



True North



TRUE NORTH: GRACE ALONE

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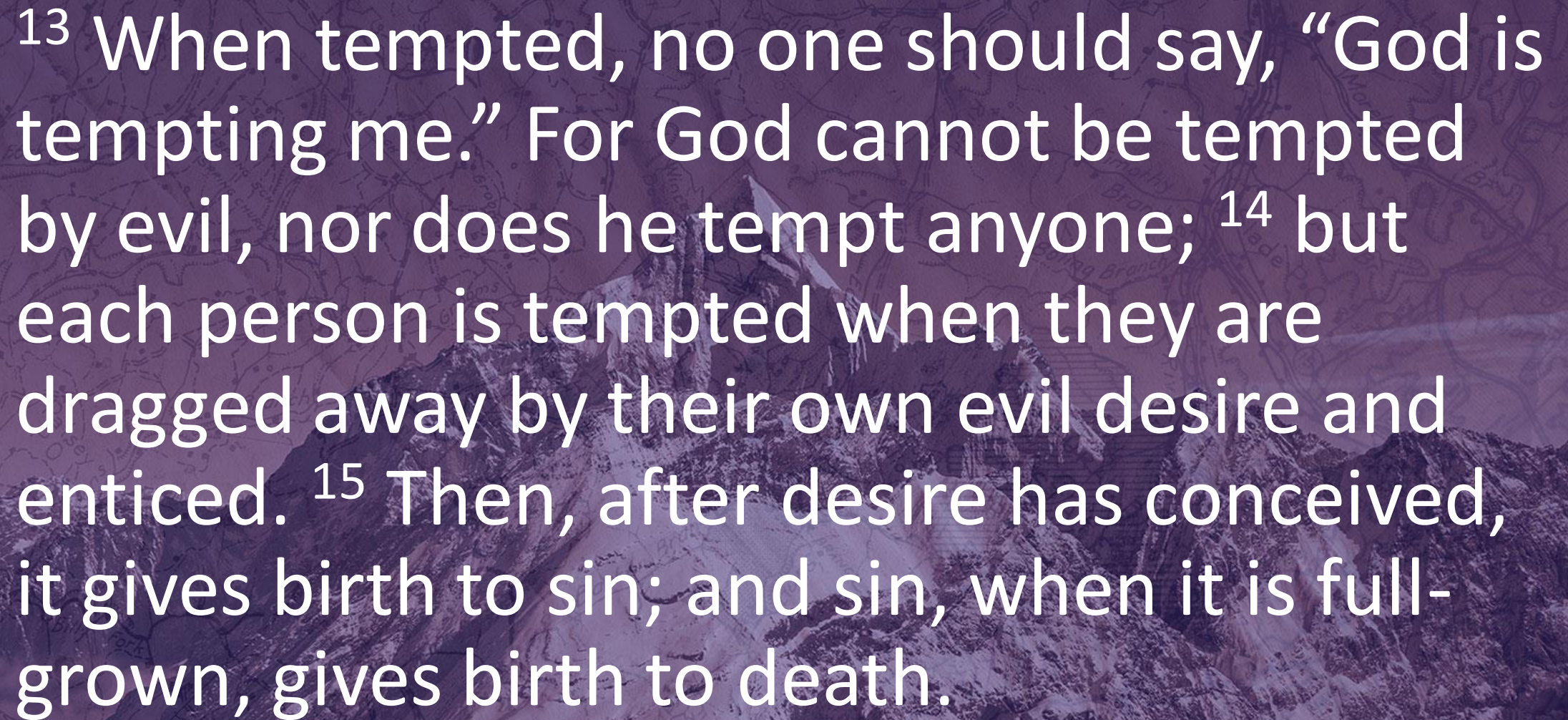
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KEY SOURCES:

