



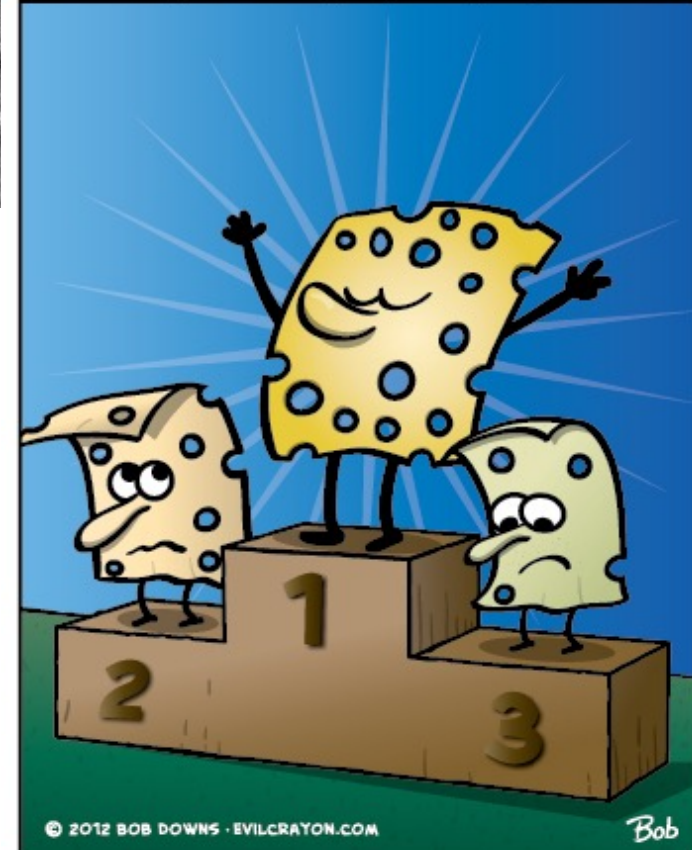
SEEKING

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EXPERIENCING THE JOY
OF PERSONAL REVIVAL



"HOLIER THAN THOU"





*Are we progressing towards
Christlikeness, or holiness, in our life?*

*What's missing in our pursuit of
holiness?*

The Big Idea

*Holiness is not about adjusting to new rules;
it's about embracing a whole new life.*

