

A SERIES IN

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OUR IDENTITY, CALLING, & CONDUCT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST





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Ephesians 1:1–6





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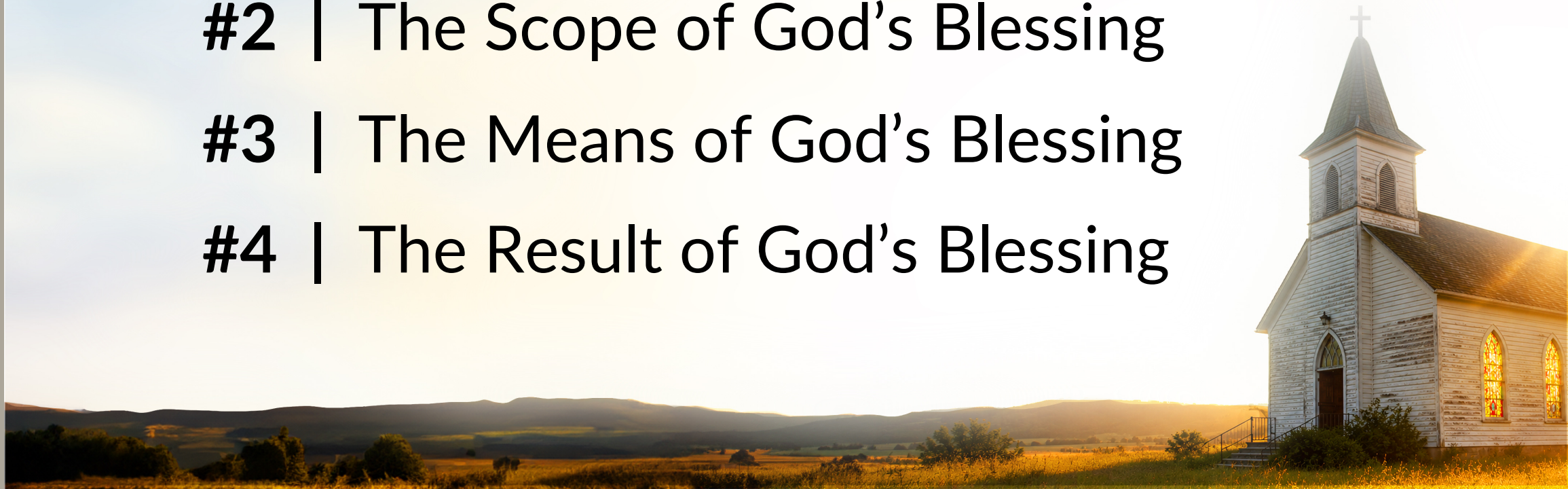
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#1 | The Scale of God's Blessing

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The Letter to the Ephesians





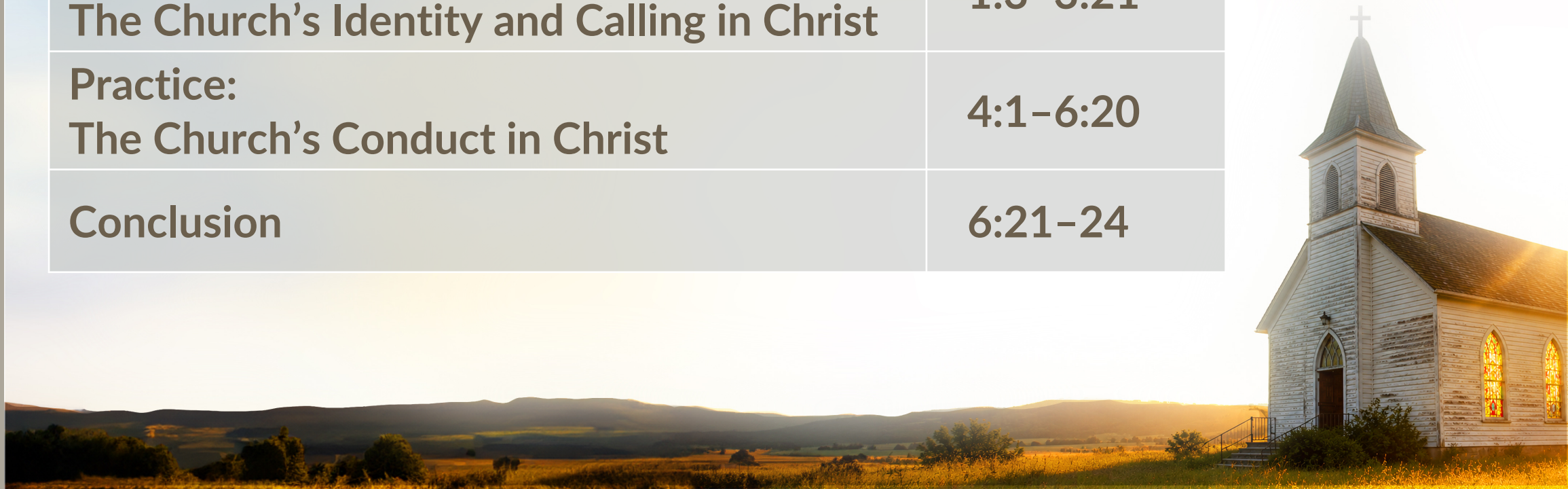
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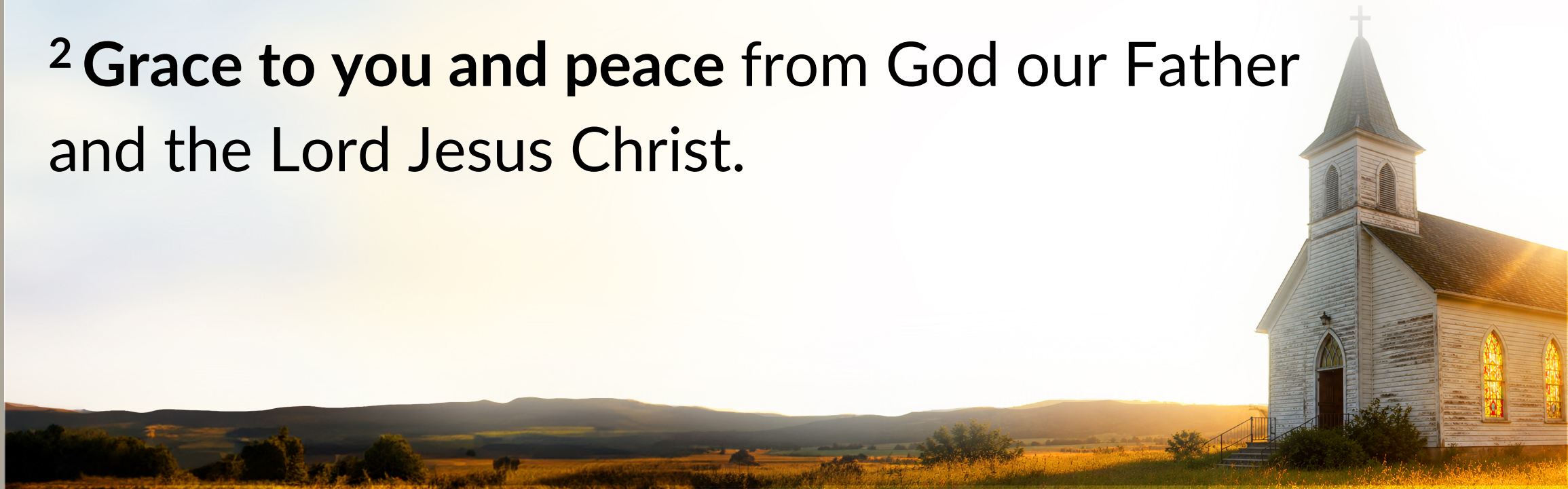


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EPHESIANS 1:1–2

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

² **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



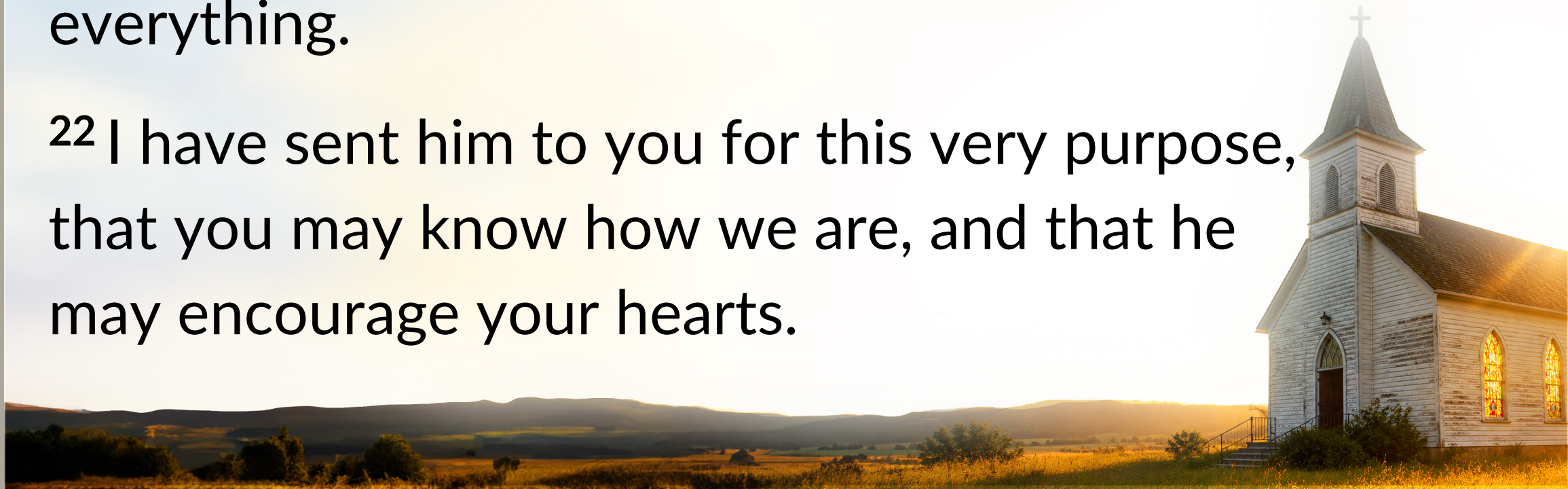


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EPHESIANS 6:21–22

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.

²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.





