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IN
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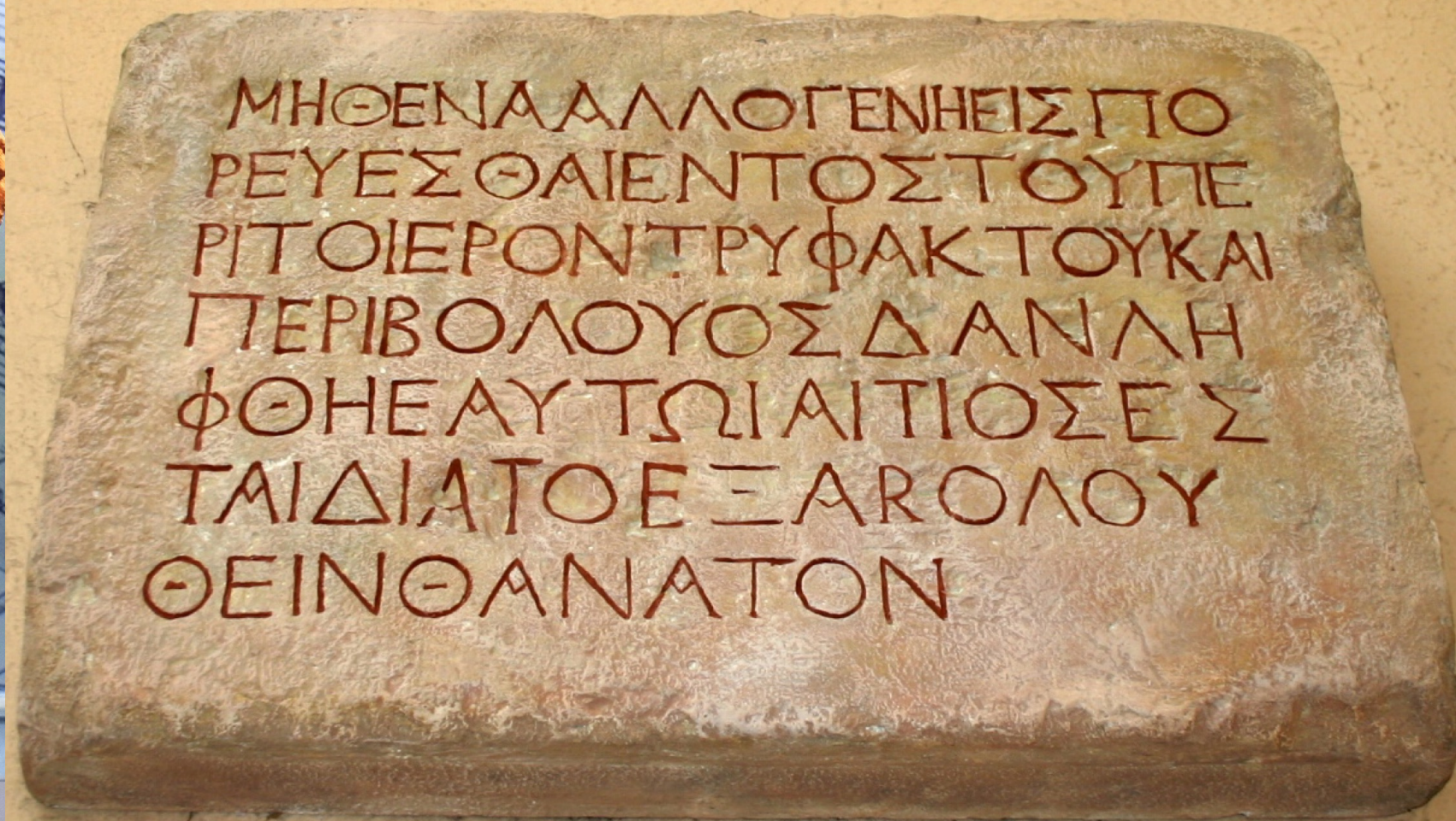
Before Salvation

- 1. Without Christ**
- 2. Excluded from Citizenship**
- 3. Foreigners to the Promises (Far Away)**
- 4. Without Hope**
- 5. Without God**

