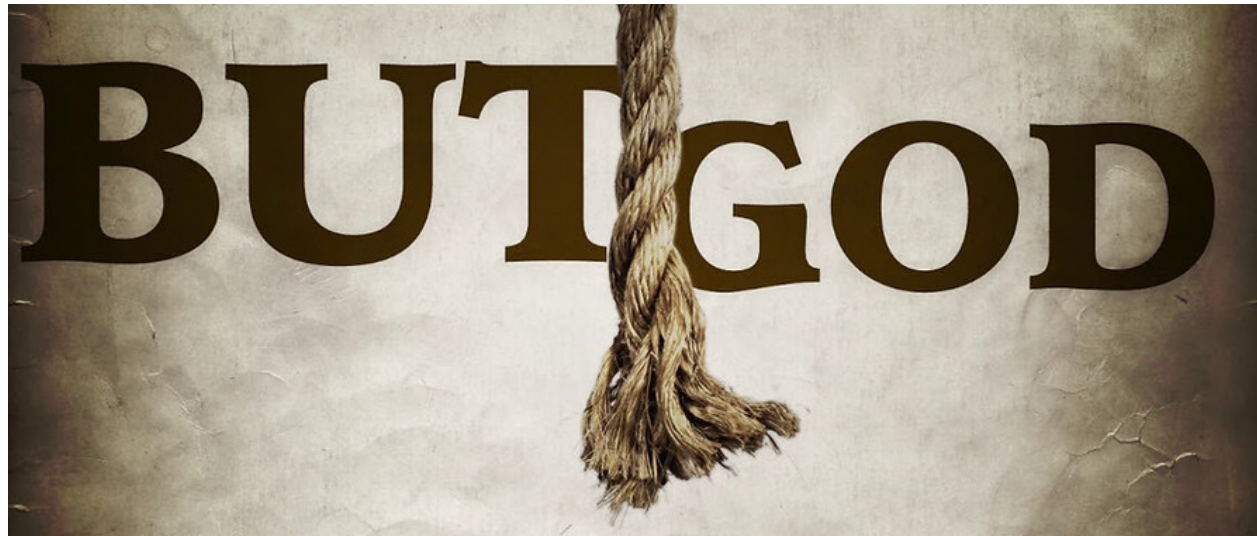
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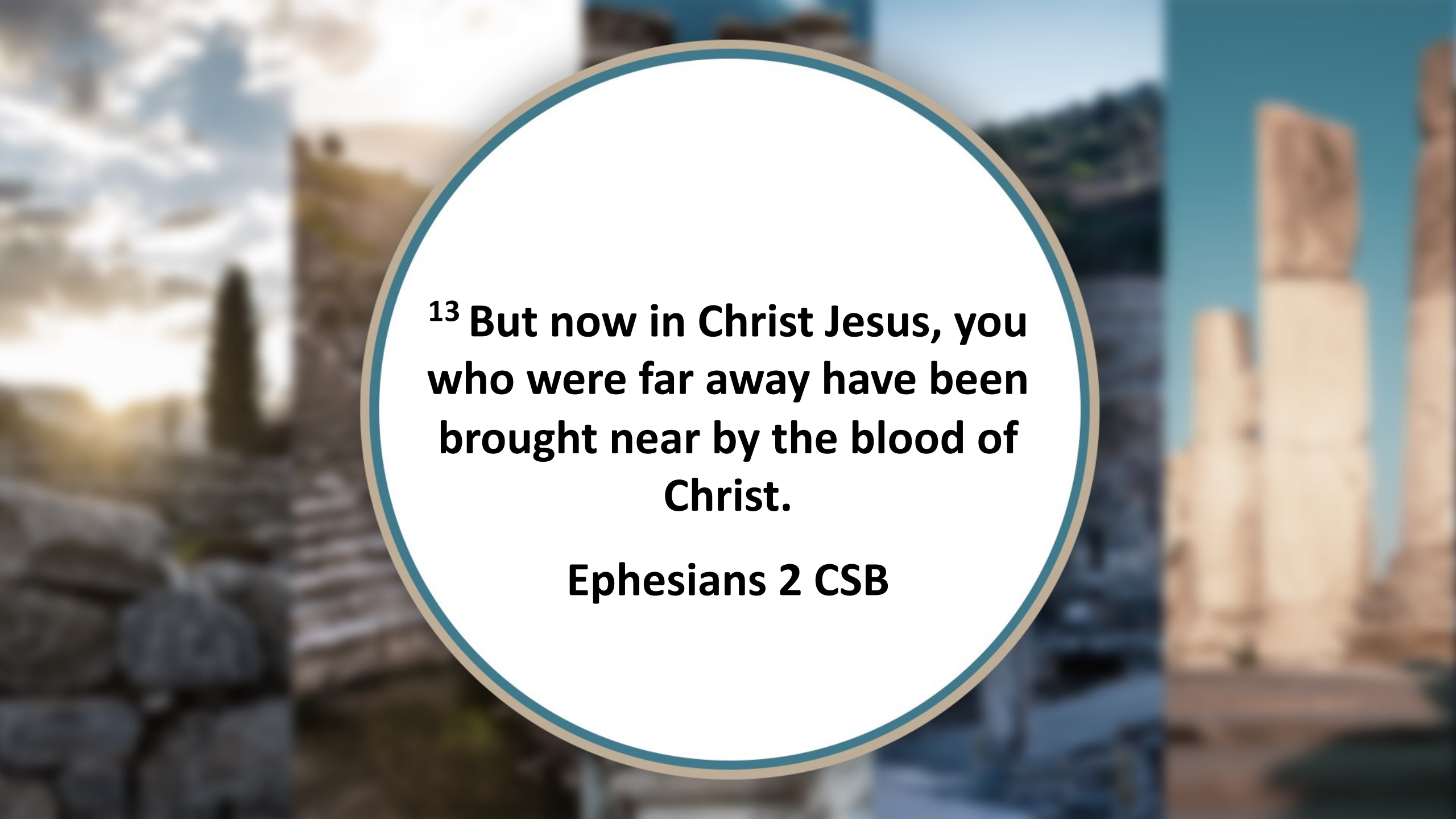