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EPHESIANS 6:23–24

²³ **Peace** be to the brothers, and love with faith,
from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

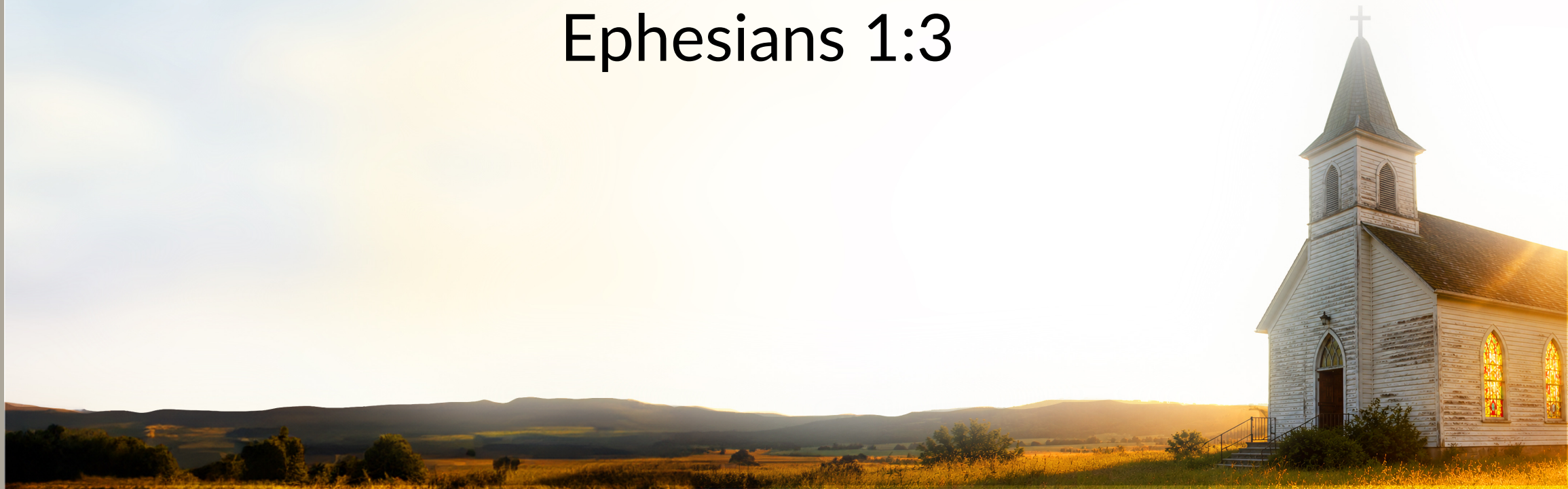
²⁴ **Grace** be with all who love our Lord Jesus
Christ with love incorruptible.





#1 | THE SCALE OF GOD'S BLESSING

Ephesians 1:3

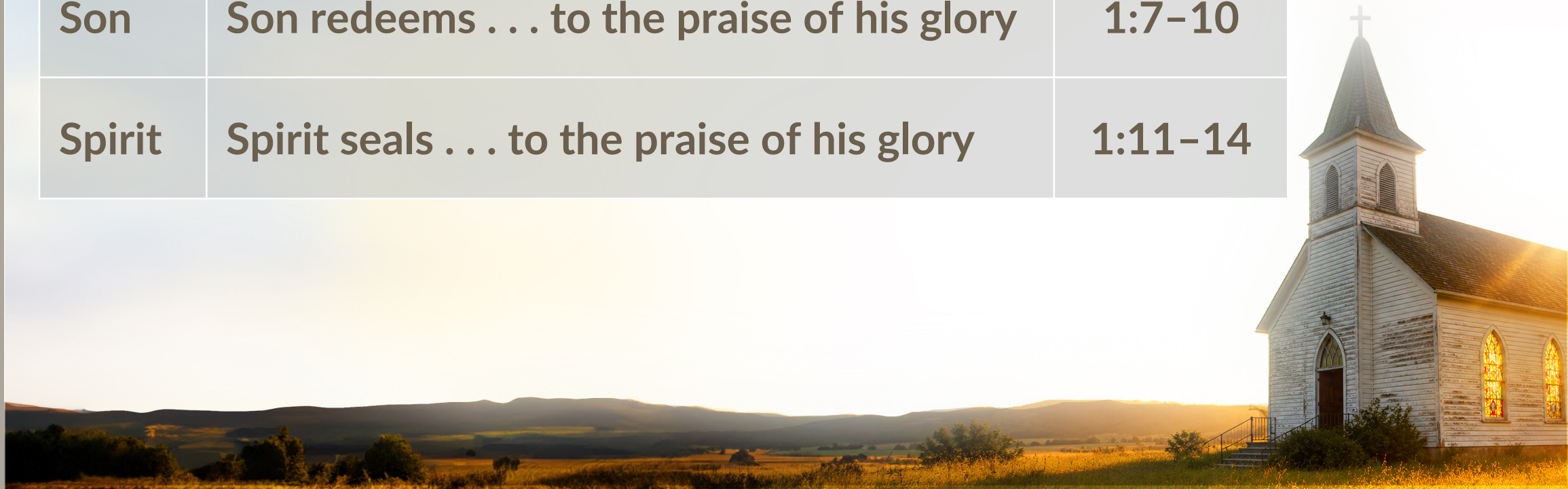




THE SCALE OF GOD'S BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:3–14

Trinity	Summary	Passage
Father	Father chooses . . . to the praise of his glorious grace	1:3–6
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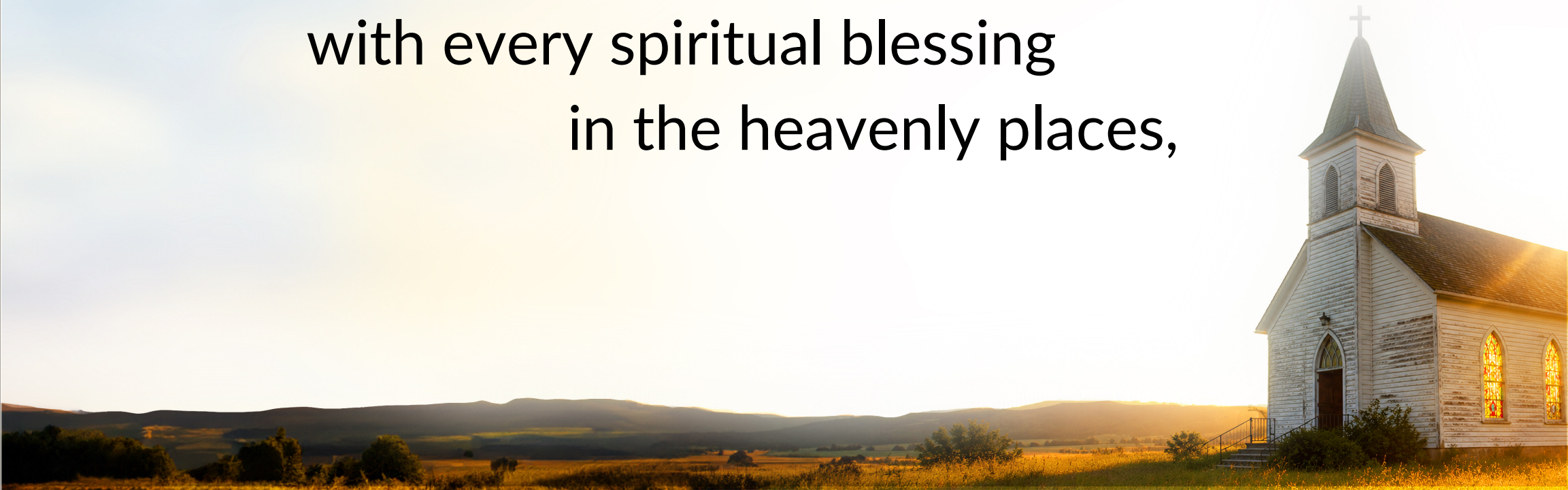




THE SCALE OF GOD'S BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:3

³ **Blessed** be [is]
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has **blessed us** in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,



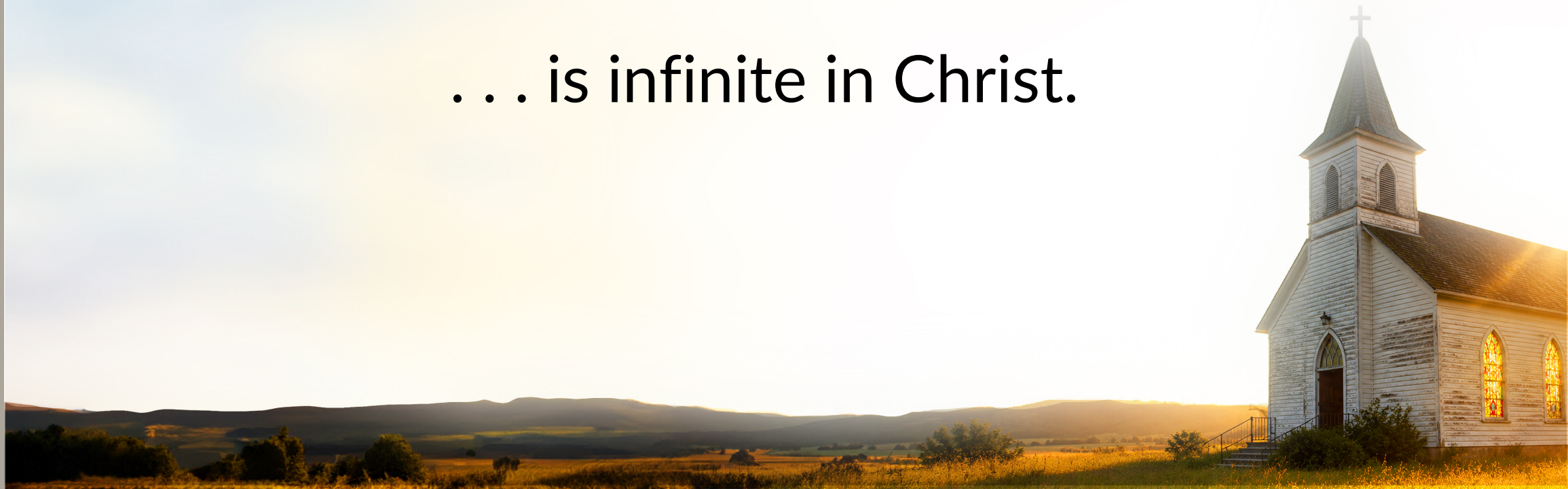


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THE SCALE OF GOD'S BLESSING

... is infinite in Christ.