Martin Luther, John Calvin,
Martyn Lloyd Jones, James Boice

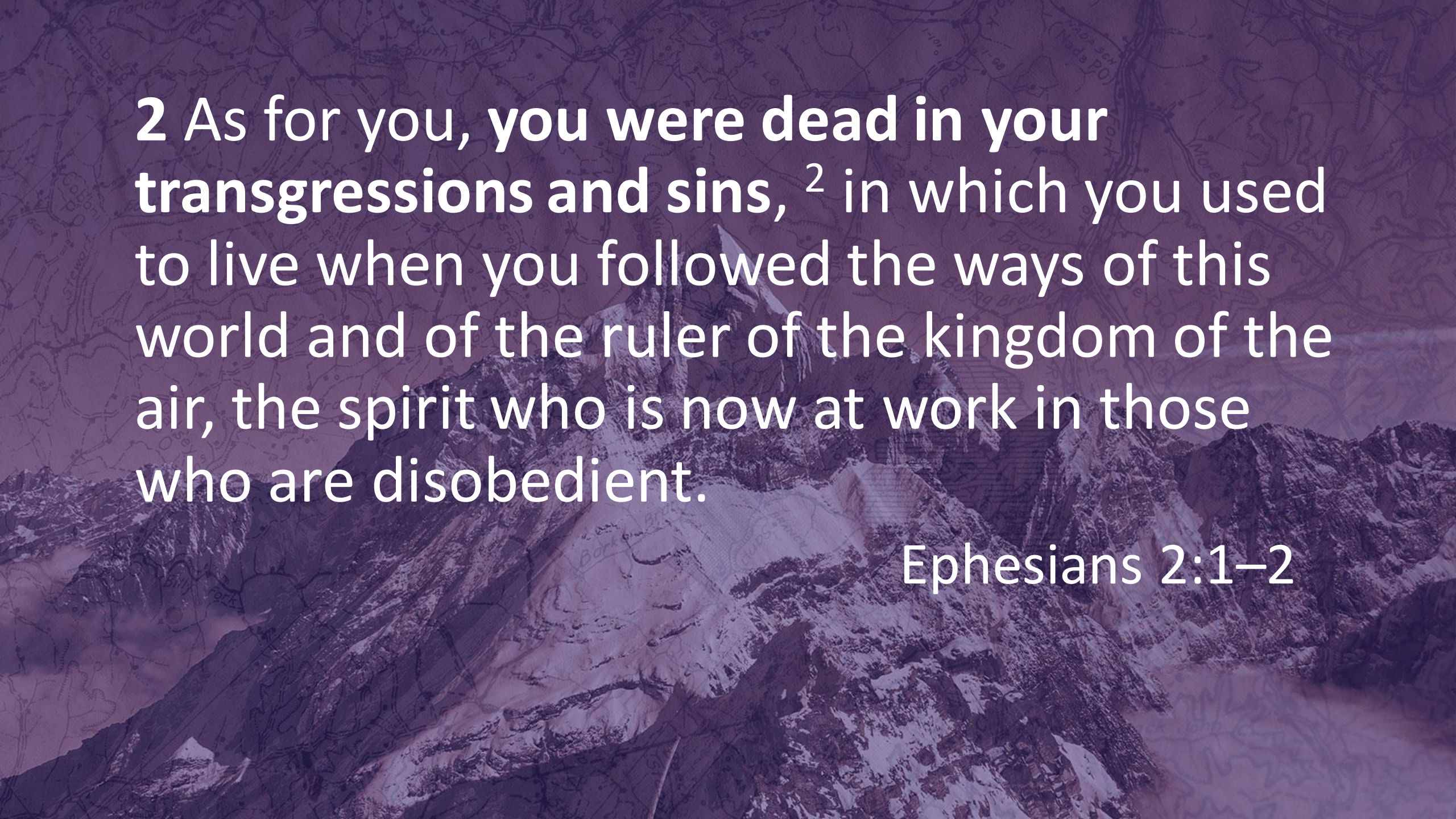