Romans 6:15-16

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

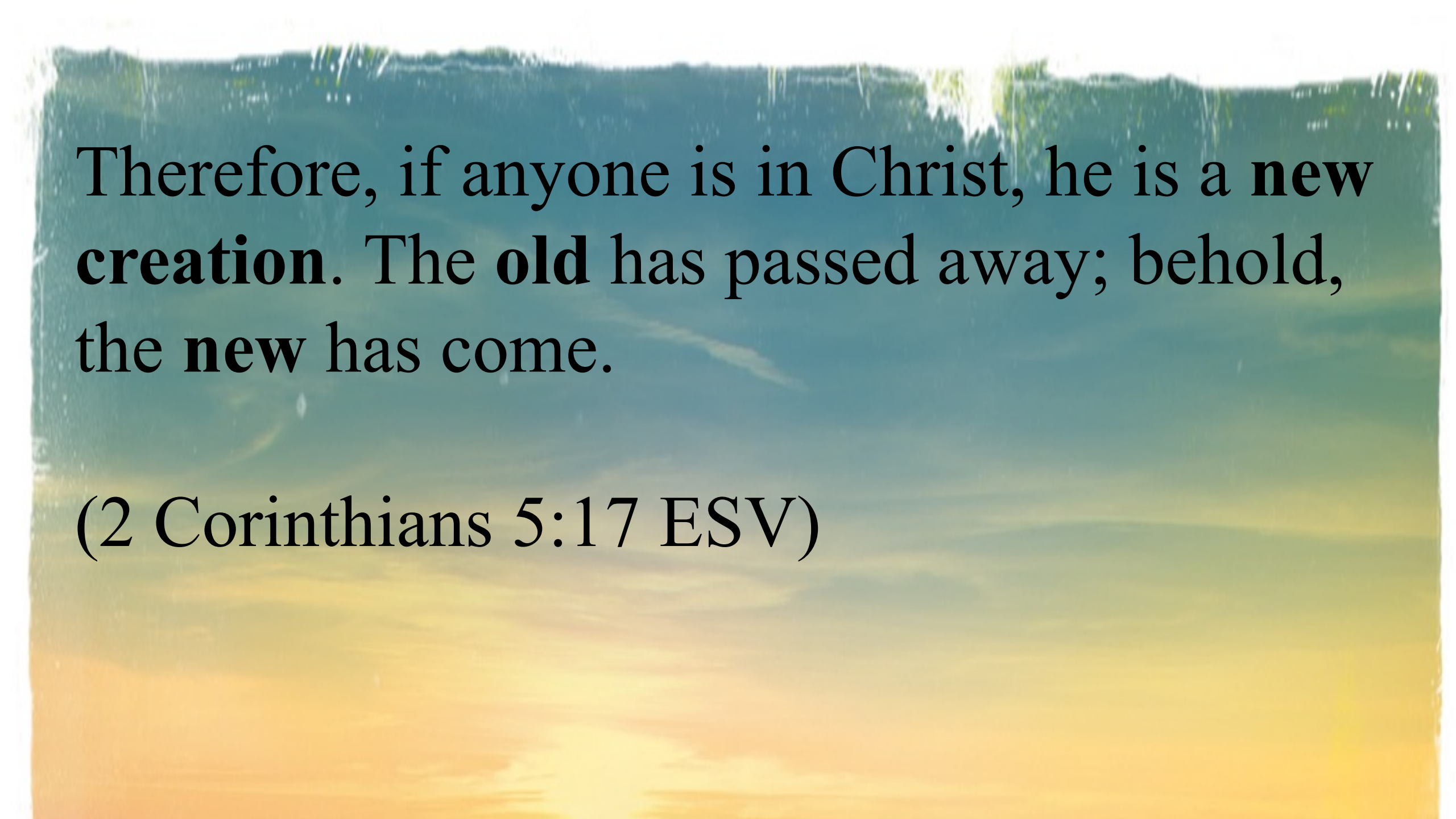


I. Genuine Holiness Begins with a New Identity

Romans 6:15-18

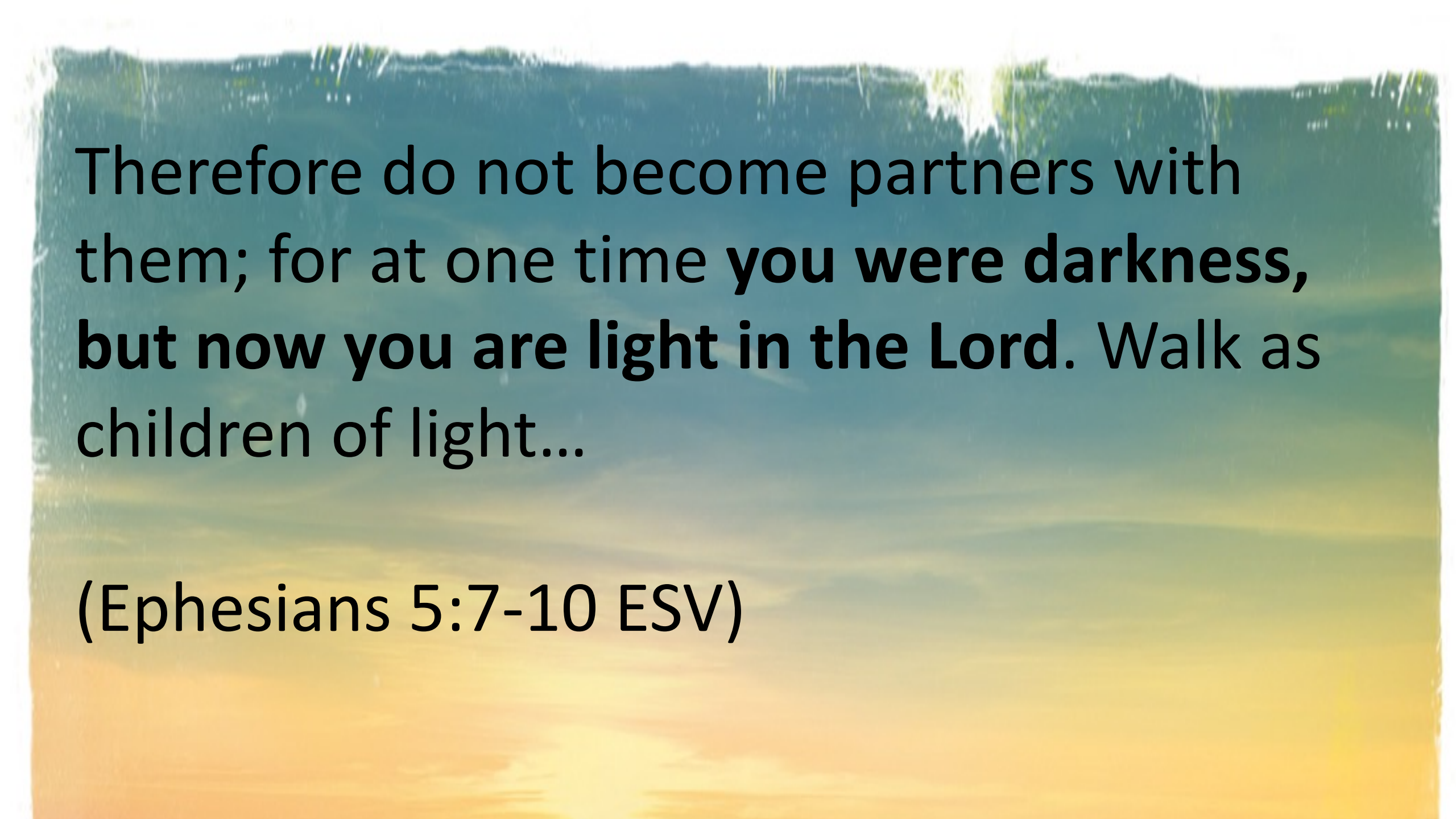
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But thanks be to God, that **you who were once slaves of sin** have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, **have become slaves of righteousness.**



