A SERIES IN

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OUR IDENTITY, CALLING, & CONDUCT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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NEW DOGS, OLD TRICKS

Ephesians 4:17–24



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INTRO

EPHESIANS 4:1

1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge
you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,



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Ephesians 4:7–16

Jesus gives every believer spiritual gifts with which to serve others so that, as people come to know Jesus and we grow together as his disciples, we might be built up in love and unity together toward fully mature, Christlike character.



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#1 | Behaving

#2 | Believing

#3 | Being



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#1 | BEHAVING

Ephesians 4:17–19



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17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that
you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do,
in the futility of their minds.



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18 They are darkened in their understanding,
alienated from the life of God because of the
ignorance that is in them, due to their
hardness of heart.



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19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.



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EPHESIANS 2:11–12

11 Therefore remember that at one time you **Gentiles** in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

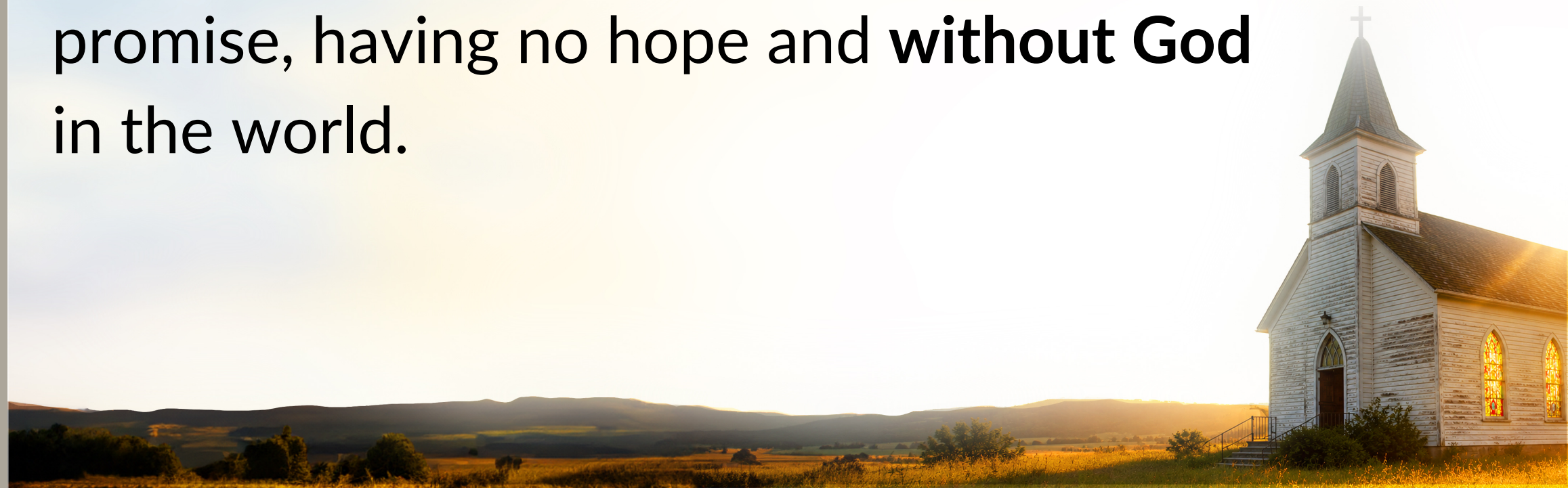


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EPHESIANS 2:11–12

12 remember that you were at that time separated
from Christ, **alienated** from the commonwealth
of Israel and strangers to the covenants of
promise, having no hope and **without God**
in the world.