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Ephesians 1:3





#2 | THE SCOPE OF GOD'S BLESSING

Ephesians 1:4

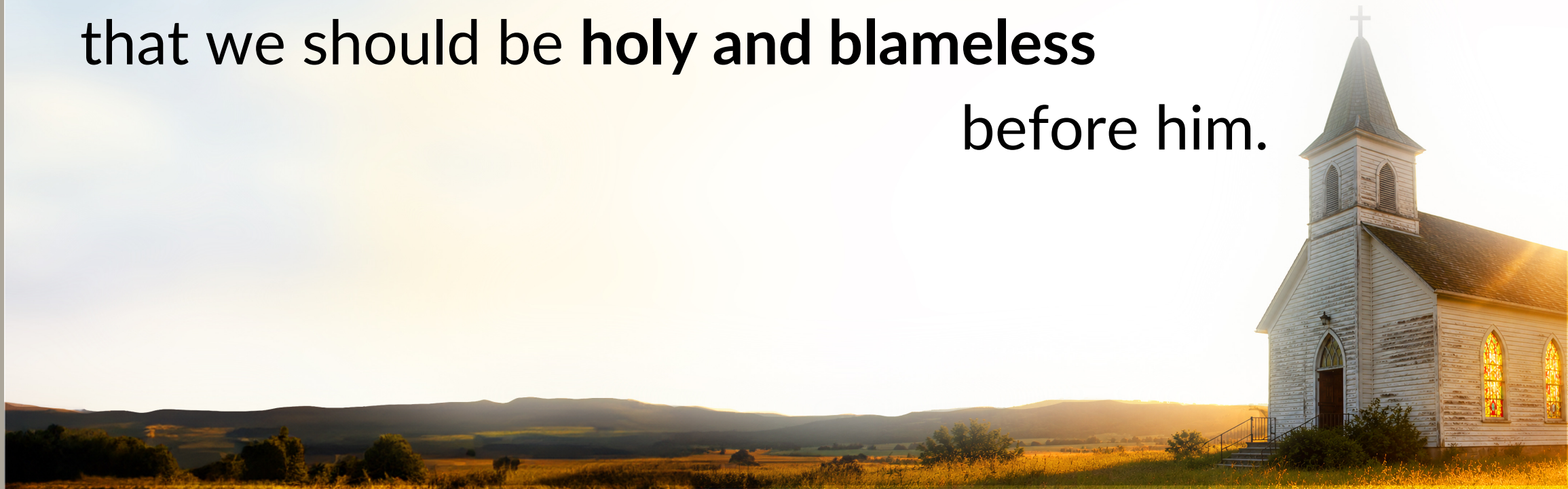




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EPHESIANS 1:4

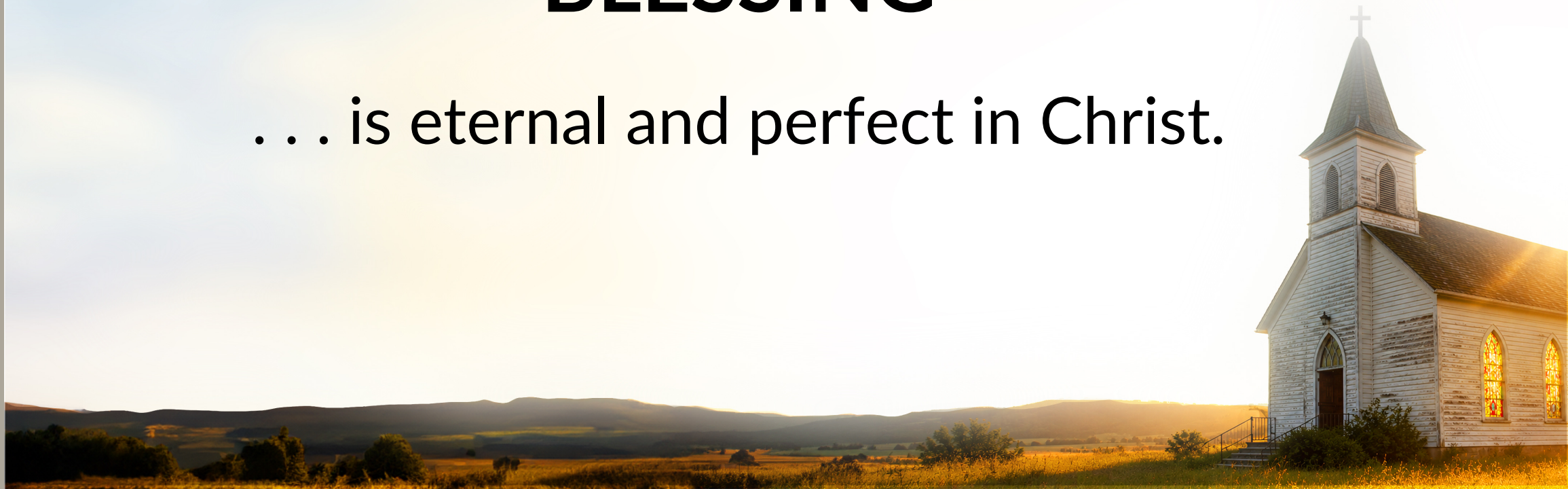
⁴ even as **he chose us**
in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be **holy and blameless**
before him.





THE SCOPE OF GOD'S BLESSING

... is eternal and perfect in Christ.





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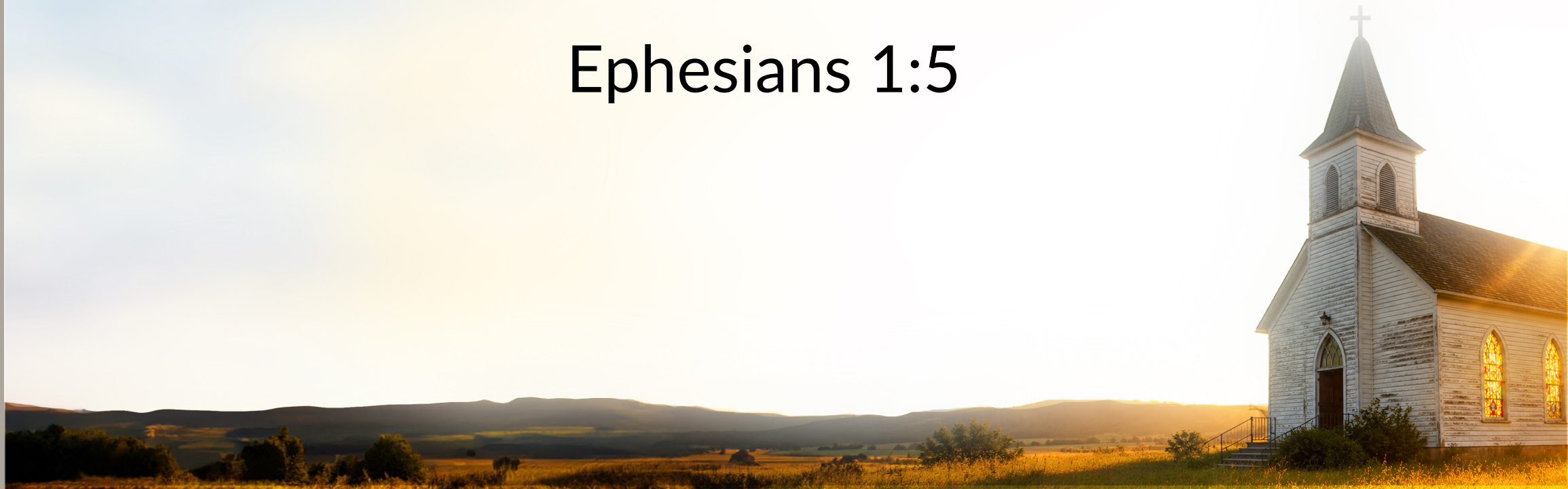
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#3 | THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

Ephesians 1:5

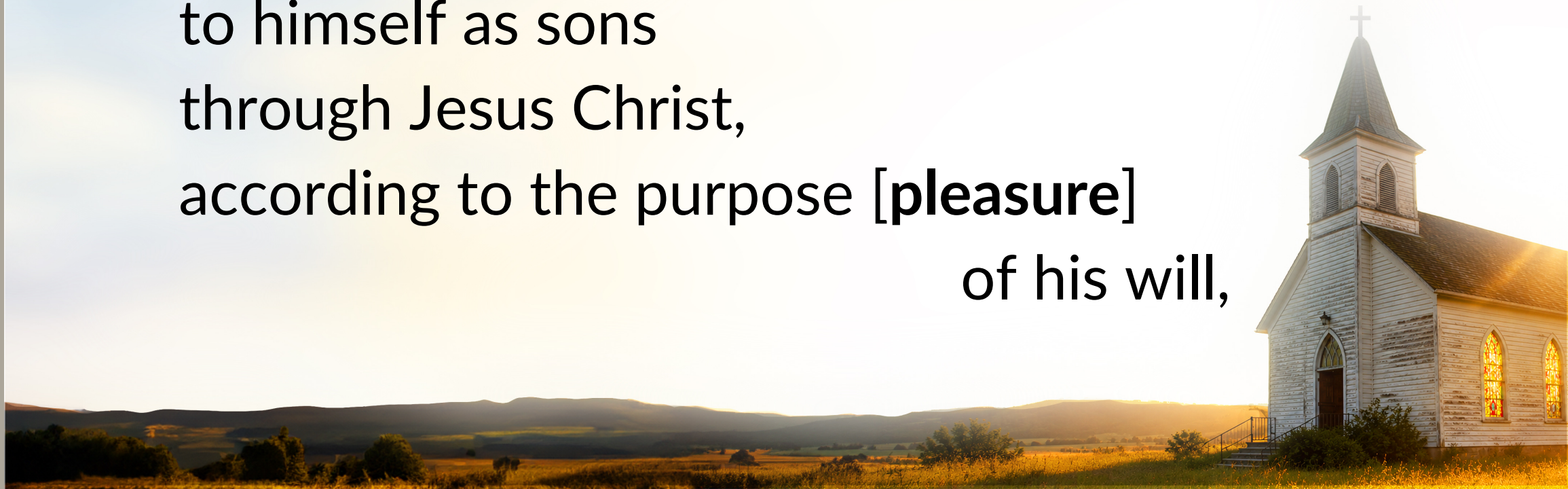




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:5

In love
⁵ he **predestined** us
for adoption
to himself as sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose [**pleasure**]
of his will,

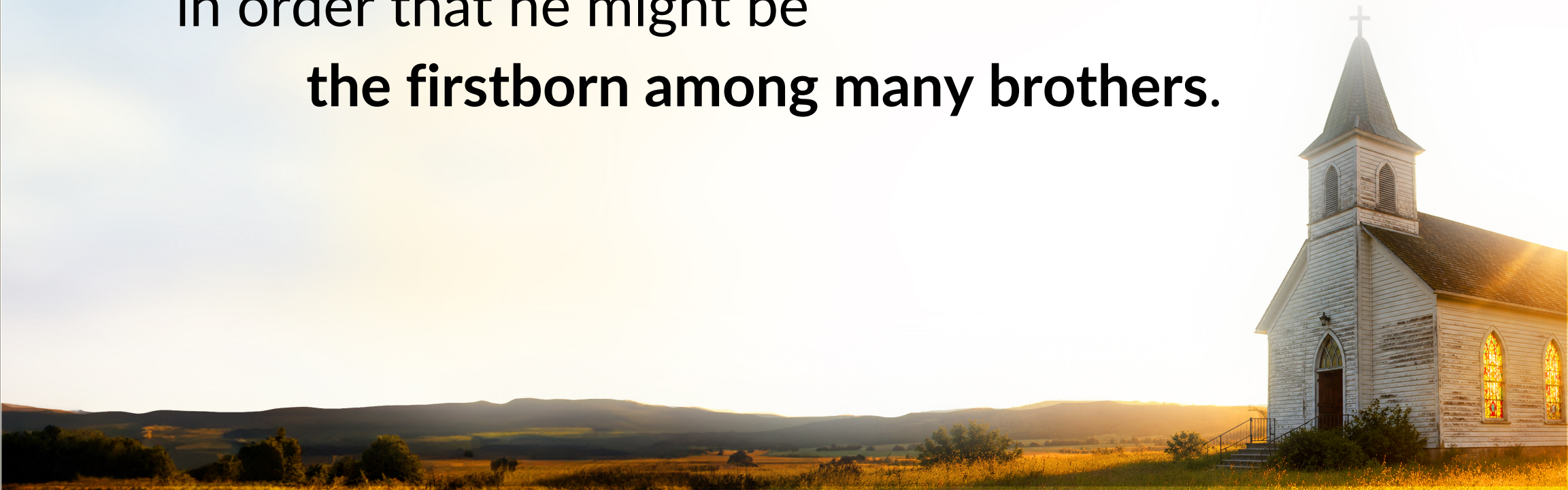




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 8:29

²⁹ For those whom **he foreknew**
he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be
the firstborn among many brothers.