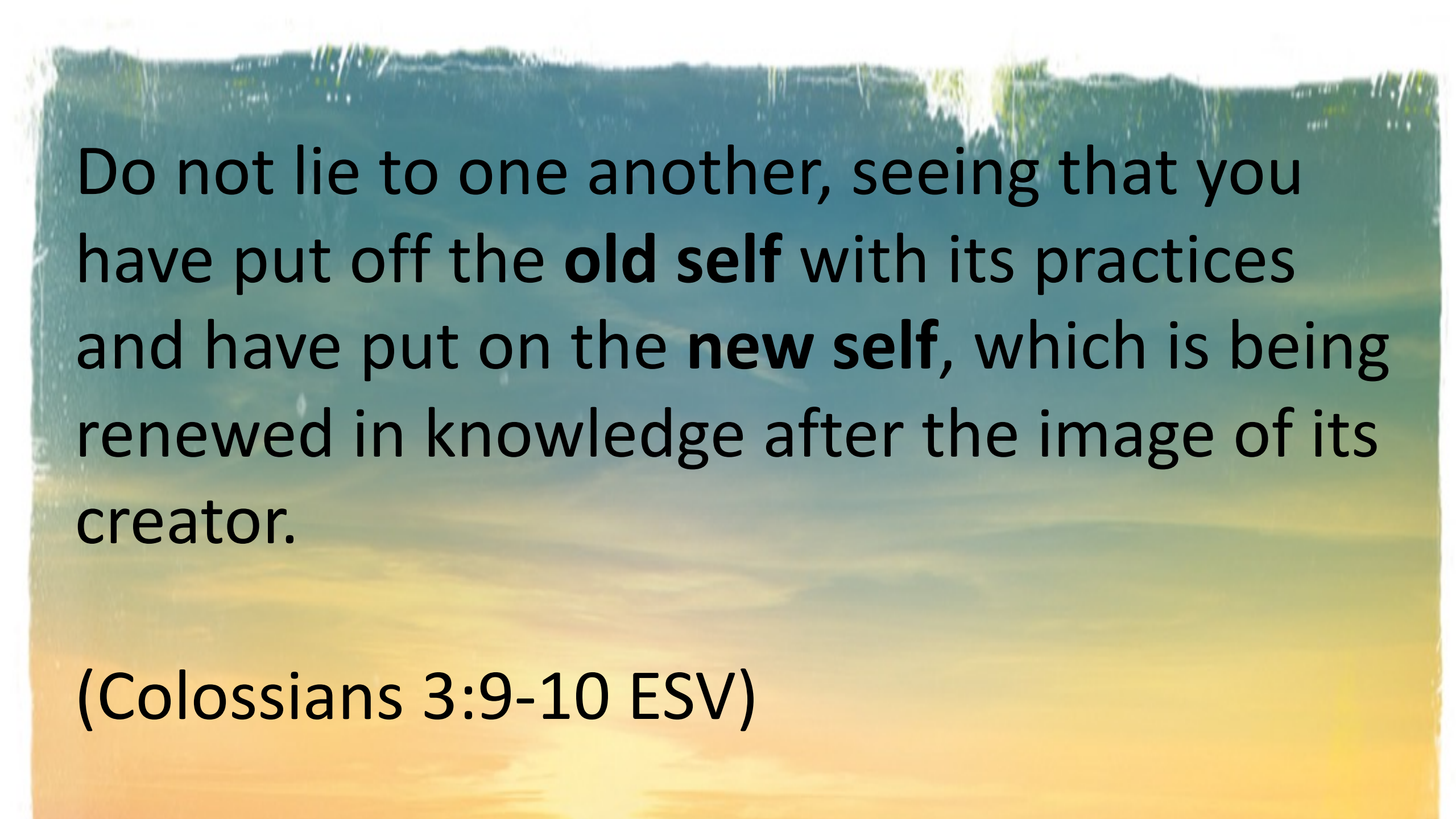
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The **old** has passed away; behold, the **new** has come.

(2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)



Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time **you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.** Walk as children of light...

(Ephesians 5:7-10 ESV)




Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the **old self** with its practices and have put on the **new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

(Colossians 3:9-10 ESV)