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The Spiral

Hard heart

Willful ignorance

Alienated from God

Darkened understanding

Futile mindset

Sensuality

Greed

Depravity

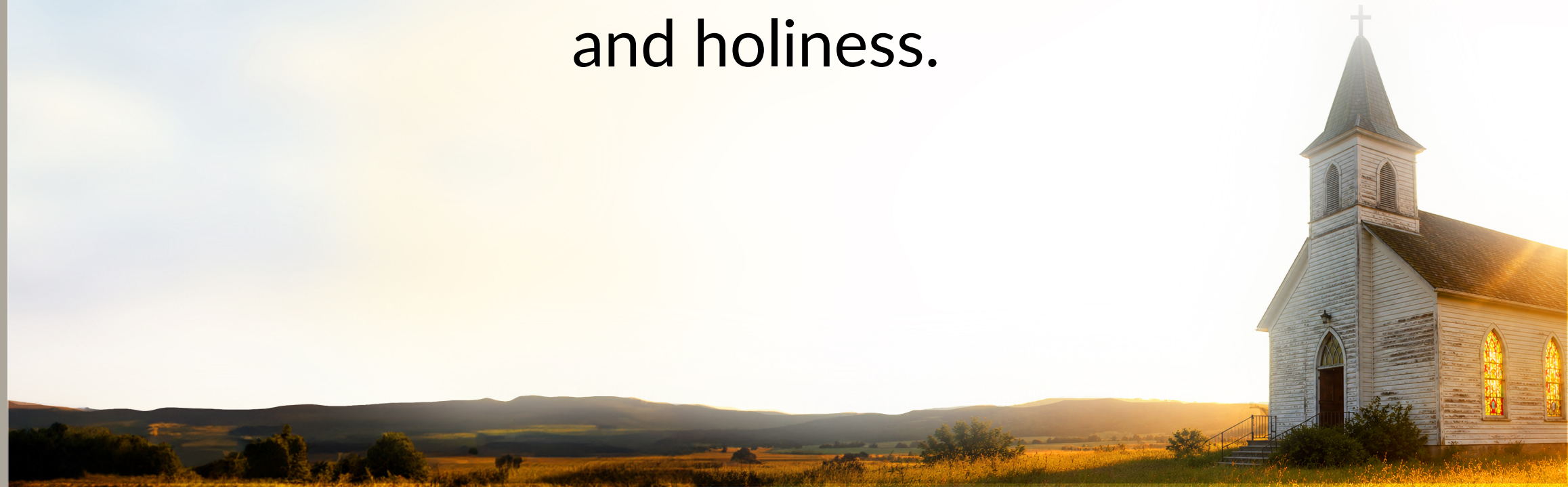
Gentiles.



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BEHAVING

God calls us to live like Jesus—
with counter cultural self-control
and holiness.



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#2 | BELIEVING

Ephesians 4:20–24



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EPHESIANS 4:20–24

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were **taught** in him, as the truth is in Jesus,



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BELIEVING

EPHESIANS 4:20–24

22 **to put off** your old self,

which belongs to your former manner of life
and is corrupt through deceitful desires,



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EPHESIANS 4:20–24

23 and **to be renewed**
in the spirit of your minds,



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24 and **to put on** the new self,
created after the likeness of God
in true righteousness and holiness.



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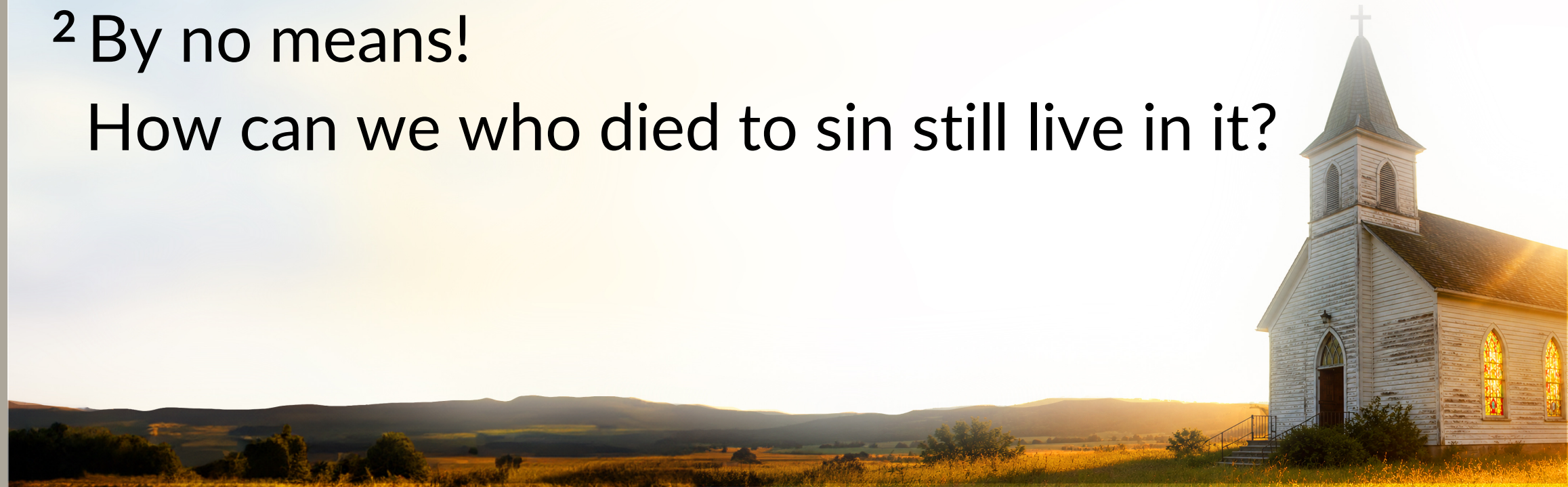
ROMANS 6:1–2