BUT JESUS CHRIST

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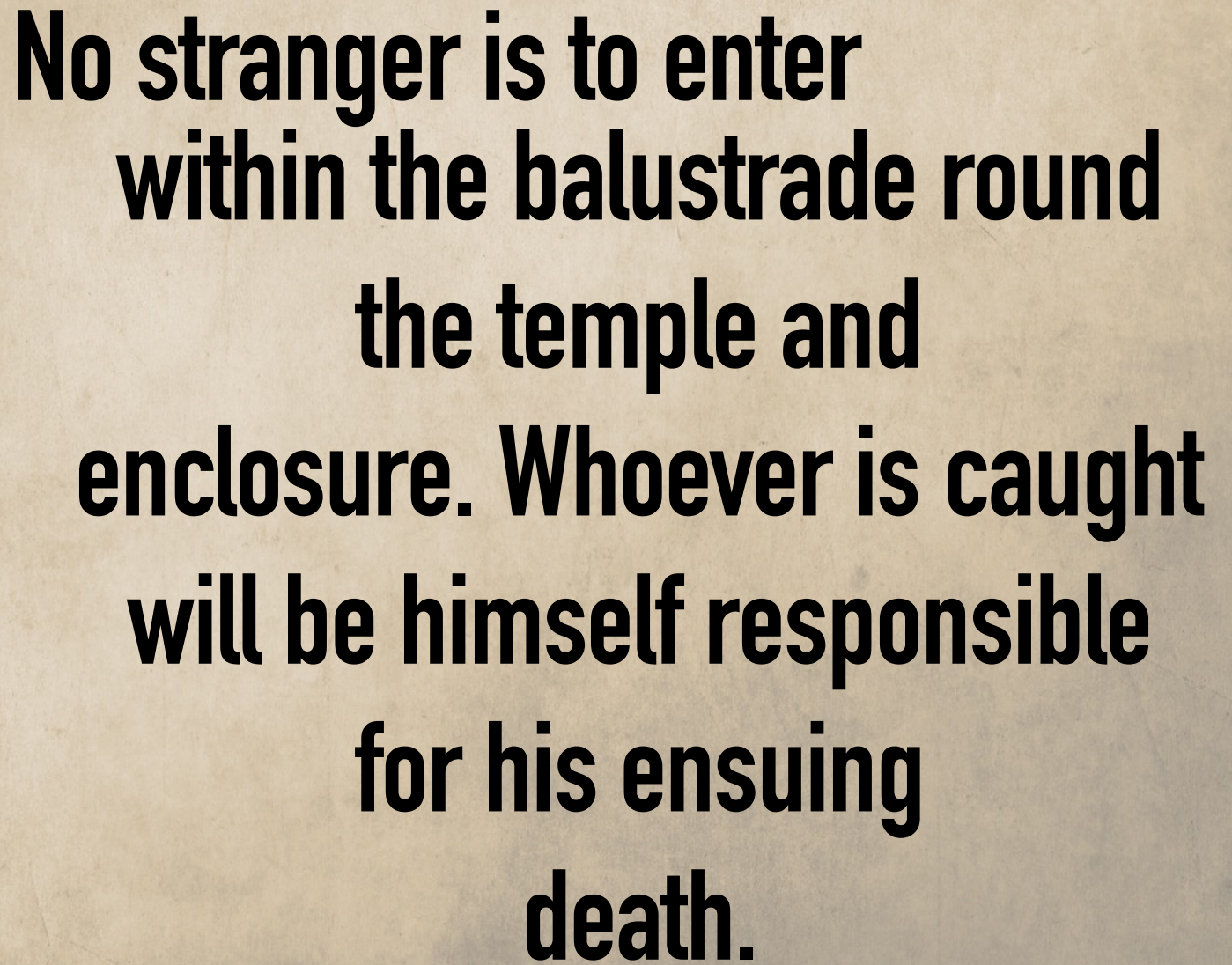
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STRANIERI NEL TEMPIO DI GERUSALEMME

COSTANTINOPOLI



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Trinity

(Jesus Christ)



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(Holy Spirit)



(God)



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Simple Truths

1. Paul Calls Us to Remember the “Farness” of Our Separation from God before Salvation
2. Paul Calls Us to Celebrate the “Nearness” of God through the Blood of Jesus Christ
3. Paul Removes any Possibility for Superiority of Some Based on Human Merit and/or Birthright
4. Paul Calls for Radical Unity in the Church though Our Identity in Christ–“the Mystery!”