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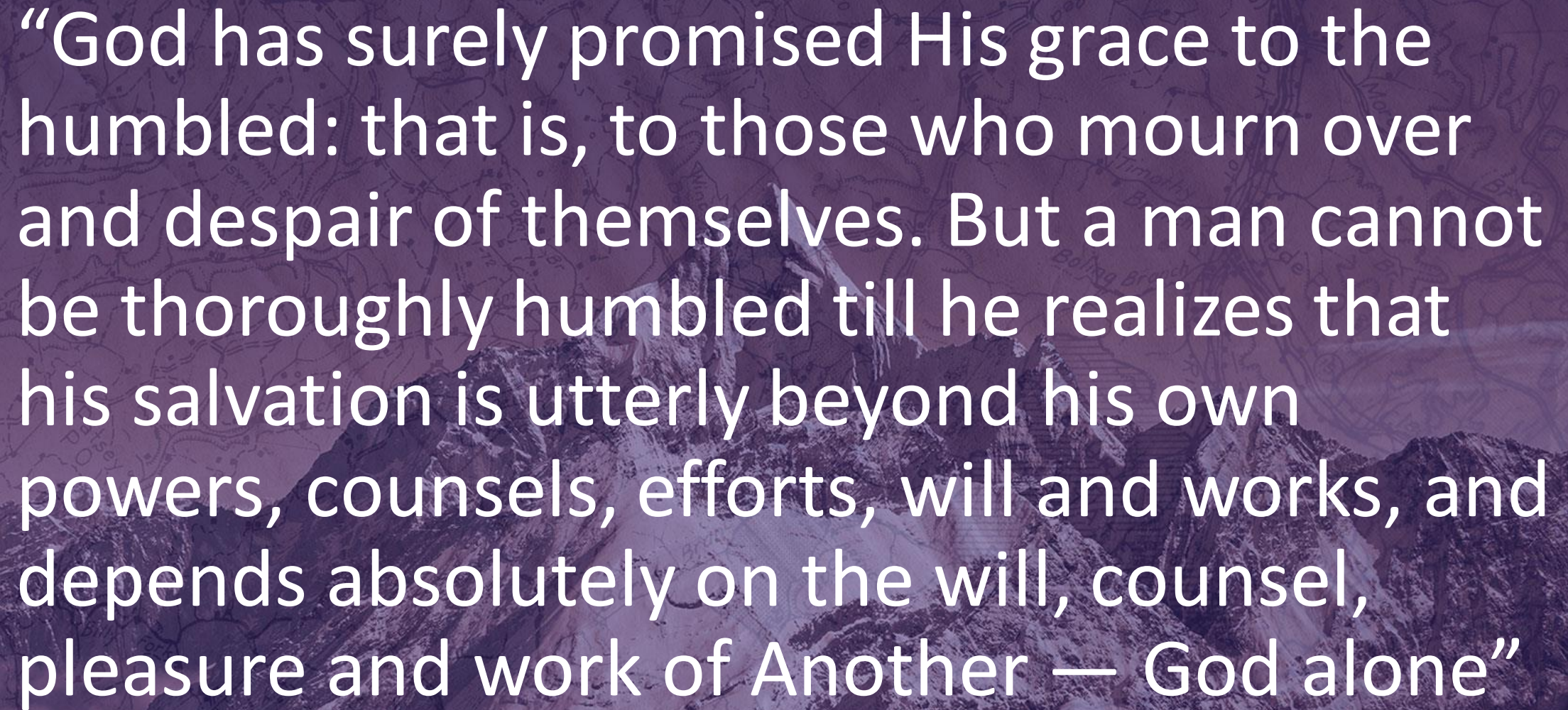
¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13–15



