



THE CHURCH

THE PILLAR & FOUNDATION OF THE TRUTH

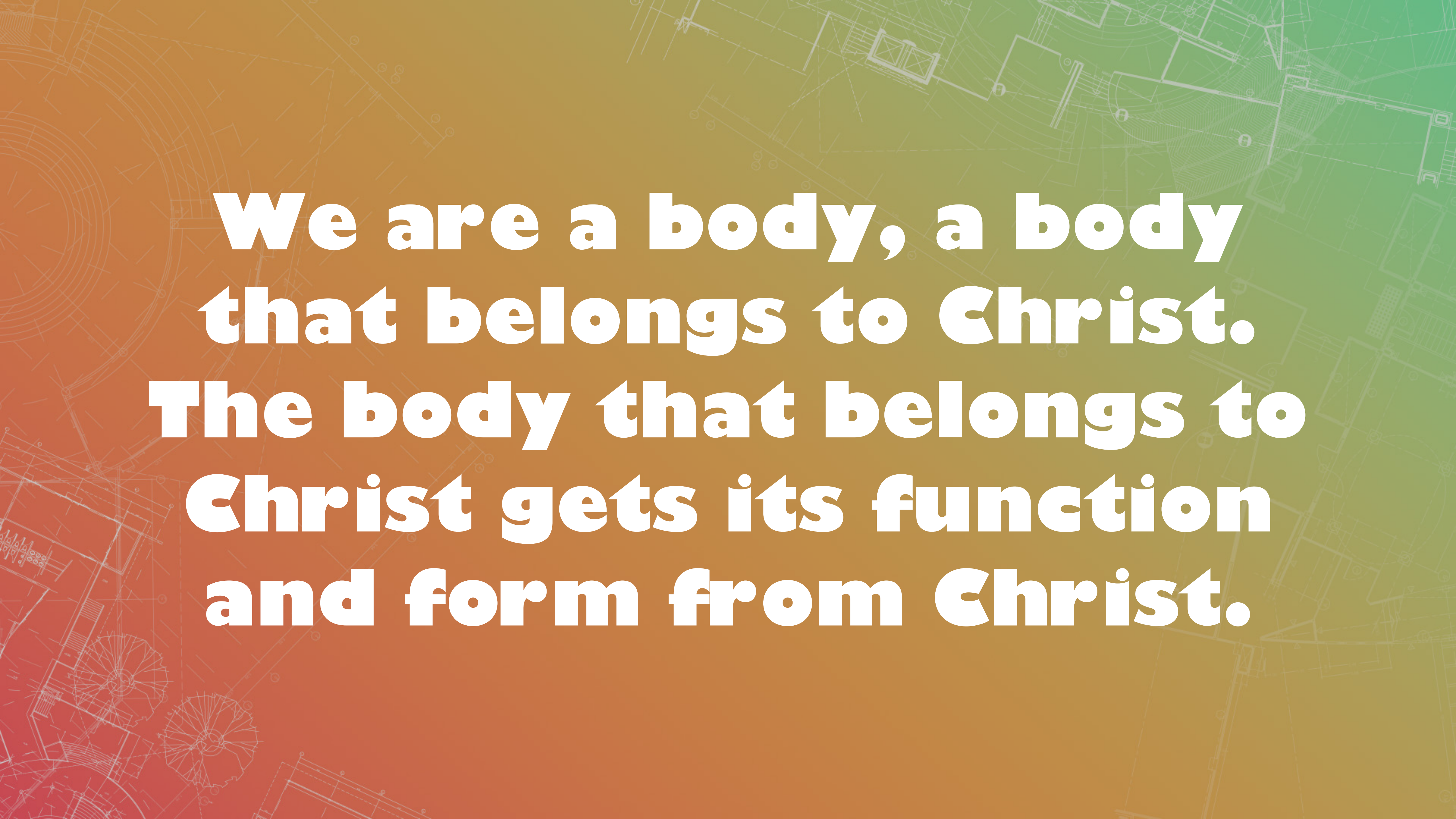
¹⁴ I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, ¹⁵ so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶ Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14-16 (NLT)