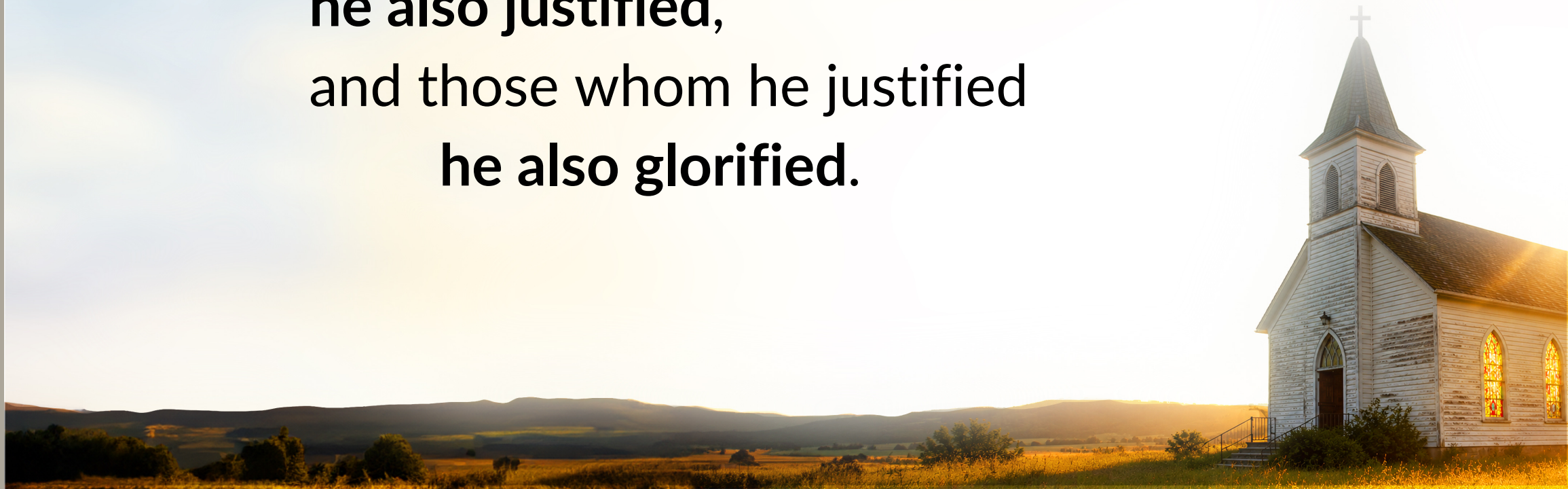




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 8:30

³⁰ And those whom he predestined
 he also called,
and those whom he called
 he also justified,
and those whom he justified
 he also glorified.



THE CHAIN OF ROMANS 8:29–30

God's unbreakable purpose for His people.

1. FOREKNEW



God knew you
before the foundation
of the world.

ROMANS 8:29

2. PREDESTINED



God determined
your future to be
conformed to the
image of His Son.

ROMANS 8:29

3. CALLED



God calls you
effectively into
His family.

ROMANS 8:30

4. JUSTIFIED



God declares you
righteous because
of Christ.

ROMANS 8:30

5. GLORIFIED



God will glorify you
with the fullness of
His glory.

ROMANS 8:30



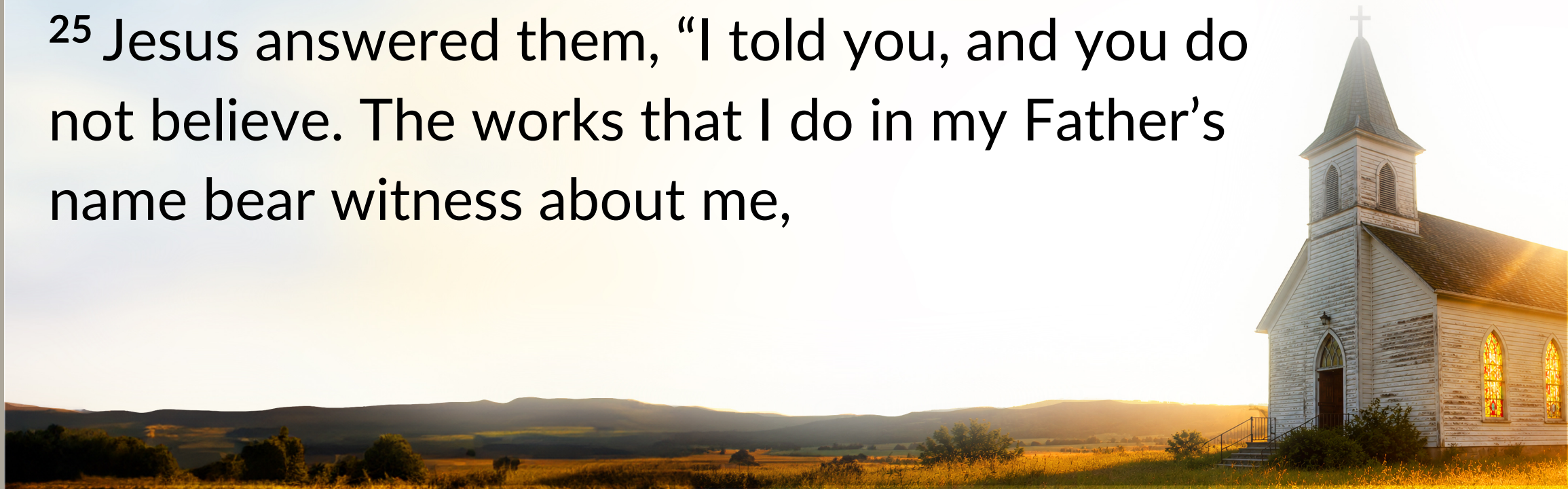


THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

JOHN 10:24–25

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me,





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

JOHN 10:26–27

²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

JOHN 10:16

¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:14–16

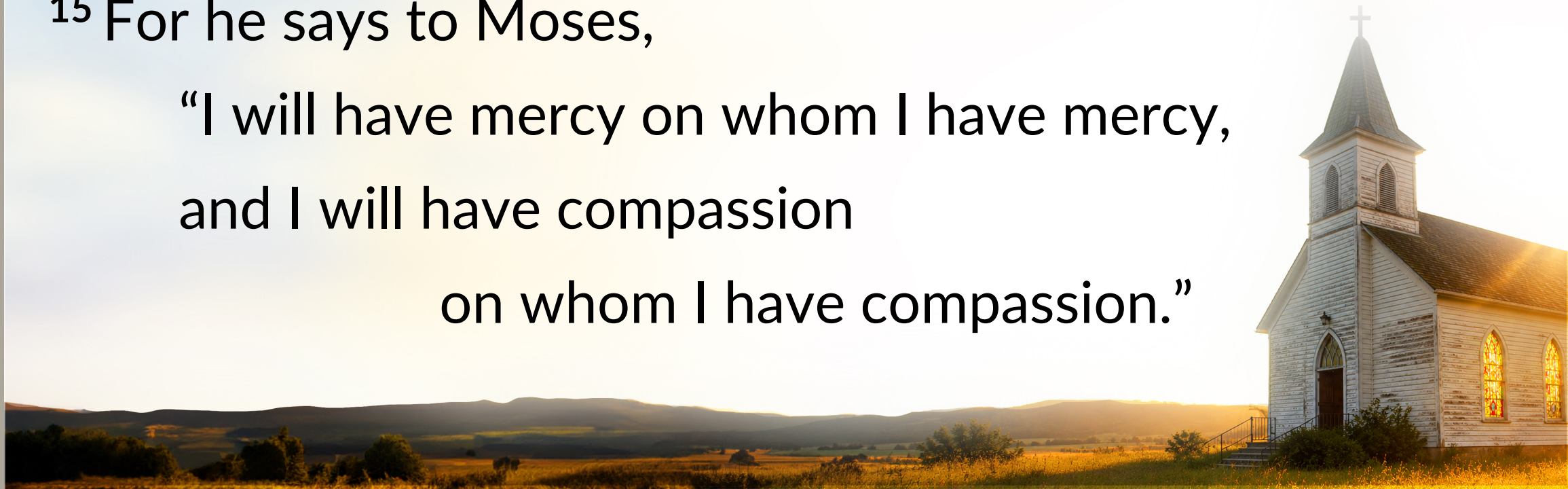
¹⁴ What shall we say then?

Is there injustice on God's part?

By no means!

¹⁵ For he says to Moses,

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion
on whom I have compassion.”





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:14–16

¹⁶ So then **it depends**
not on human will or exertion,
but on **God, who has mercy.**

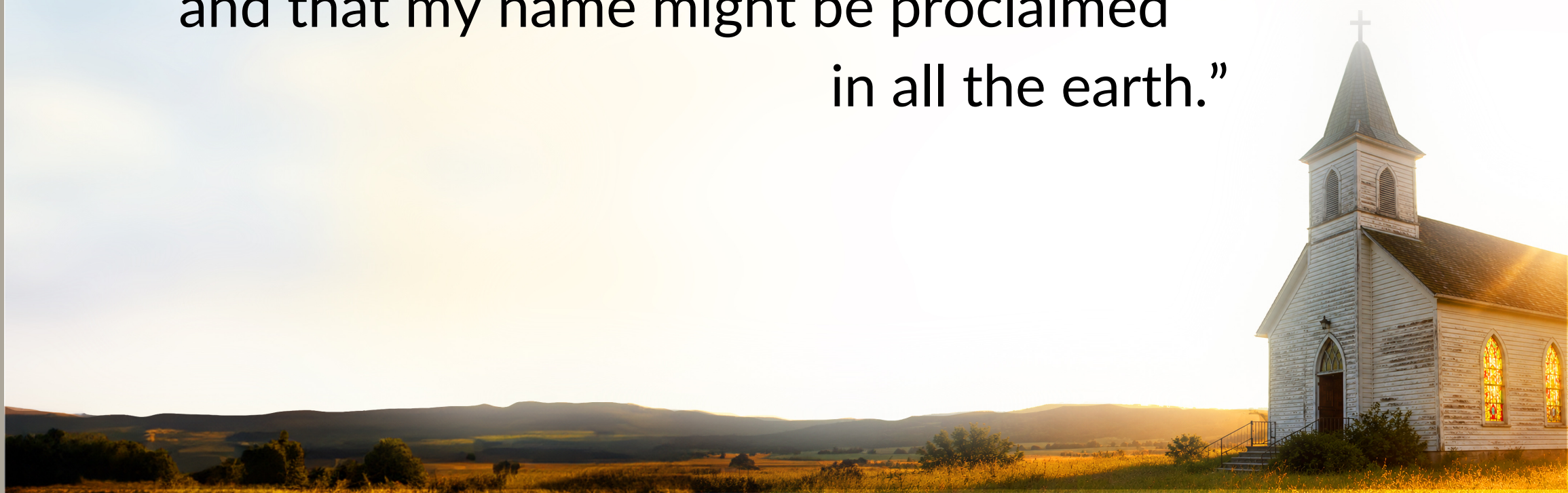




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:17–18

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh,
“For this very purpose I have raised you up,
that I might show my power in you,
and that my name might be proclaimed
in all the earth.”