Key Principle

Holiness for the Christian is a growing expression of your true identity

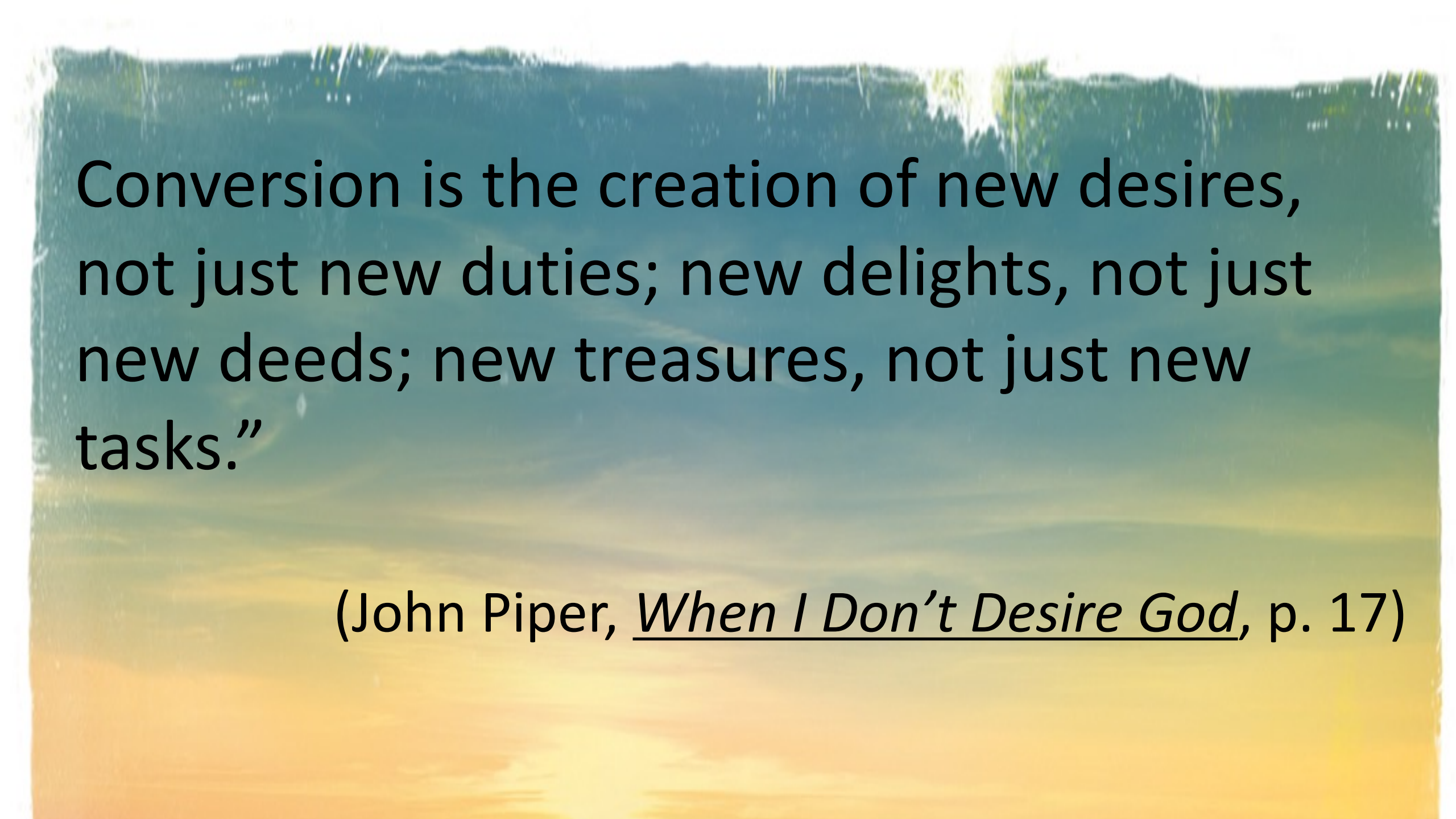


II. Genuine Holiness is Driven by New Affections

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“But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become **obedient from the heart** to the standard of teaching to which you were committed.”



Conversion is the creation of new desires,
not just new duties; new delights, not just
new deeds; new treasures, not just new
tasks.”

(John Piper, *When I Don't Desire God*, p. 17)

"Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak..."


(C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, 1-2)

"We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

(C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*, 1-2)

Key Principle

Holiness is an increasing desire for God and a decreasing desire for sin.



