



WARRIOR'S HEART

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME

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MEN'S MINISTRY

A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO

cultural engagement



A Christian Guide to Cultural Engagement Week 2: Reconciliation and the Christian Identity

Review:

Philippians 3:20–21 ²⁰but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subject everything to Himself.

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Ephesians 6:10-12 ¹⁰ Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by His vast strength. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. ¹² For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens.

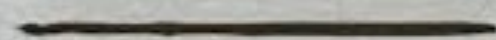
Questions:

- How does seeing your role as an Ambassador impact how you see those around you?
- What are the biggest challenges you personally experience in interacting with others in culture today?
- What are you asking God to do in and through your life in our current culture?
- How can engaging with culture pose dangers to a Christian?
- How can NOT engaging with culture pose dangers to a Christian?

Previously on?



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A photograph of Father Kallistos Ware, an elderly man with a long white beard and glasses, wearing dark clerical robes. He is seated at a wooden podium in a church, speaking into a microphone. His right hand is raised in a gesture. The background features dark wood paneling with intricate carvings and a crucifix on the right. To the left of the podium, there is a small table with a glass pitcher and a glass. Two ornate candle holders with lit candles are positioned on either side of the podium. The lighting is warm and focused on the speaker.

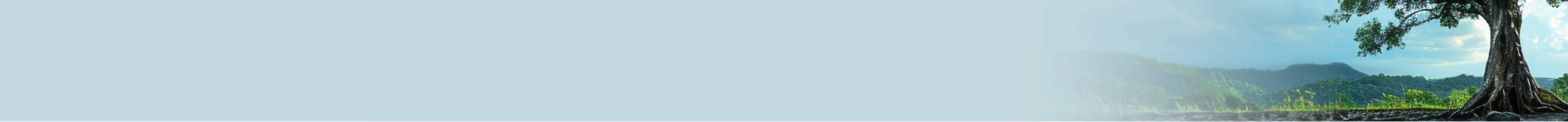
Father Kallistos Ware

“Eucharist”





*Christ is the
perfect
IMAGO DEI*



“Servant-Leader”

Genesis 2:15

... *to WORK and KEEP* ...

A photograph of a young green pea plant with a curved stem and leaves, growing from a field of yellow flowers. The background is a soft-focus green field.

New Way of Life:

***1. New Mission...the Great
Commission***

***2. New Command...Great
Commandment***

Love God
And
Love Others

The Journey Ahead

- Look at the centrality of the Gospel in our new life and new mission...
- Look at the reality of our dual Citizenship
- Zoom in on our identity as Christians as God's Ambassadors on earth
- Look at the problem of losing focus on our mission
- Set the table for next week's Approaches to Cultural Engagement and Rules for effective engagement"

A fantastical landscape featuring a vibrant rainbow arching across a sky filled with dramatic, colorful clouds. In the center, a dark, imposing castle with multiple spires sits on a hill. To the right, a tall, jagged mountain peak is partially shrouded in mist. The foreground shows a river or stream flowing through a lush, green valley. In the bottom right corner, the back of a person's head and shoulders is visible, looking out over the scene.

THE SIN ISSUE

GENESIS 3+

“THE FALL”