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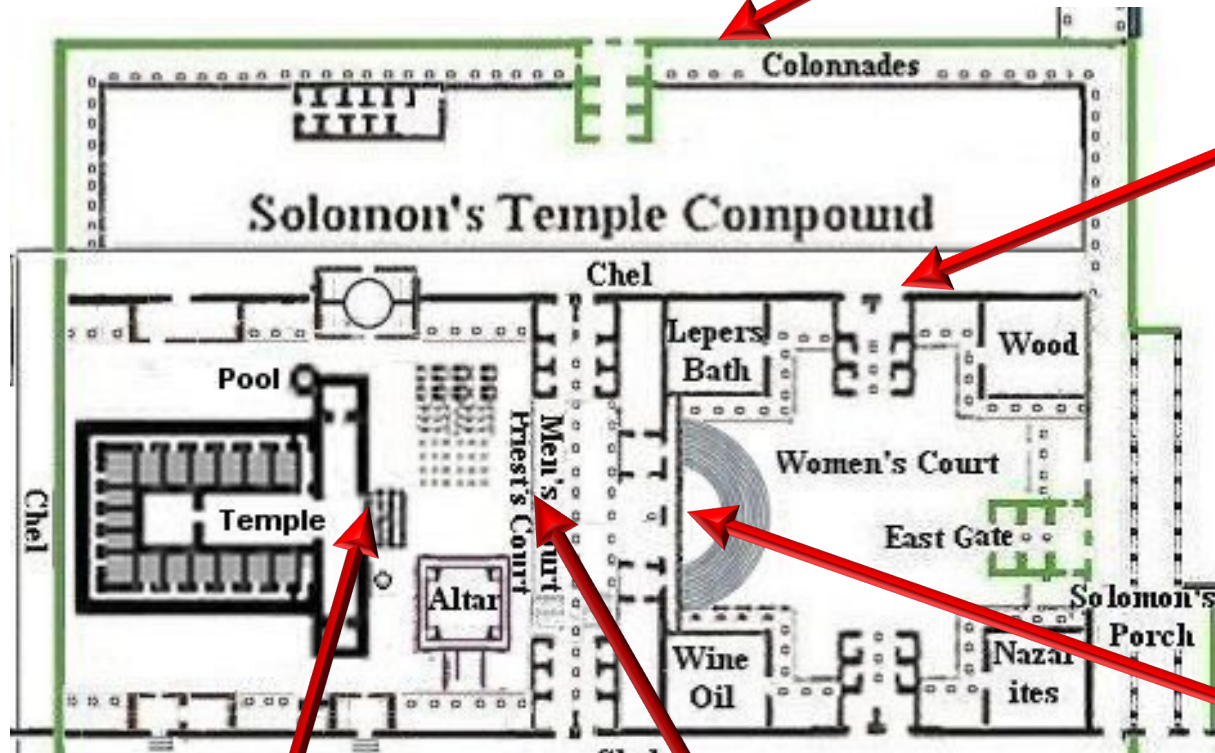
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