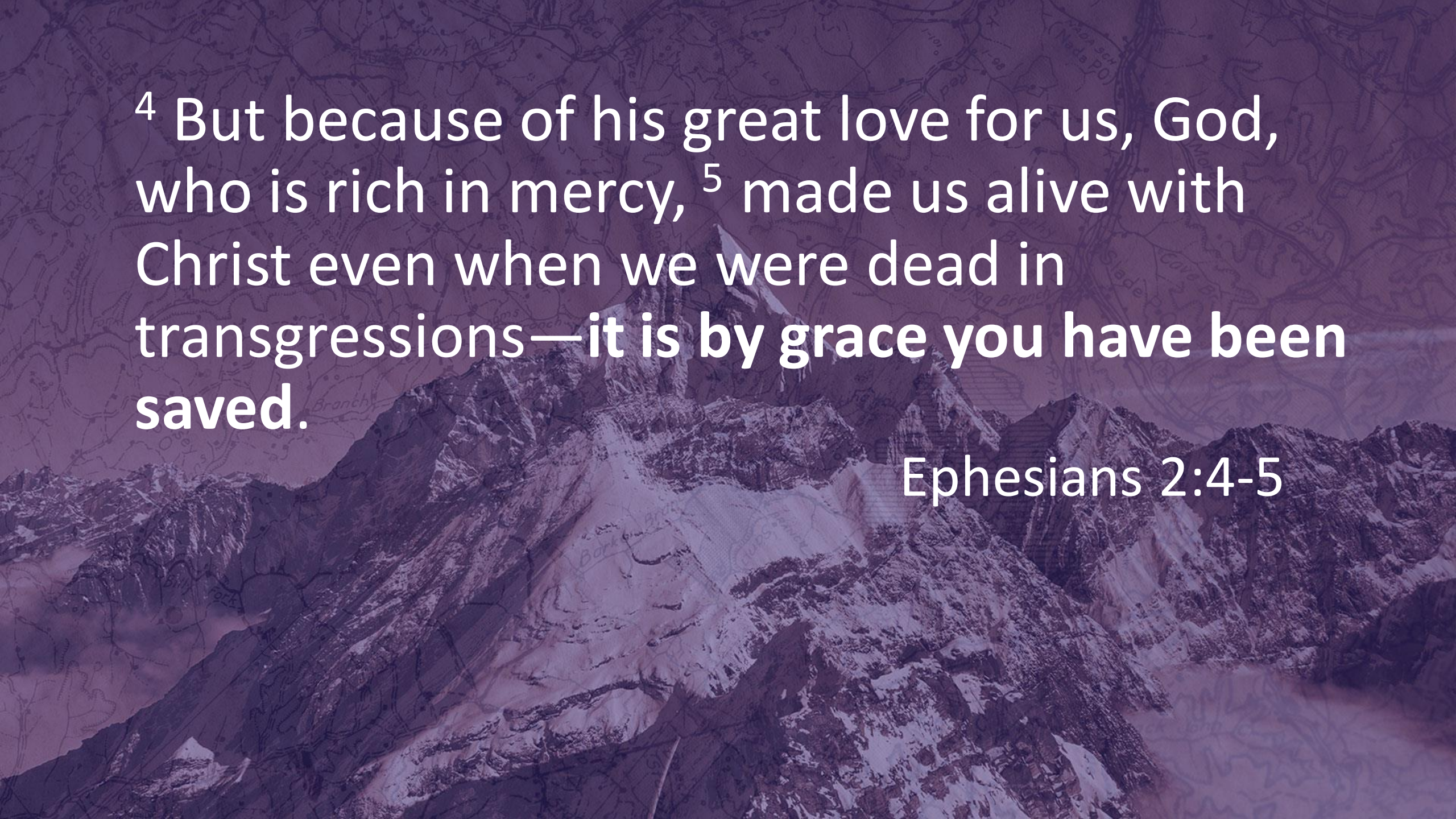
2 As for you, **you were dead in your transgressions and sins,** ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ephesians 2:1–2



“God has surely promised His grace to the humbled: that is, to those who mourn over and despair of themselves. But a man cannot be thoroughly humbled till he realizes that his salvation is utterly beyond his own powers, counsels, efforts, will and works, and depends absolutely on the will, counsel, pleasure and work of Another — God alone”

Martin Luther - *The Bondage of the Will*



⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is **by grace you have been saved.**