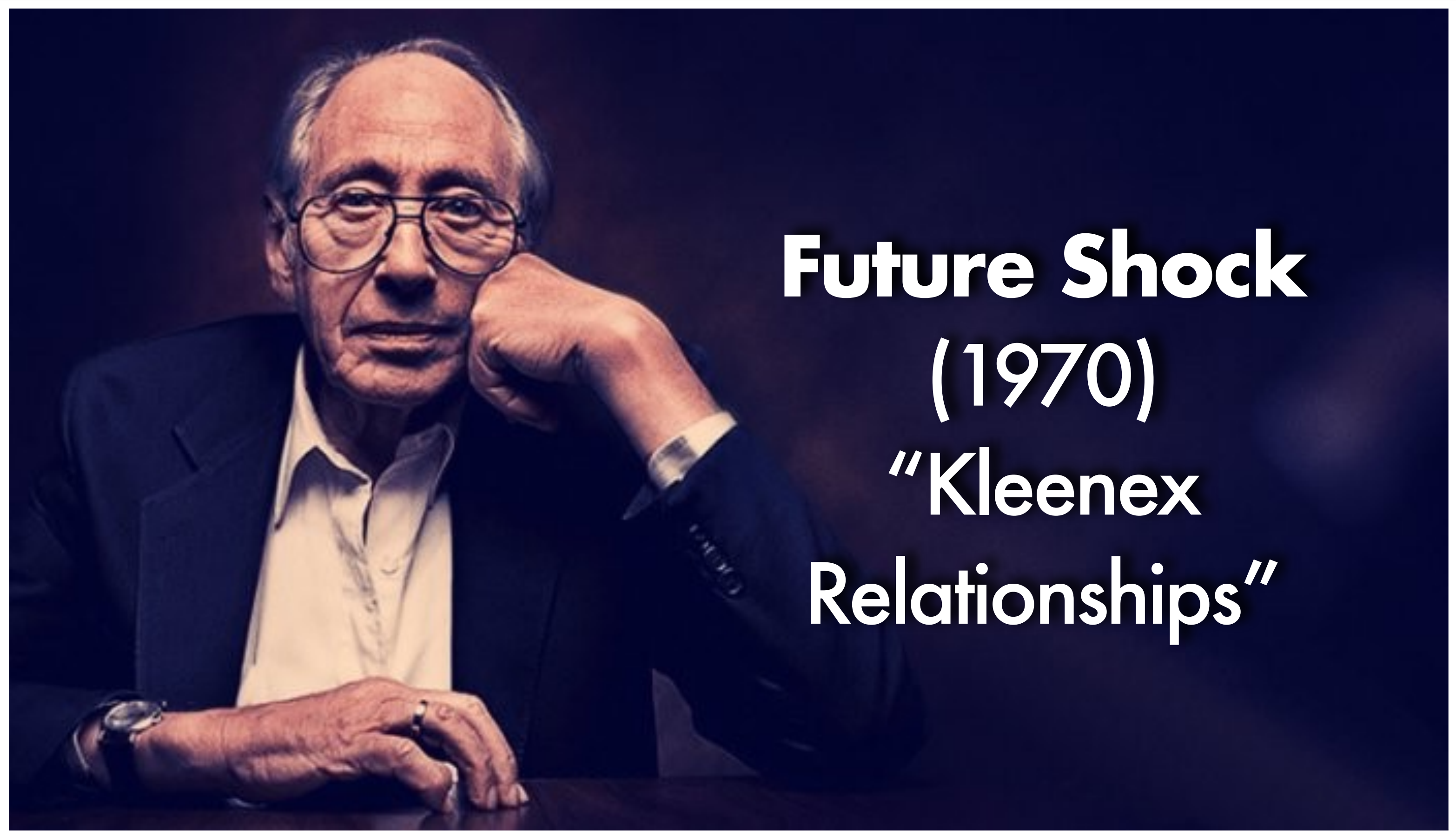




Relationships with:

- **God**

- **Others**



Future Shock
(1970)
"Kleenex
Relationships"