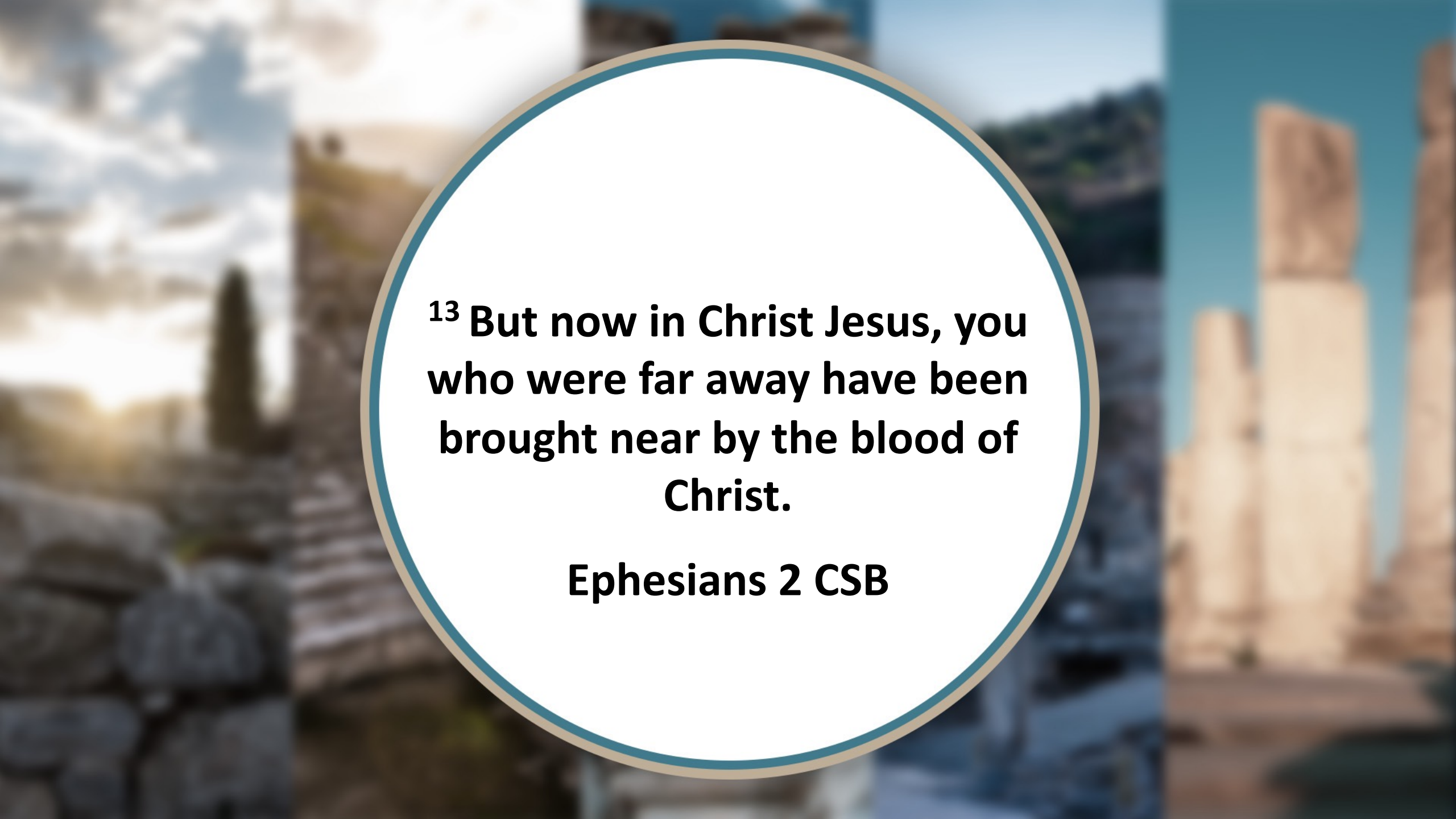
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**No women past here**