1 What shall we say then?

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 By no means!

How can we who died to sin still live in it?



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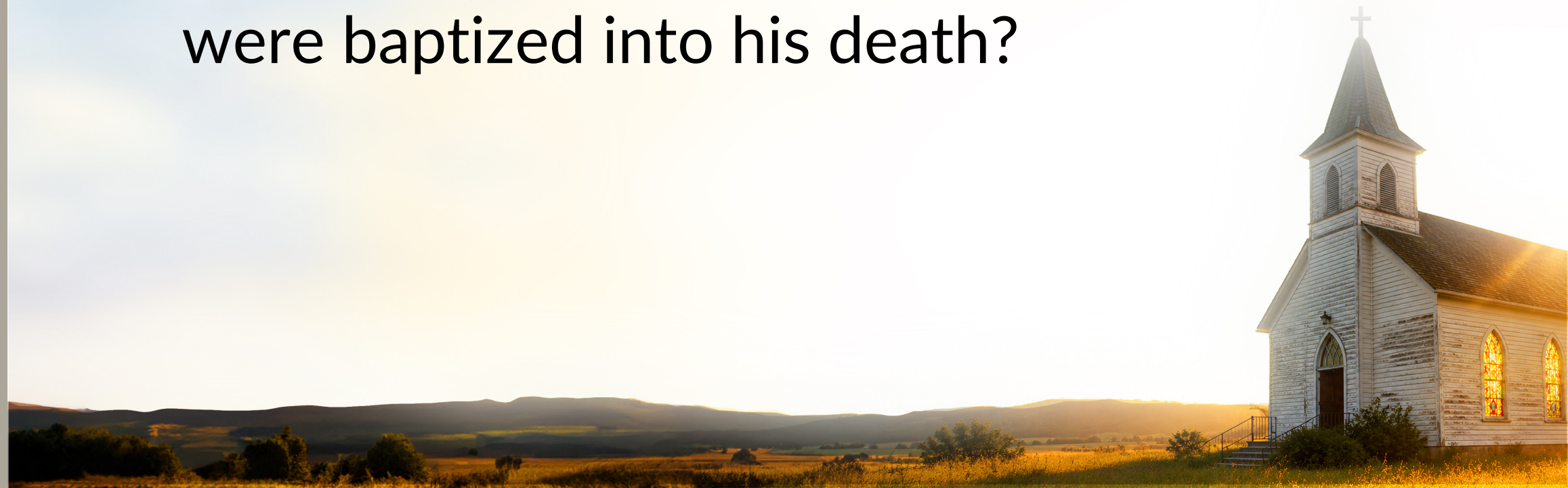
ROMANS 6:3

3 Do you not know

that all of us who have been baptized

into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death?



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ROMANS 6:4

4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism
into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too
might **walk in newness of life.**



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ROMANS 6:11

11 So you also **must consider yourselves**

dead to sin

and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



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BELIEVING

Living like Jesus requires consciously appropriating or ‘putting on’ our new identity.