Ephesians 2:4-5

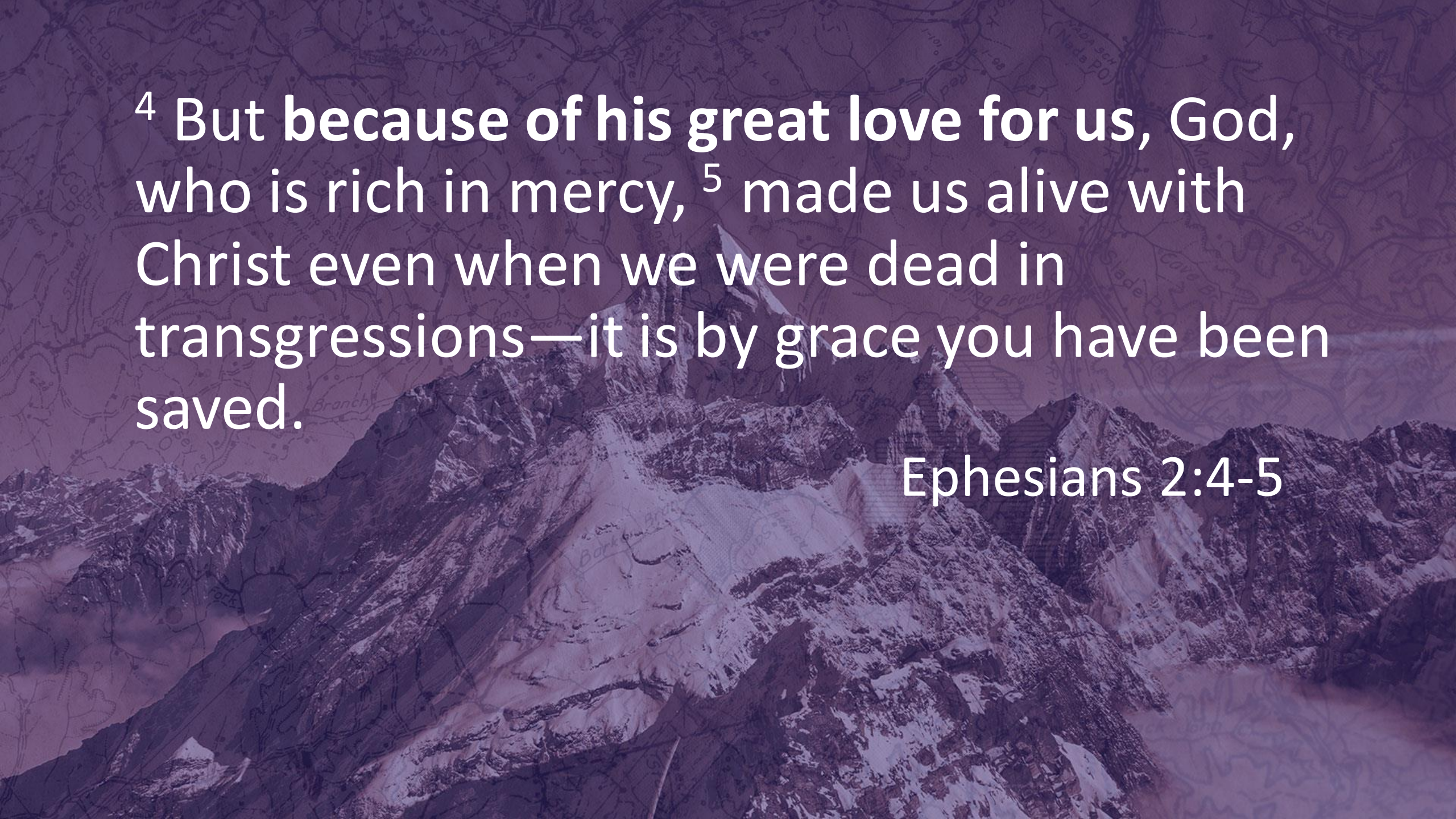


Ephesians 1

4-6 Chosen before the foundation of the world

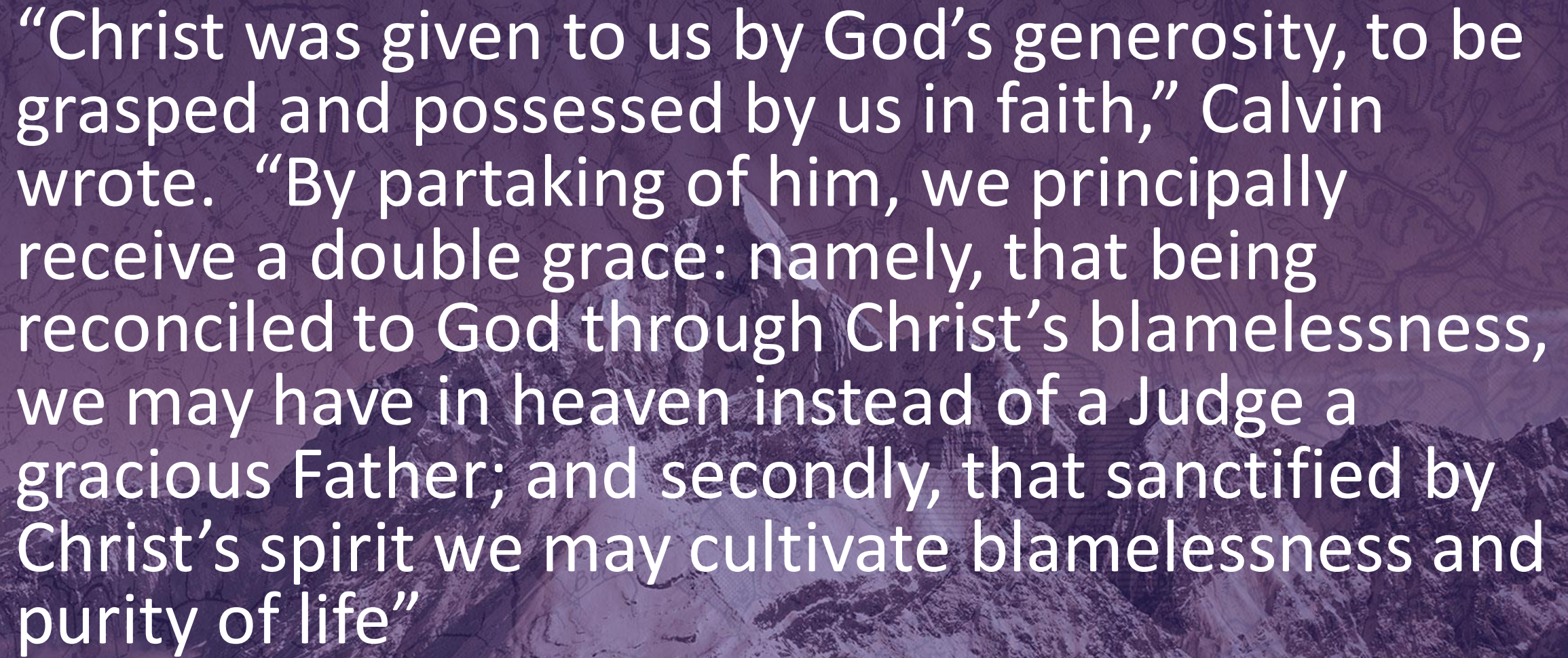
7-8 Redeemed by the blood of Jesus

11-14 Called & Sealed by the Holy Spirit

The background is a dark purple gradient with a faint topographic map overlay. The map shows contour lines and some text labels like 'Schubert', 'Branch', 'Glade', and 'Nada PO'. In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a mountain range with snow-capped peaks.

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“Christ was given to us by God’s generosity, to be grasped and possessed by us in faith,” Calvin wrote. “By partaking of him, we principally receive a double grace: namely, that being reconciled to God through Christ’s blamelessness, we may have in heaven instead of a Judge a gracious Father; and secondly, that sanctified by Christ’s spirit we may cultivate blamelessness and purity of life”