**No non-priest past here**

**None but High Priest past here**





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A detailed architectural model of a city, likely Jerusalem, featuring a prominent temple with a golden roof and a large entrance. The temple is surrounded by a high wall with crenellations. In the background, a city with red-tiled roofs is visible on a hillside. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image, one pointing to the temple and another pointing to the wall.

**This is so cool!**

**Total access!**

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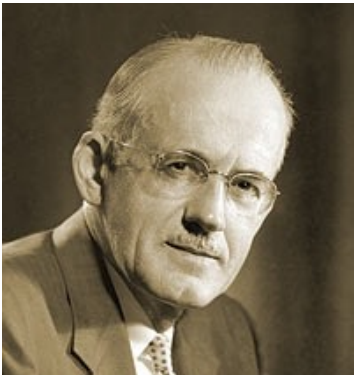


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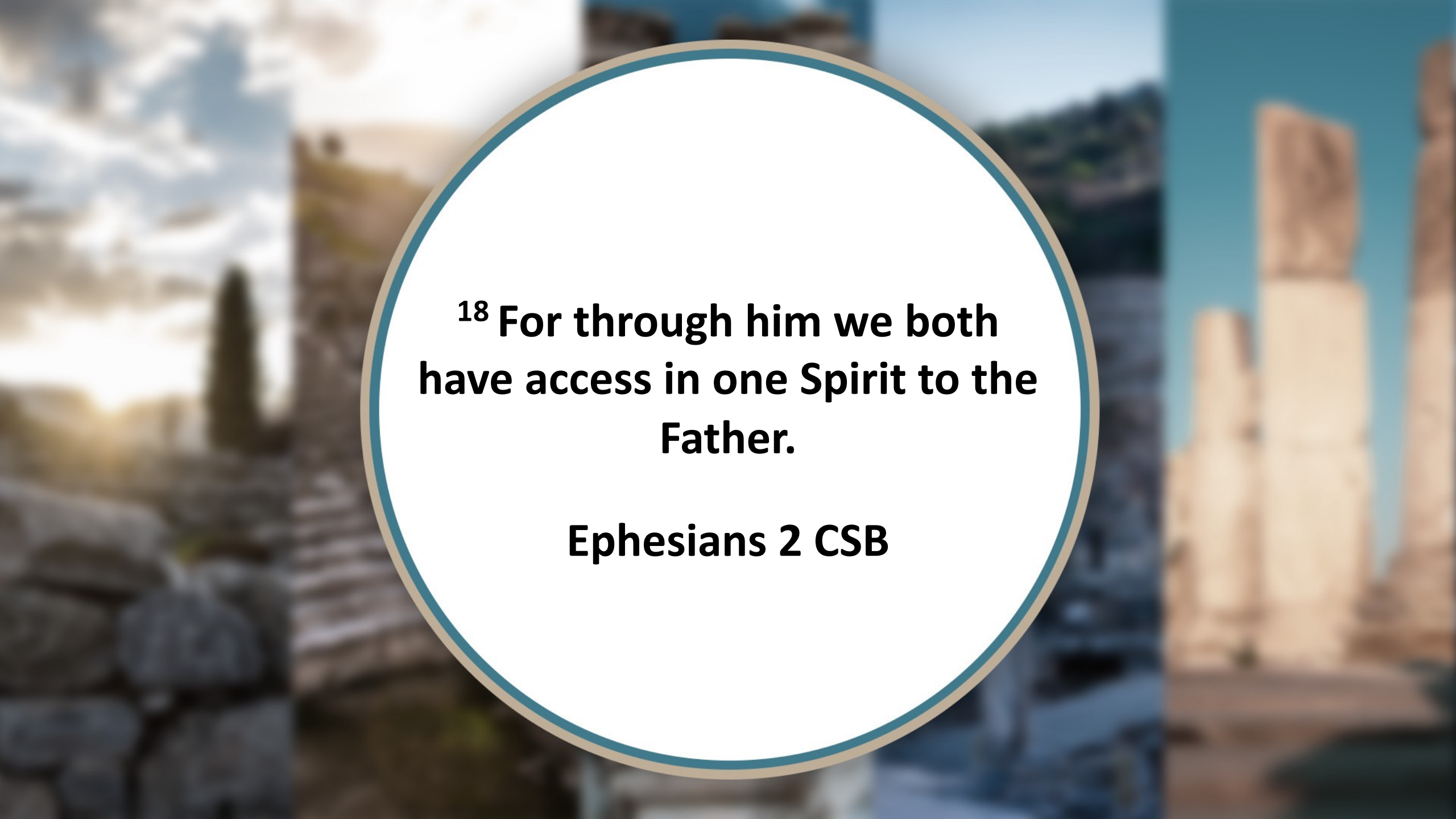
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**Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers [meeting] together, each one looking to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.**