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#2 | BELIEVING

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#3 | BEING

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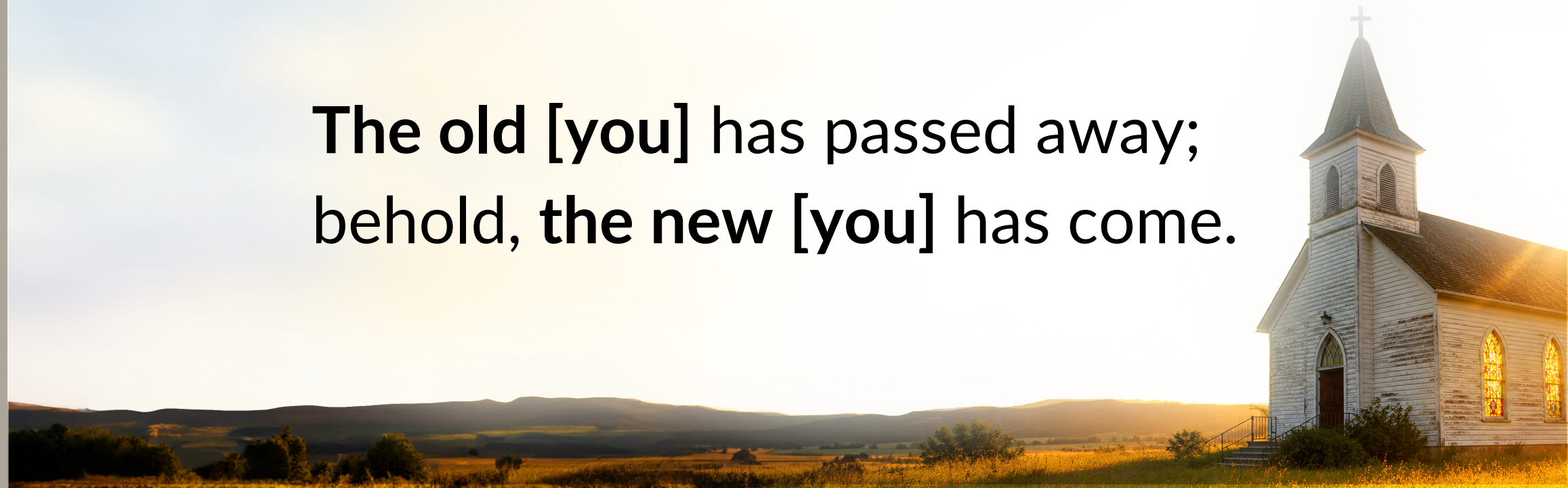
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**,

he is **a new creation**.

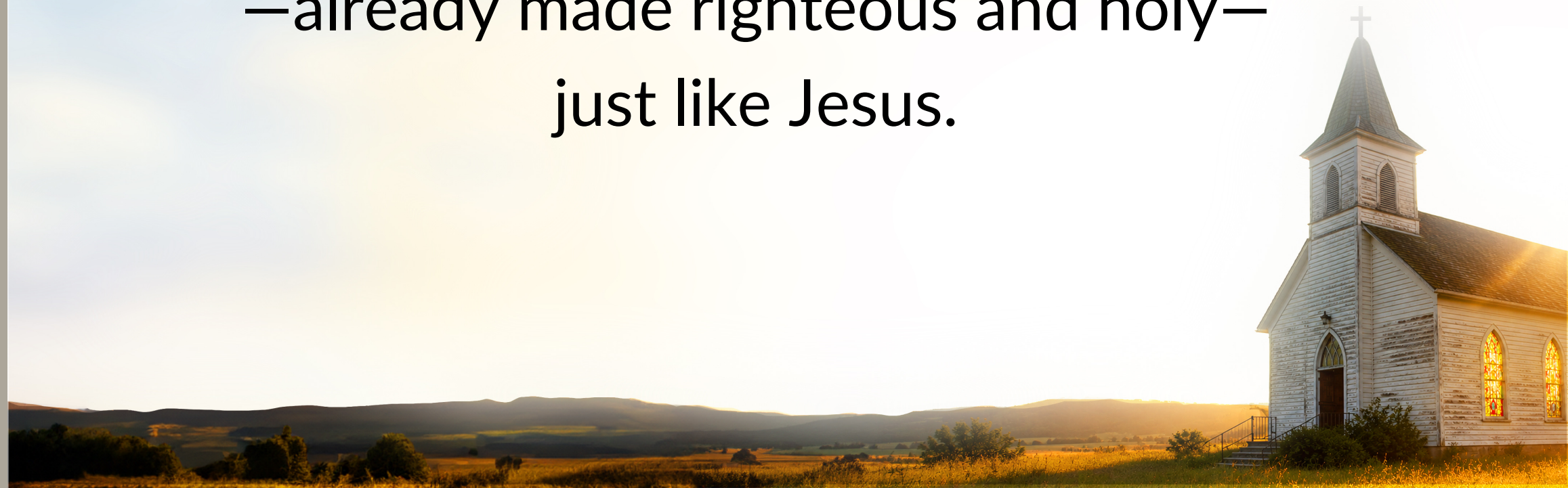
The old [you] has passed away;
behold, **the new [you]** has come.