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:17–18

¹⁸ So then

he has mercy on *whomever he wills*,
and he hardens *whomever he wills*.





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:19

¹⁹ You will say to me then,
 **“Why does he still find fault?
 For who can resist his will?”**





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:20–21

²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?

Will what is molded say to its molder,

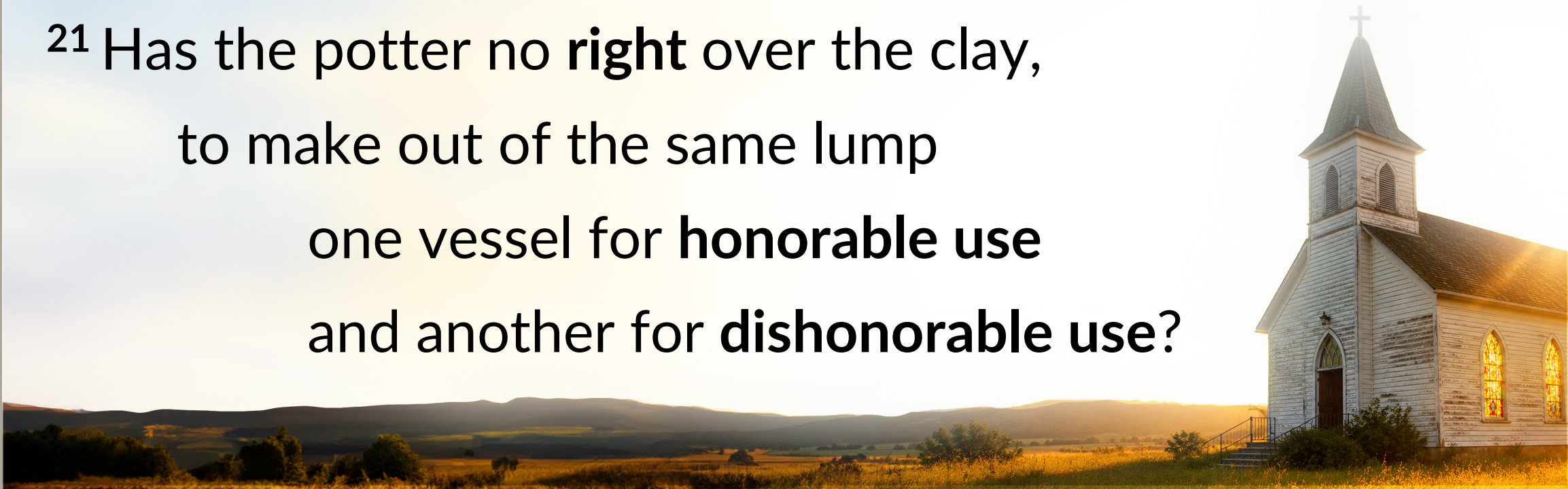
“Why have you made me like this?”

²¹ Has the potter no **right** over the clay,

to make out of the same lump

one vessel for **honorable use**

and another for **dishonorable use**?

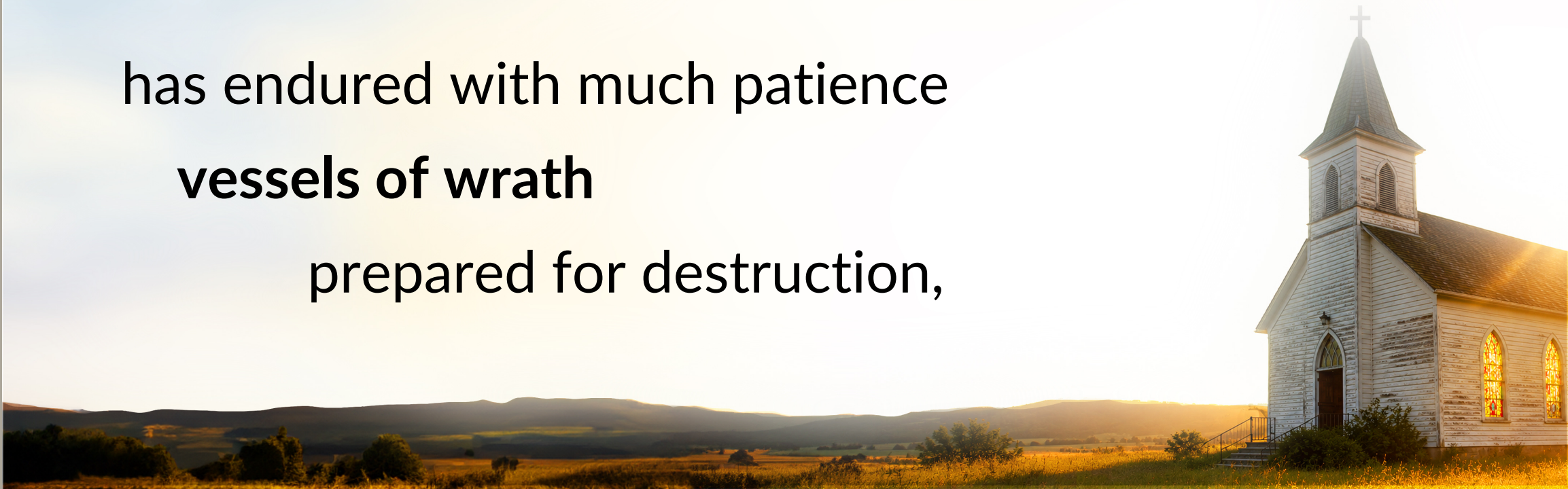




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:21–22

²² What if God,
desiring to show his wrath
and to make known his power,
has endured with much patience
vessels of wrath
prepared for destruction,

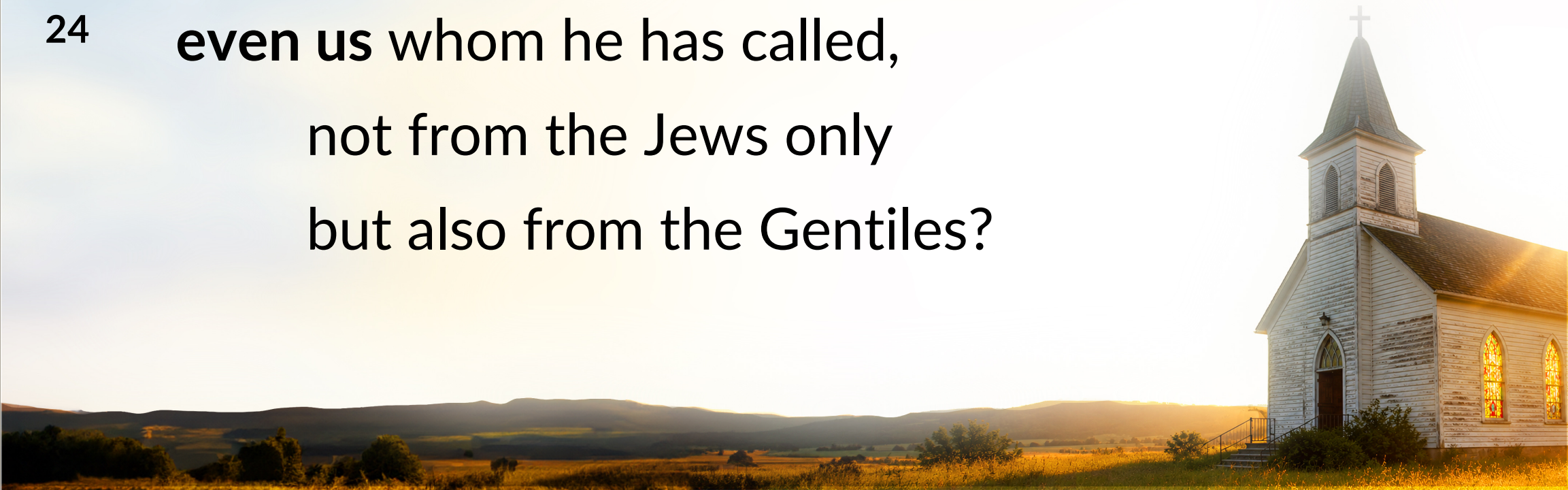




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

ROMANS 9:23–24

²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory
for vessels of mercy,
which he has prepared beforehand for glory—
²⁴ even us whom he has called,
not from the Jews only
but also from the Gentiles?





COMPATIBILISM

– D. A. Carson

God is absolutely sovereign,
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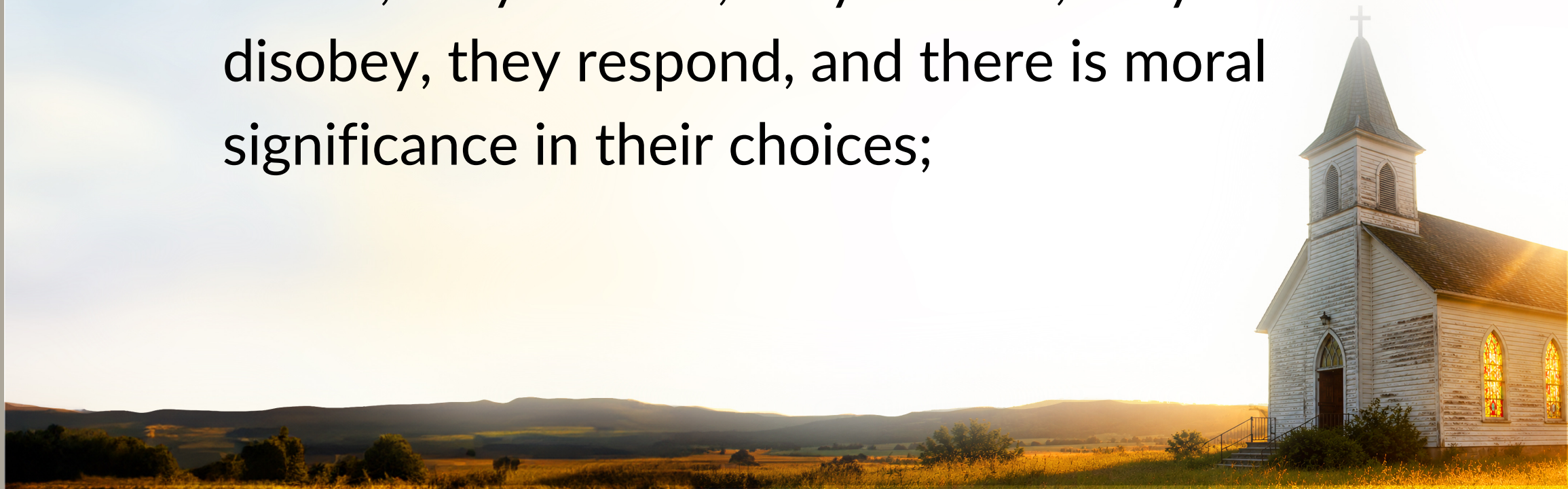


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that is, they choose, they believe, they disobey, they respond, and there is moral significance in their choices;