III. Genuine Holiness Requires a New Allegiance

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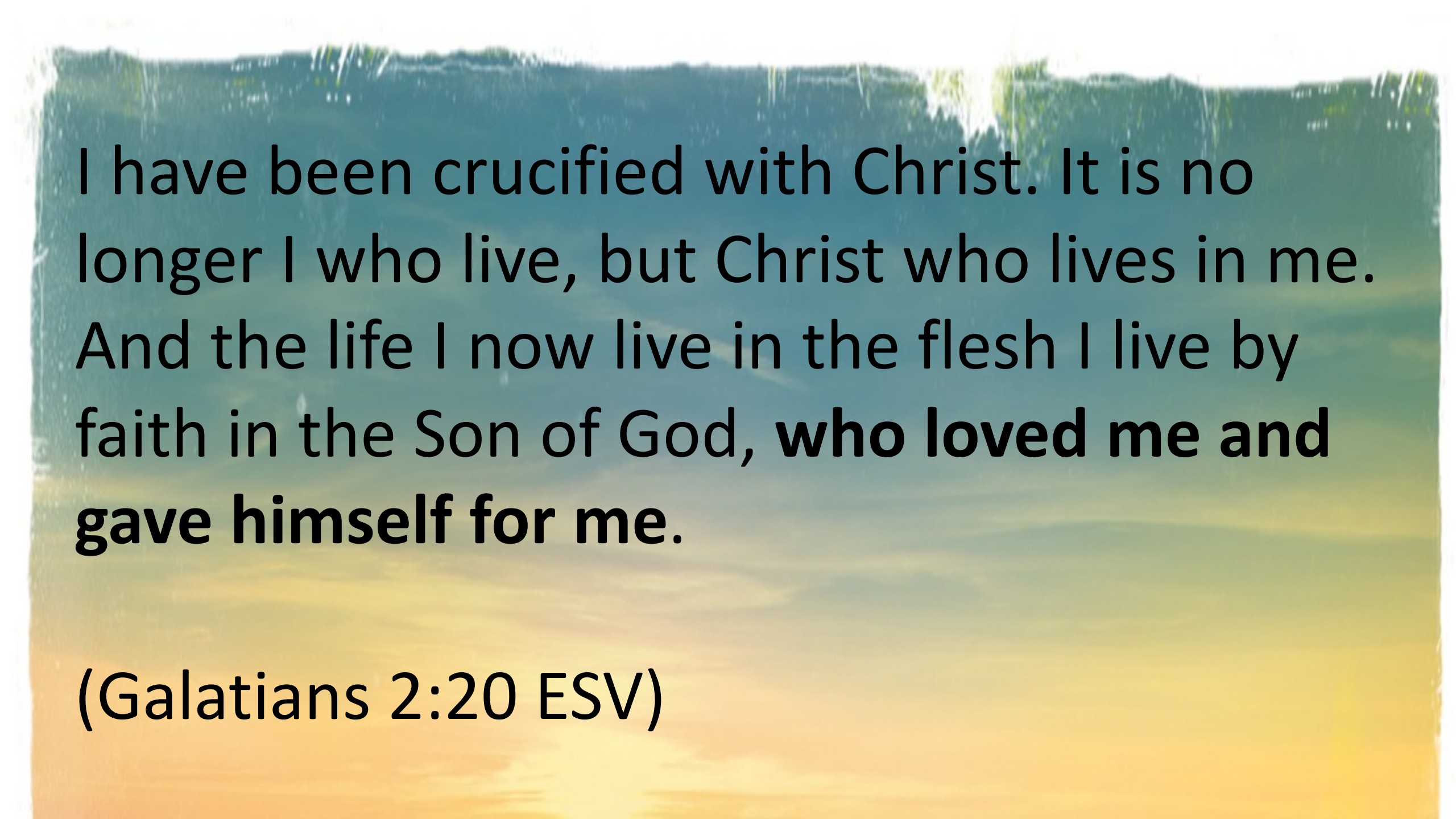
I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Romans 6:19-22

But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. **But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**

Flee from sexual immorality... Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

(1 Corinthians 6:18-20 ESV)



I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**

(Galatians 2:20 ESV)

Key Principle

Holiness is not allegiance to a rule book we admire, but to a Person who loves us.