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BEING

Our new identity is that
we are entirely new creations in Christ
—already made righteous and holy—
just like Jesus.



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#3 | BEING

Ephesians 4:24



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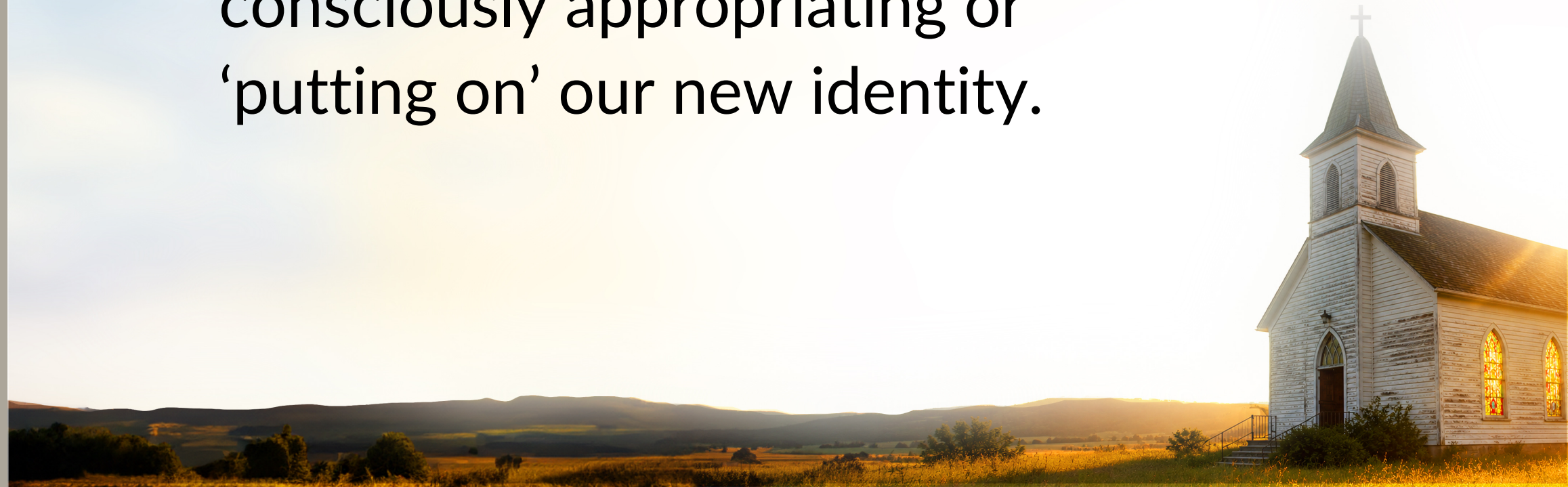
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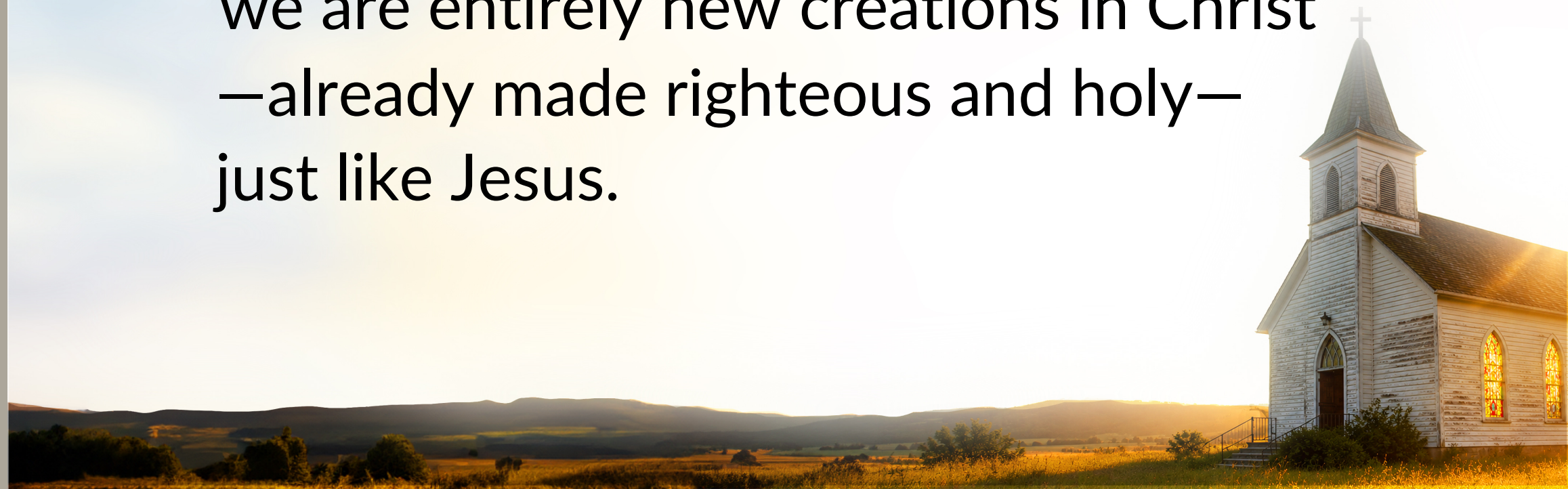
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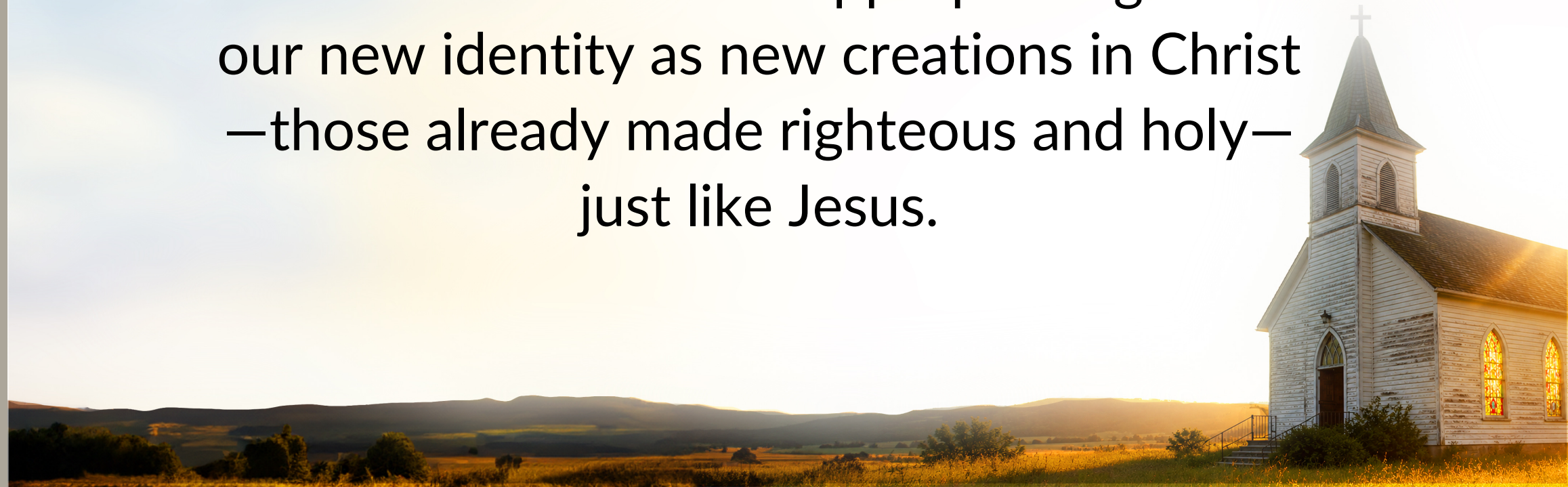
#3 | Being: Our new identity is this:
we are entirely new creations in Christ
—already made righteous and holy—
just like Jesus.



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CONCLUSION

We are called to build the body of Christ up
together towards Christlike maturity
by living self-controlled and holy lives
which flow from appropriating
our new identity as new creations in Christ
—those already made righteous and holy—
just like Jesus.



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