**– A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God: The Human Thirst for the Divine***



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**Greek: εἰρήνη eirene = harmony; especially harmony built on sacrifice that brings unity**

**Employed by Plato often in *Republic* and by rabbis in the Greek translation on the OT.**

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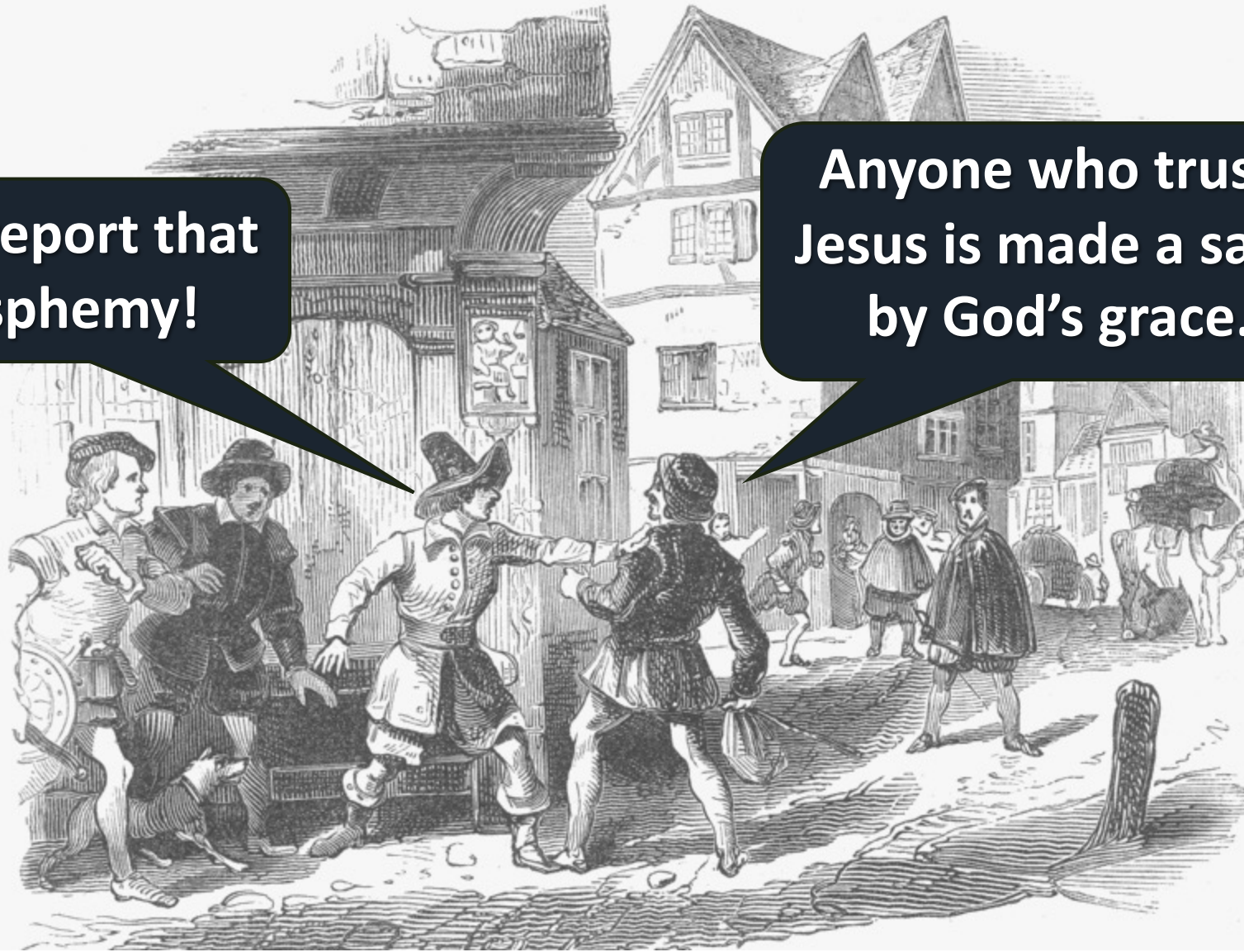
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**I will report that  
blasphemy!**