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The Lord's Supper

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1 Corinthians 11:27–29

²⁷So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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1 Corinthians 11:23–26

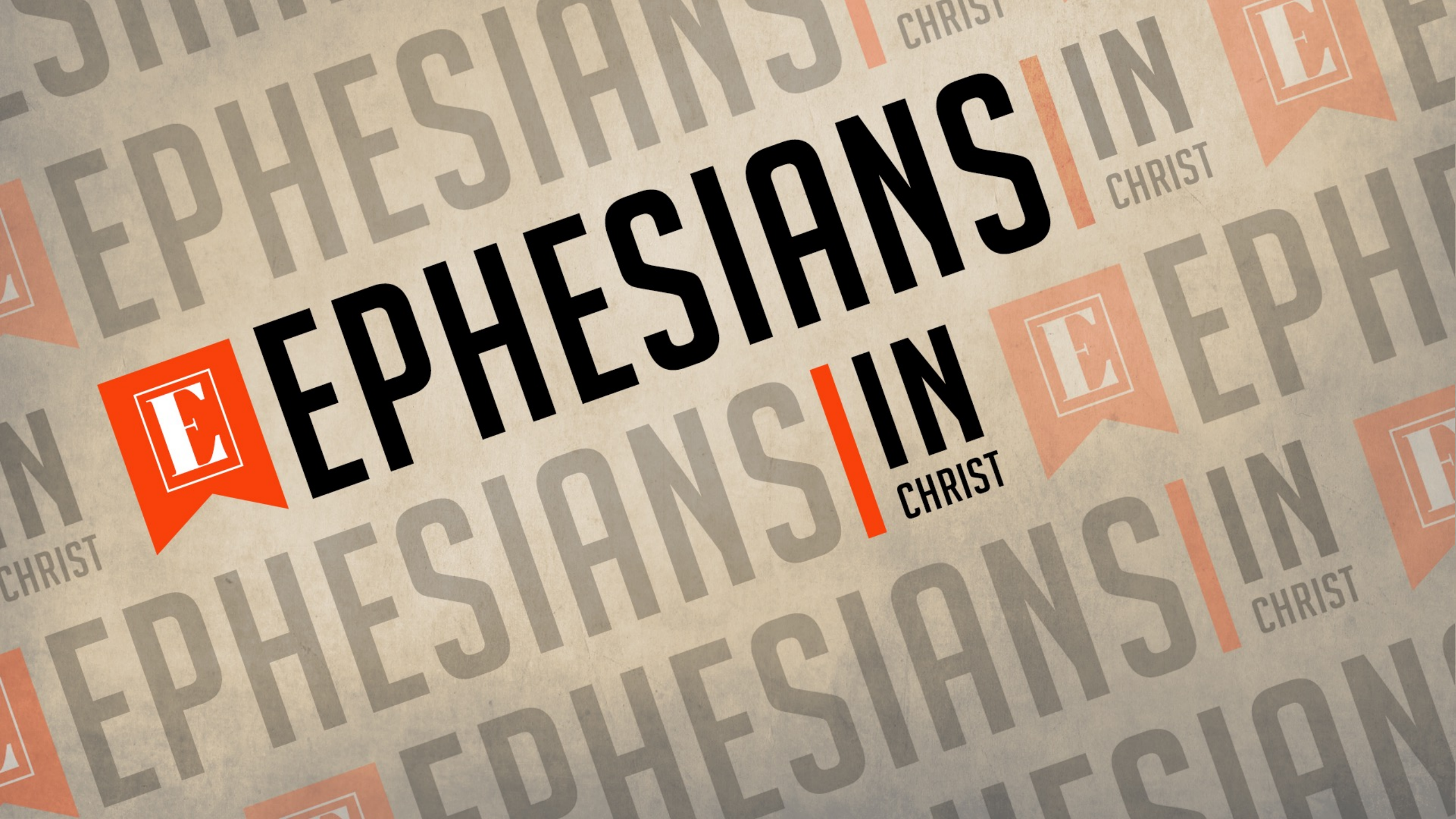
²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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