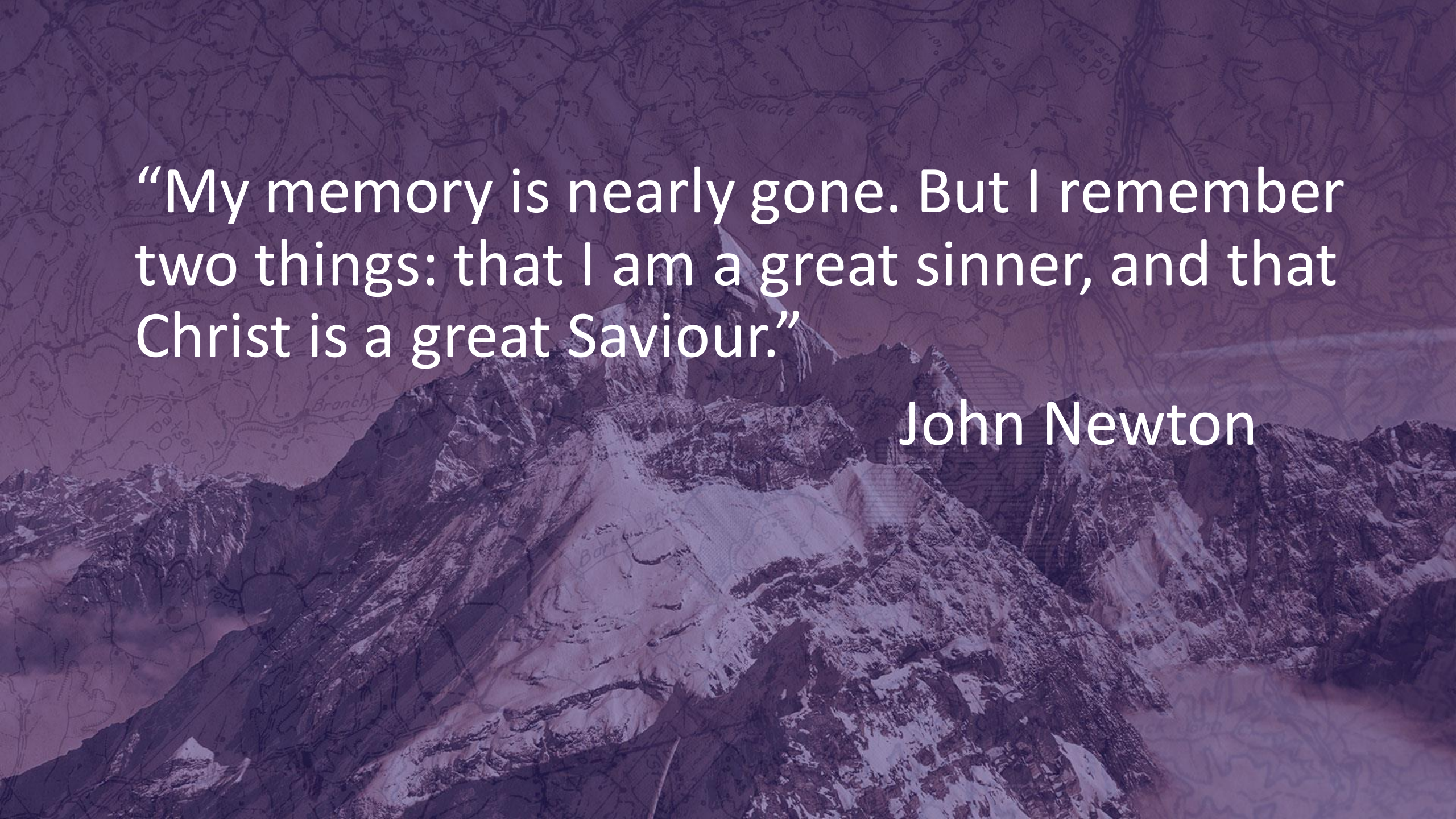
John Calvin, *Institutes* 3.11.1

The background features a majestic mountain range with rugged peaks and patches of snow. A semi-transparent topographic map is overlaid on the scene, showing contour lines and various geographical labels such as 'Glodie Branch', 'Daisey', and 'Branch'. The overall color palette is a muted, dark purple and blue, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10





“My memory is nearly gone. But I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour.”

John Newton