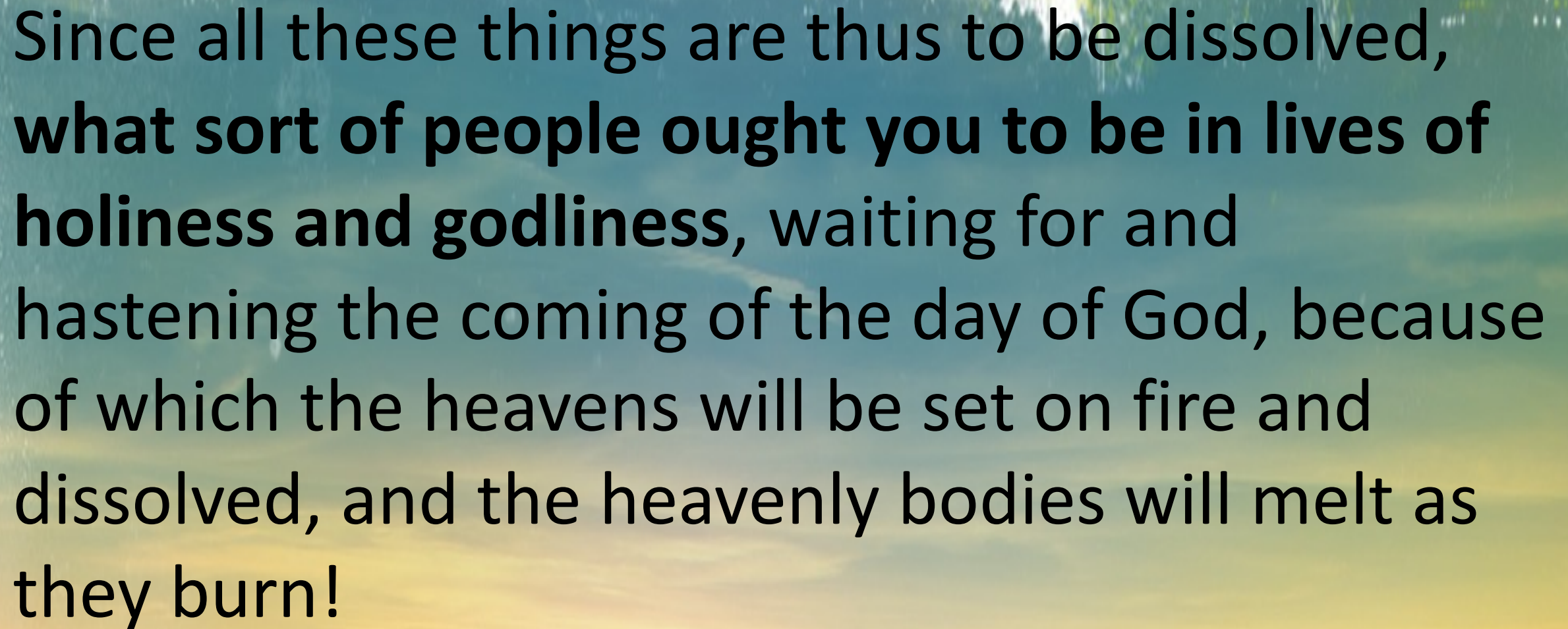


IV. Genuine Holiness is Inspired by a New Future

Romans 6:23

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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Since all these things are thus to be dissolved,
**what sort of people ought you to be in lives of
holiness and godliness,** waiting for and
hastening the coming of the day of God, because
of which the heavens will be set on fire and
dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as
they burn!

(2 Peter 3:11–12 ESV)

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:** sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

(Colossians 3:4–5 ESV)

Key Principle

Holiness is our future beginning to be fulfilled in the present

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Conclusion

Where is the “hole” in your holiness?

What truth gives you hope for change?