**Anyone who trusts  
Jesus is made a saint  
by God's grace.**



**When the evangelical Christians around Europe heard that English Chancellor Sir Thomas More had burned Thomas Hitton on February 23, they all changed their calendars to mark 23 February as “SAINT Thomas’ Day.”**

¶ The burnyng of Thomas Hytten.





**This so angered Sir Chancellor More that he burned more English Christians for having the gall to proclaim the biblical truth that all who trust in Jesus are indeed saints.**

*Thomas More*  
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**Employment, kids, education, politics, sexuality, drugs, and food are common foundations.**



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**24 Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.**

**Matthew 7 NLT**

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**Can indicate either a big block stone on the corner of a building or what we today call a keystone.**





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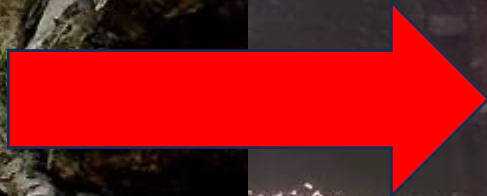
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*Self-made man*  
**Bobbie Carlyle**  
**1997**

courtesy St. Louis University





courtesy Crowley (KS) Courier; Note: the article read "There are no concrete plans to restore the damage." Nice pun.

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**<sup>10</sup> According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience loss, but he himself will be saved—but only as through fire.**

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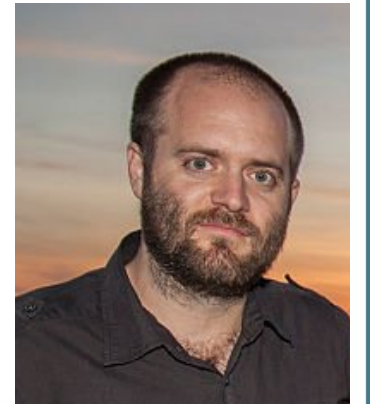




**We were not constructed together to just sit on our hands. God wants us in the family building business, fellow tektons! So, let's get to work and build wisely.**