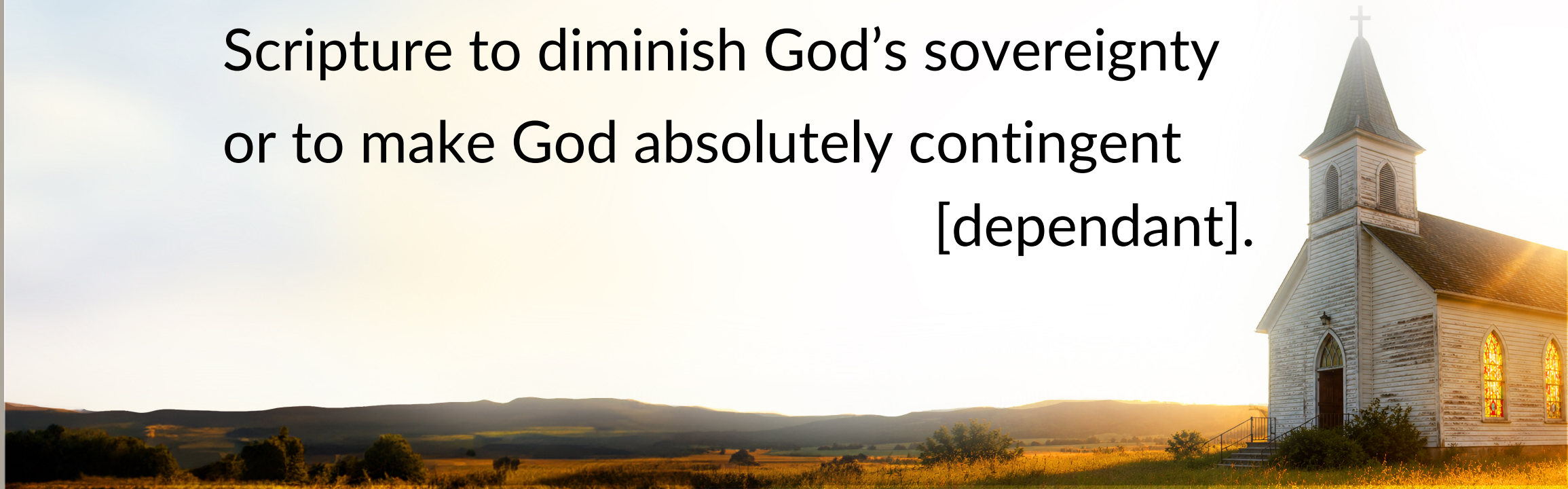


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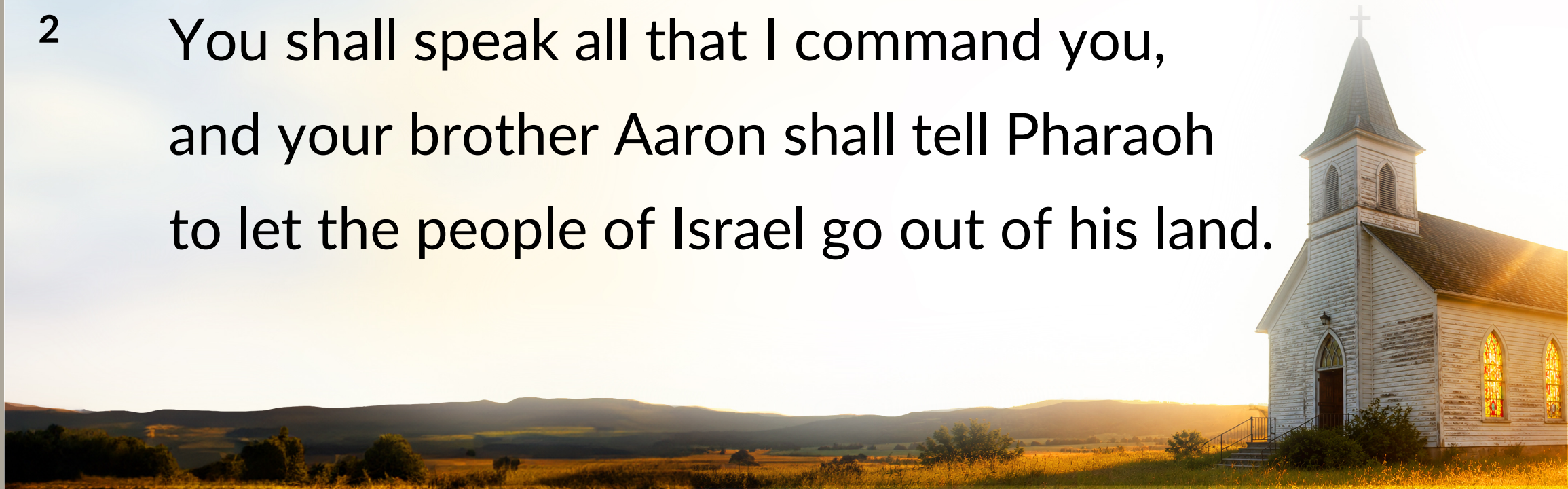




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 7:1-2

- ¹ And the LORD said to Moses,
“See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh,
and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.
- ² You shall speak all that I command you,
and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
to let the people of Israel go out of his land.





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 7:3-4

- ³ But I will harden Pharaoh's heart,
and though I multiply my signs and wonders
in the land of Egypt,
- ⁴ Pharaoh will not listen to you.

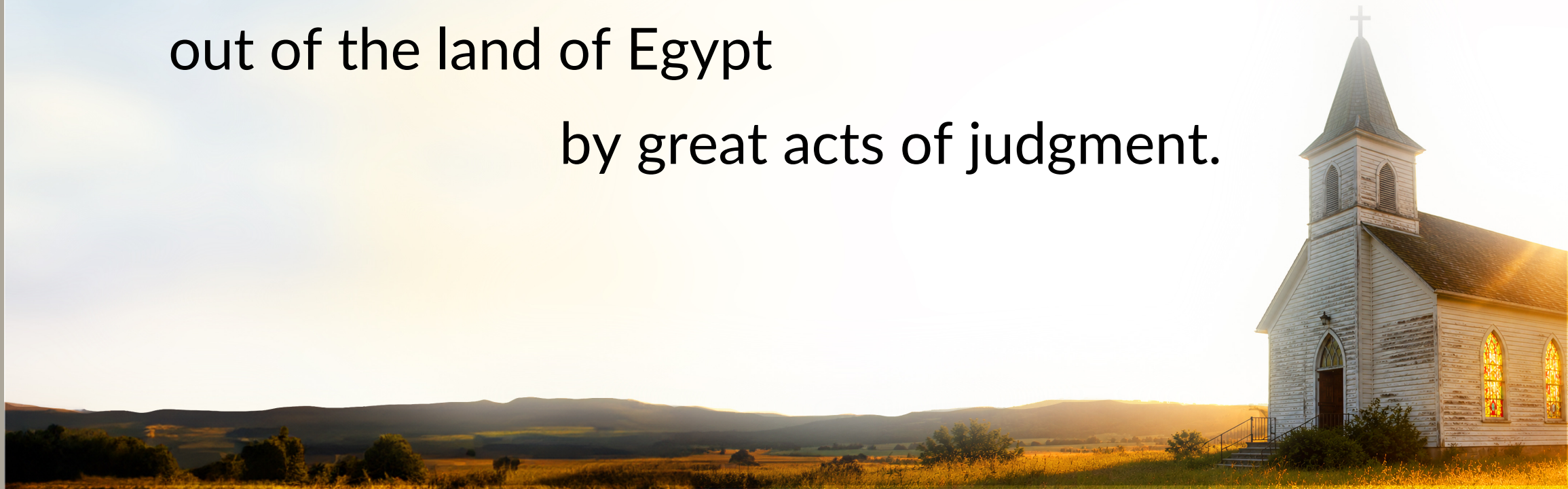




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 7:4

Then I will lay my hand on Egypt
and bring my hosts,
my people the children of Israel,
out of the land of Egypt
by great acts of judgment.

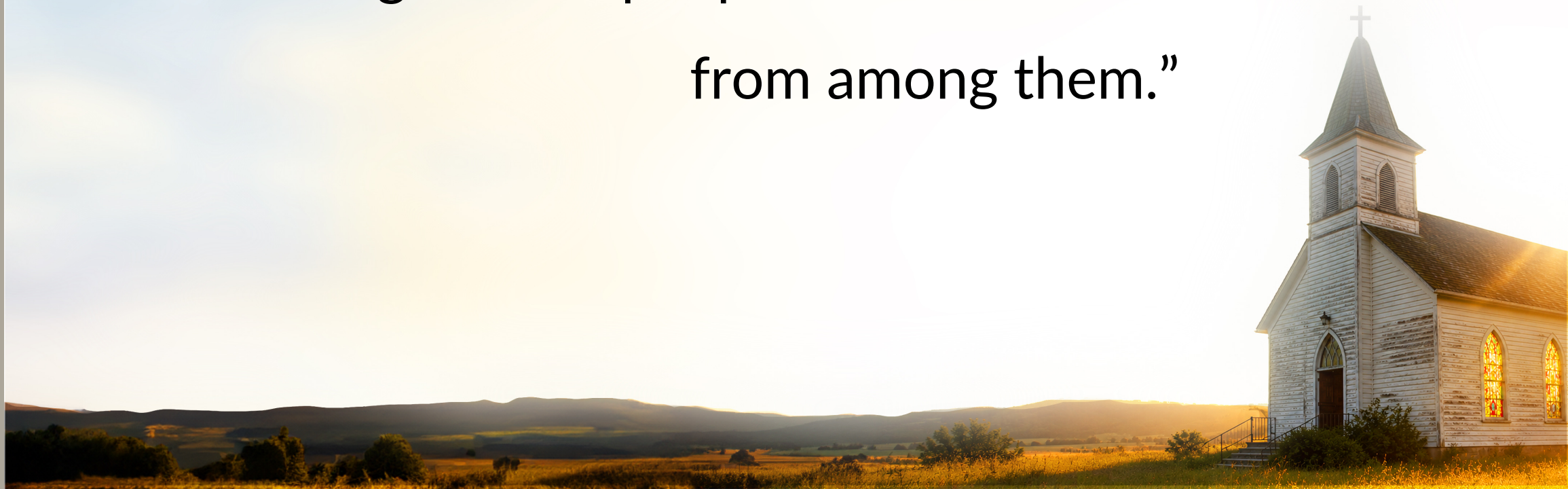




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EXODUS 7:5

5 The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD,
when I stretch out my hand against Egypt
and bring out the people of Israel
from among them.”