GOSPEL



**A CHILD
OF GOD**

**FILLED
WITH
THE
HOLY
SPIRIT**

FREE

**MORE
THAN A**

**CONQUEROR
ADOPTED
BY GOD**

**NEVER
ALONE
FORGIVEN
POWERFUL
REDEEMED**

SEALED UNDER

MADE GRACE

ALIVE LOVED

BLESSED CHOSEN

**WONDERFULLY MADE
TRANSFORMED
EMPOWERED**

**CHOSEN
HEALED
CALLED**

**RECONCILED
TO GOD
FREE**

**STRONG
IN THE
LORD**

**A NEW
CREATION**

AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

FREE FROM CONDEMNATION

A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

**GOD'S A SAINT
WORKMANSHIP
A MASTERPIECE
AN OVERCOMER**

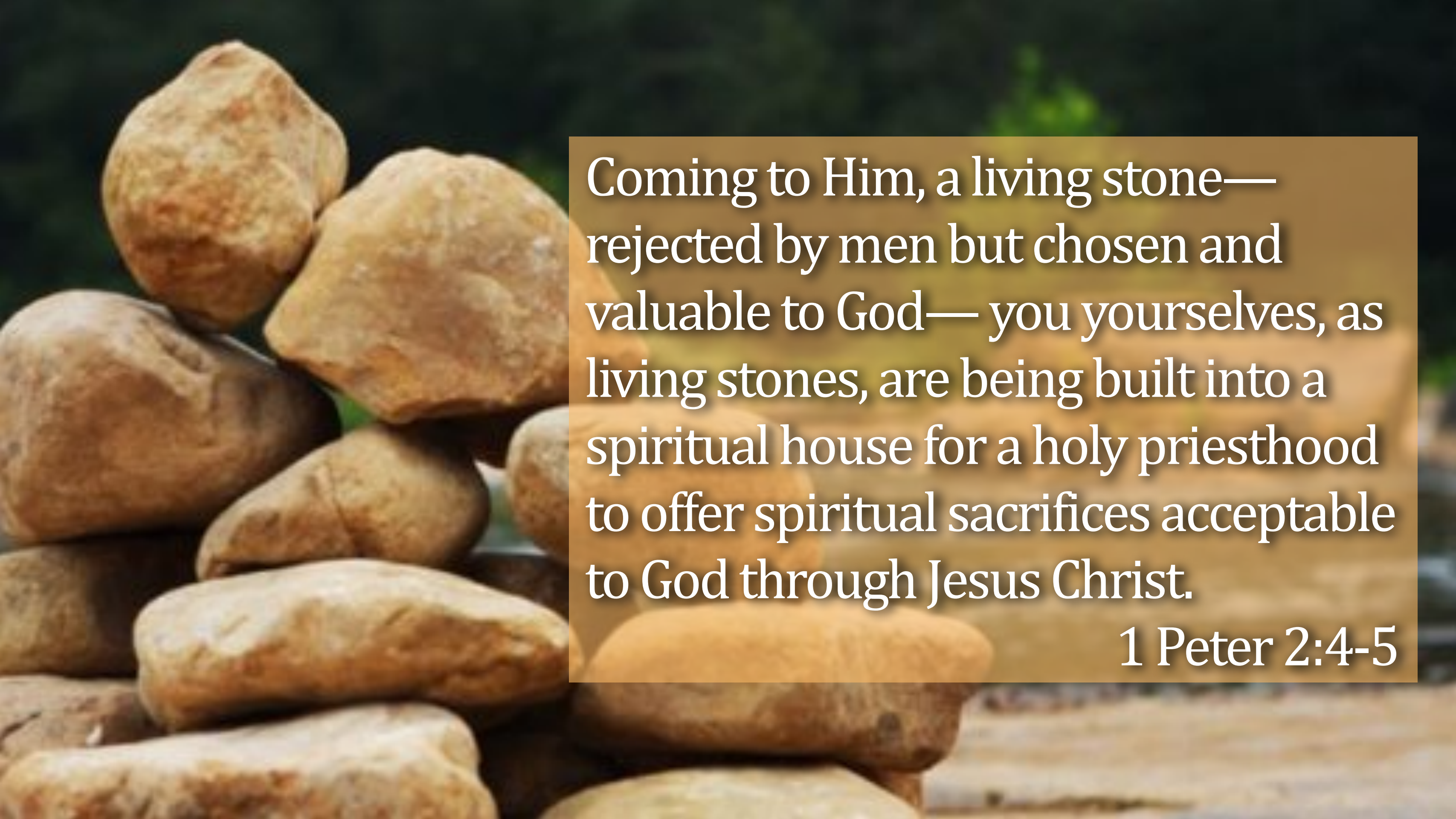
**RIGHTEOUS
CHOSEN
HEALED
RESCUED**

**UNDER
GRACE**

ACCEPTED

**GOD'S
TEMPLE**

**TREASURED
JUSTIFIED
VICTORIOUS
EQUIPPED
BORN
AGAIN**

A stack of smooth, light-brown river stones. The stones are piled on top of each other, with some showing signs of weathering and small pits. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting with greenery.


Coming to Him, a living stone—
rejected by men but chosen and
valuable to God— you yourselves, as
living stones, are being built into a
spiritual house for a holy priesthood
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable
to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5

but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20

HCSB

The background features a vast, layered mountain range under a sky filled with soft, glowing clouds. The sun is positioned on the right side, creating a warm, golden light that permeates the scene. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, greys, and oranges, giving it a serene yet powerful atmosphere.

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

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The Kingdom of God is Diverse!

- 1. Every Tribe**
- 2. Every Tongue**
- 3. Trans-national**
- 4. Singular in Worship**

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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Reconciliation is the element of salvation that results from atonement. Reconciliation is the end of the estrangement, caused by original sin, between God and humanity. It is the peace between humanity and God that results from the removal of our sin and the satisfaction of God's justice.

A DEFINITION

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Kingdom Ambassadors

1. New Allegiance


2. New Goal

3. New Power (Acts 1:8)

4. New Language

**We are
inviting
people
into a
sacred
space...**



The background of the image shows a large group of people walking away from the viewer towards a bright sunset. The scene is filled with the warm, golden light of the setting sun, creating a hazy and atmospheric environment. The silhouettes of the people are dark against the bright background, and they appear to be carrying bags and walking in various directions, suggesting a busy public space or a pilgrimage. The overall mood is one of movement and shared experience.

From creation to Creator
From religion to relationship
From an unknown God to the
known LORD







The Story of the Bible



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION



Henry Kissinger

Kingdom Ambassadors



- 1. Represent the Homeland**
- 2. Faithful to Values of Homeland**
- 3. Live in 2 worlds**
- 4. Speak both languages**
- 5. Know both cultures**
- 6. Promote Peace**
- 7. Seek to bring favor on homeland**



— LOSING FOCUS —



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