***1 Corinthians 3***  
**Unknown illustrator**  
**ca. 1300**

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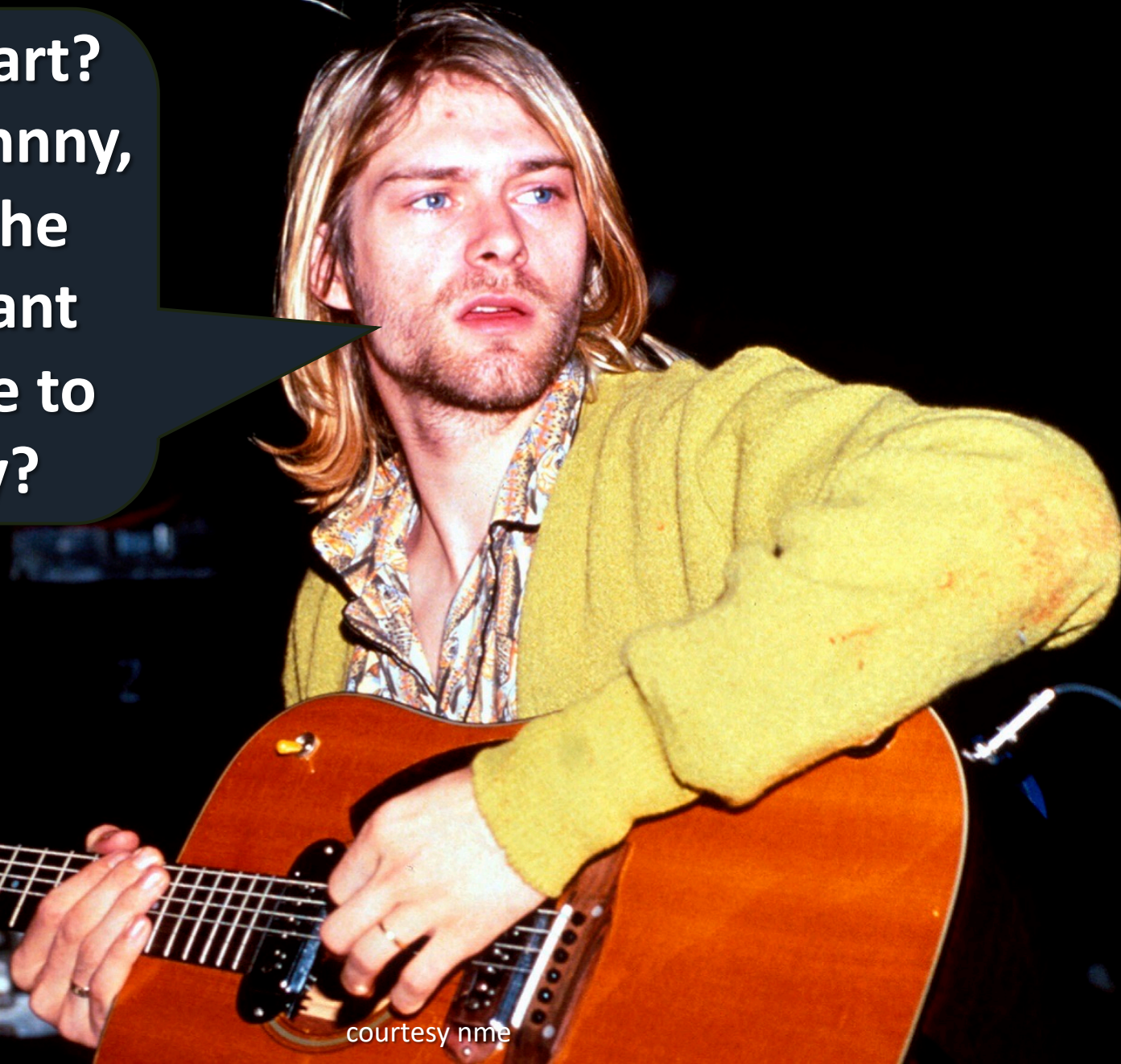


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**Where do I start?  
Great song, Johnny,  
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most important  
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courtesy nme

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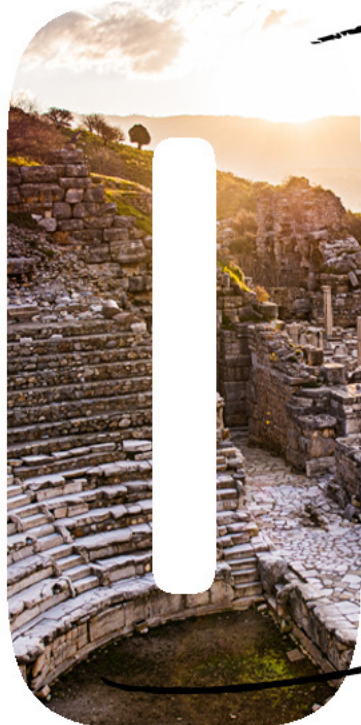
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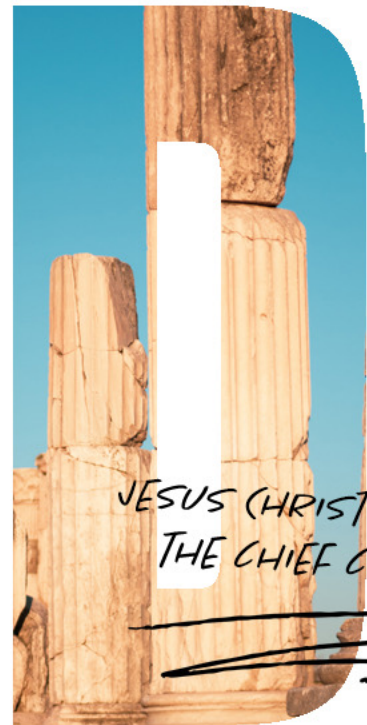
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