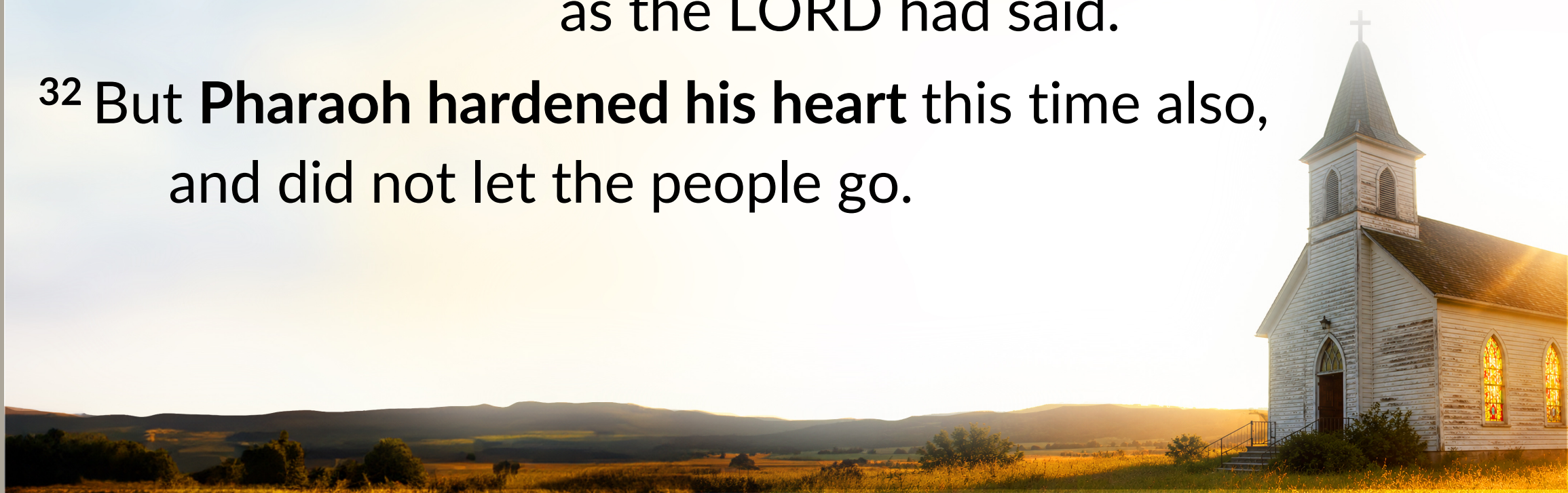


THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 8:15, 32

¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite,
he hardened his heart
and would not listen to them,
as the LORD had said.

³² But **Pharaoh hardened his heart** this time also,
and did not let the people go.





THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 9:12; 10:20

¹² But the **LORD** hardened the heart of Pharaoh,
and he did not listen to them,
as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

²⁰ But the **LORD** hardened Pharaoh's heart,
and he did not let the people of Israel go.

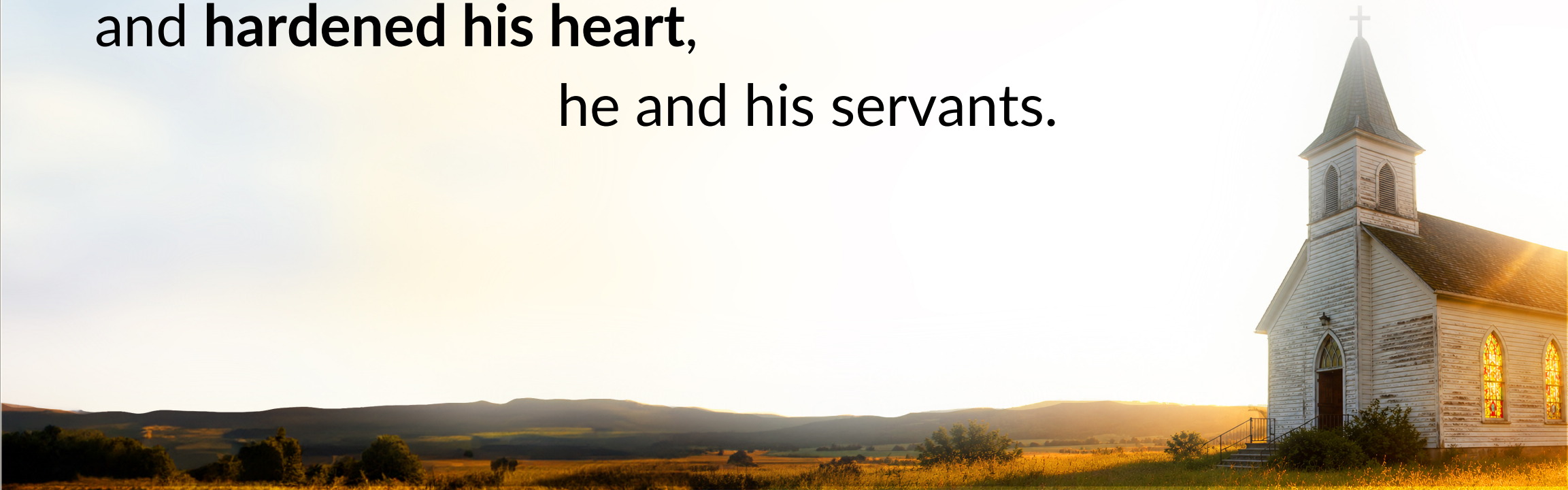




THE MEANS OF GOD'S BLESSING

EXODUS 9:34–35

³⁴ But when Pharaoh saw that
the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased,
he sinned yet again
and hardened his heart,
he and his servants.



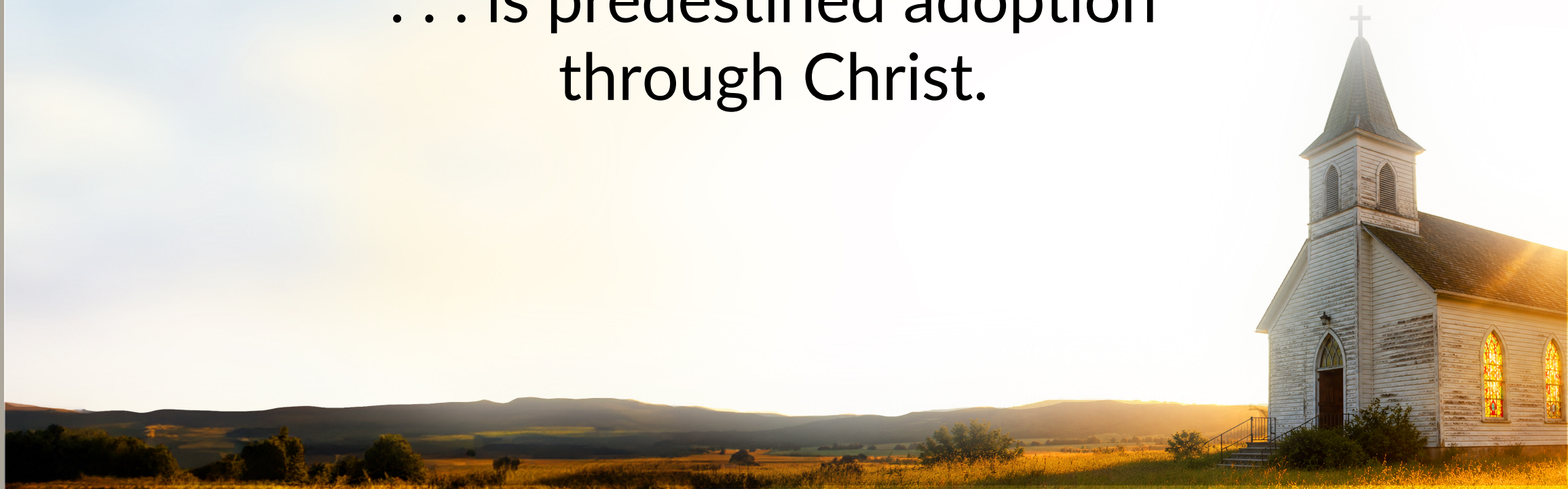


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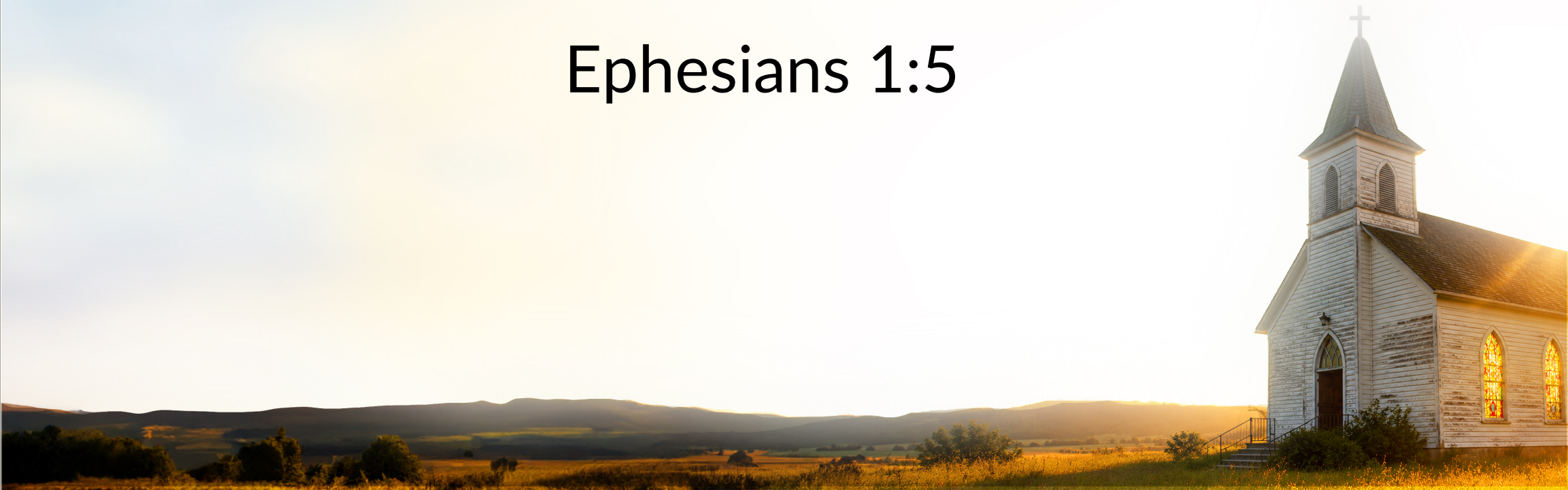
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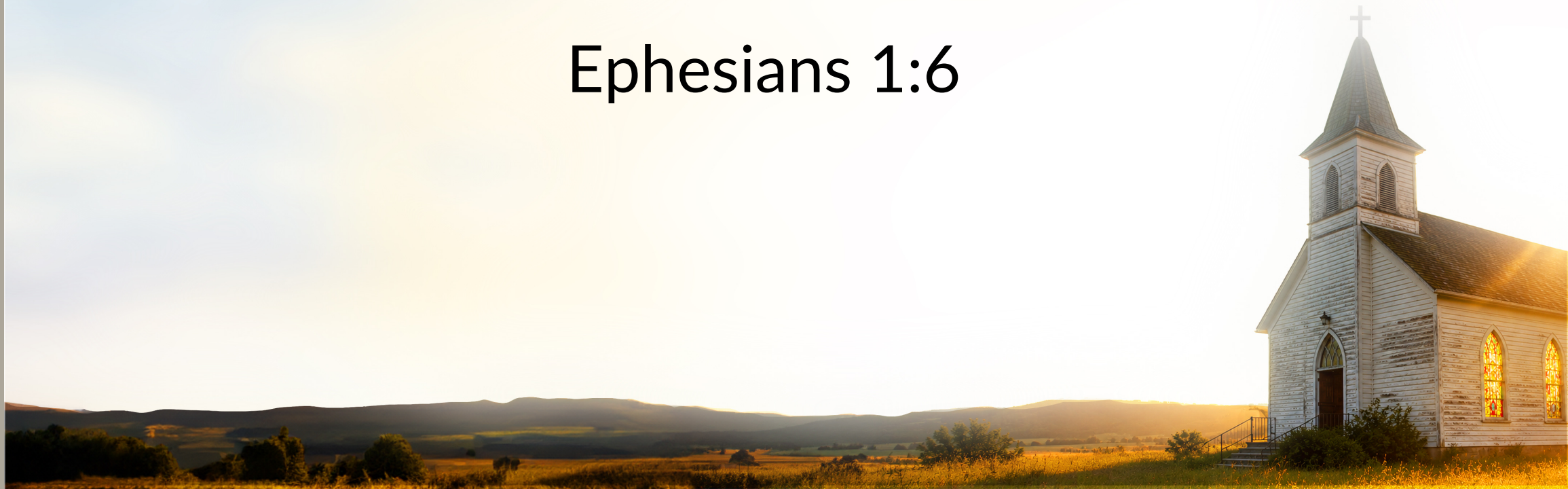
Ephesians 1:5





#4 | THE RESULT OF GOD'S BLESSING

Ephesians 1:6





THE RESULT OF GOD'S BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:6

⁶to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us
in the Beloved.





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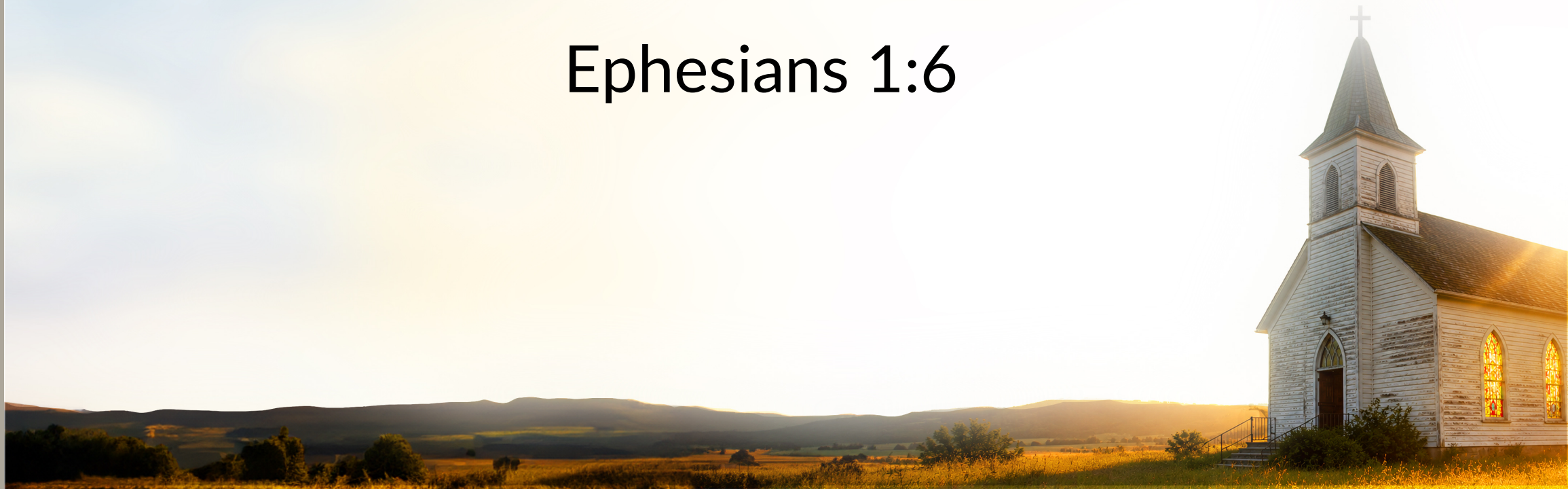
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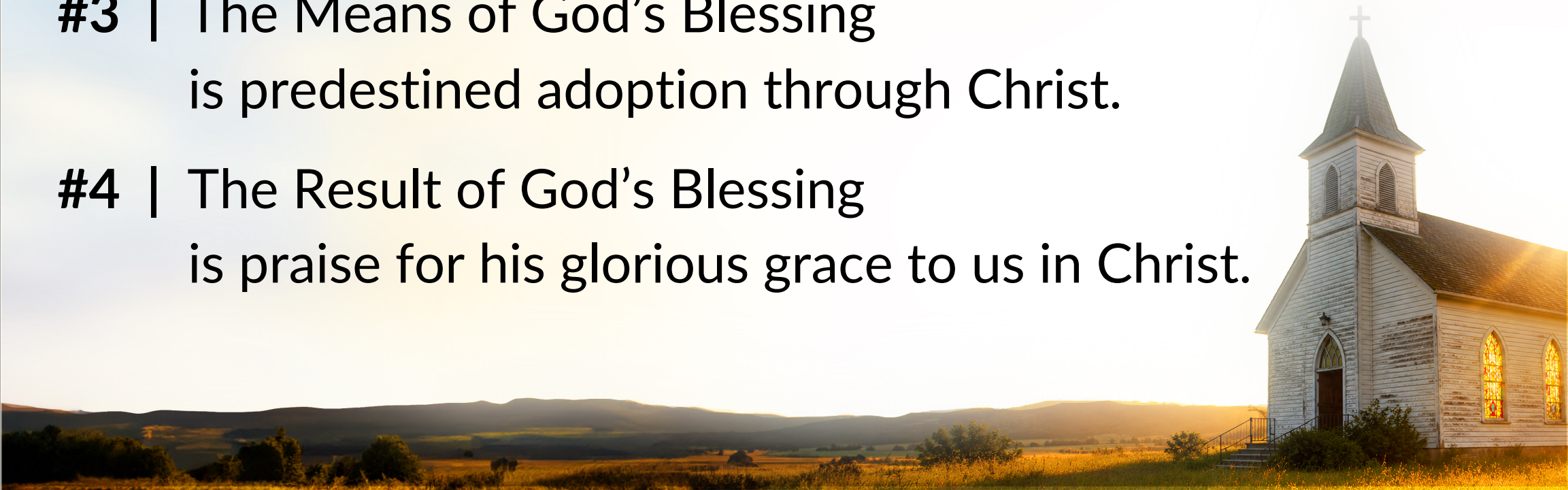
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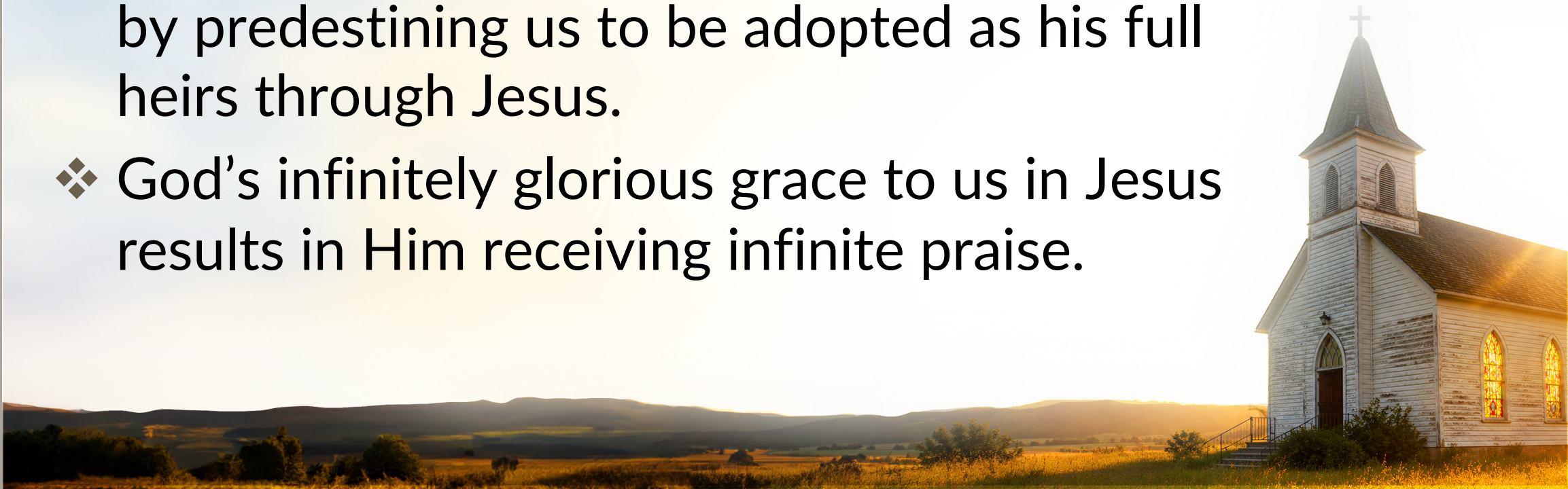
#4 | The Result of God's Blessing is praise for his glorious grace to us in Christ.





CONCLUSION

- ❖ Our heavenly father has given us every spiritual blessing possible because he chose us to be made sinless in Christ before creation began.
- ❖ He did this out of love and with great pleasure, by predestining us to be adopted as his full heirs through Jesus.
- ❖ God's infinitely glorious grace to us in Jesus results in Him receiving infinite praise.

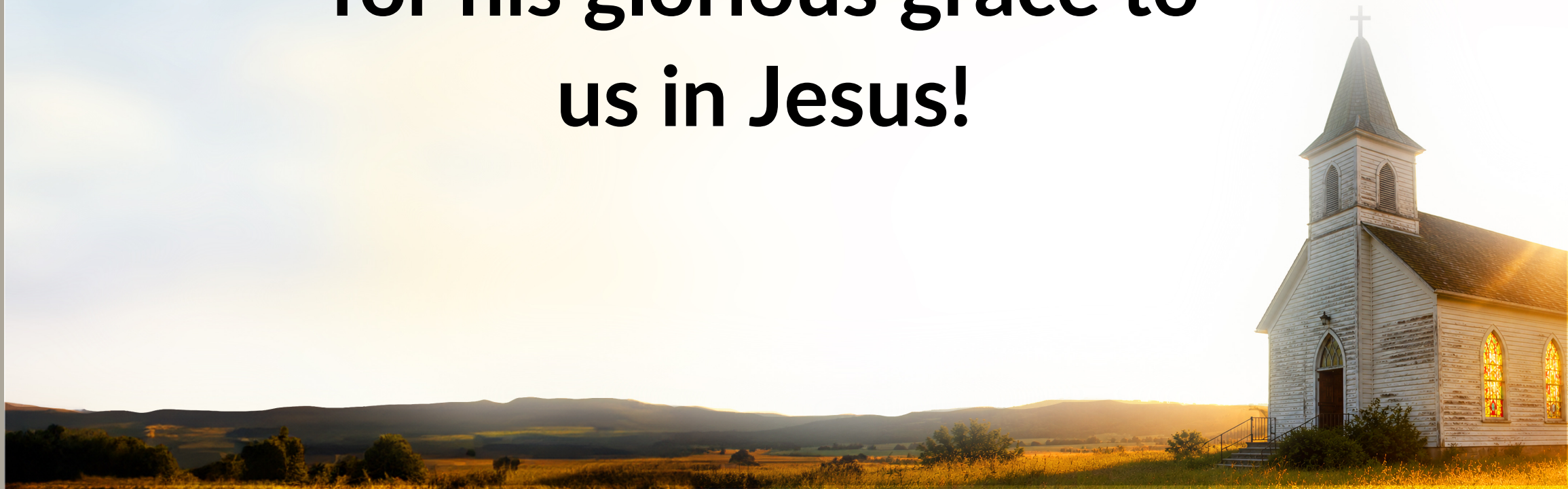




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