1. The church is the body of Christ.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (ESV)

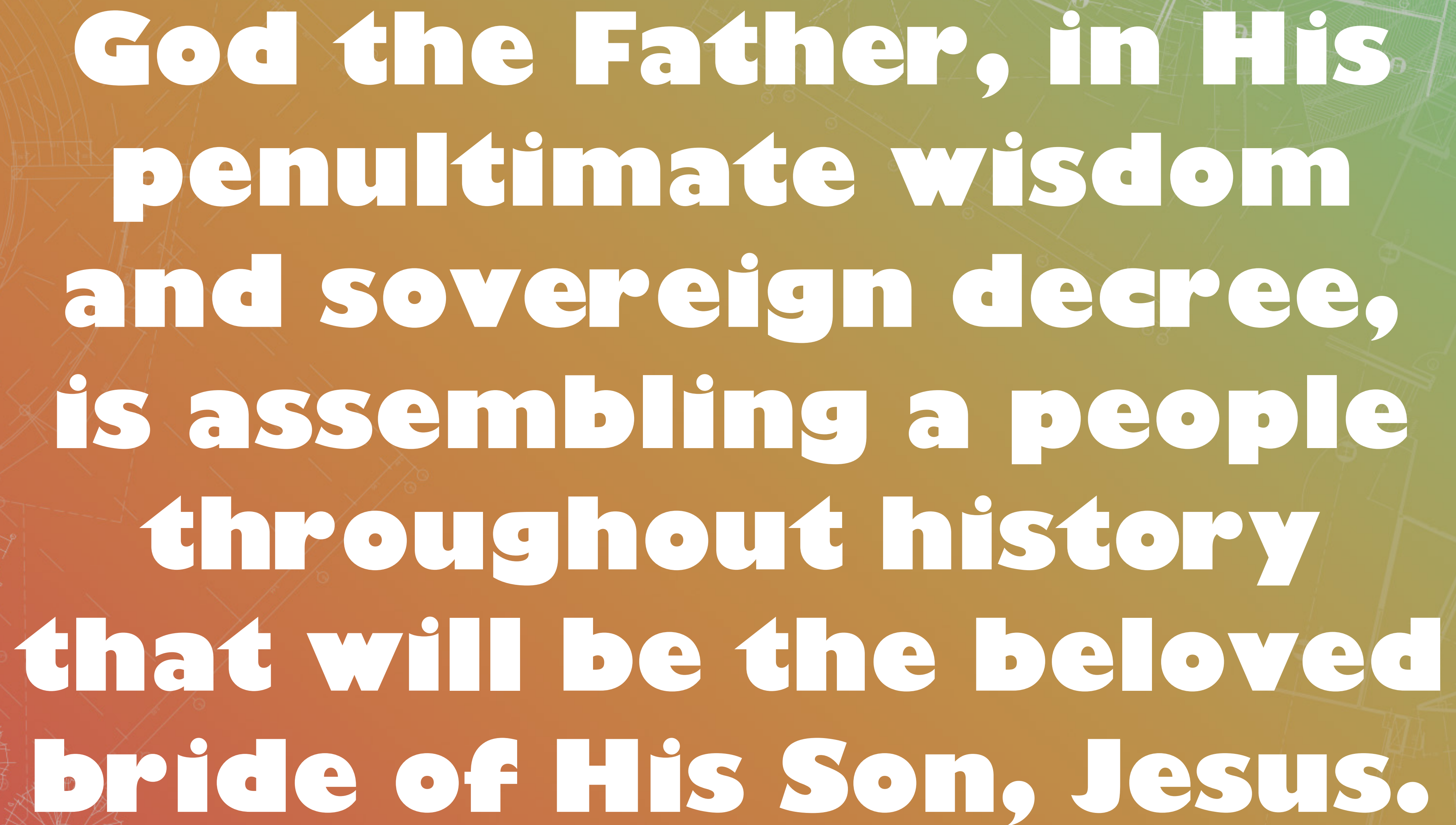


**We are a body, a body
that belongs to Christ.
The body that belongs to
Christ gets its function
and form from Christ.**

2. The church is the bride of Christ.

³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:30-33 (ESV)



God the Father, in His penultimate wisdom and sovereign decree, is assembling a people throughout history that will be the beloved bride of His Son, Jesus.

3. The church is the household of God.

15 so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God.

This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15 (NLT)

We share space as individuals; indwelled by the Spirit of God, collectively we are the church...the household of God.

4. The church is the family of God.

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Romans 8:15-17 (NLT)

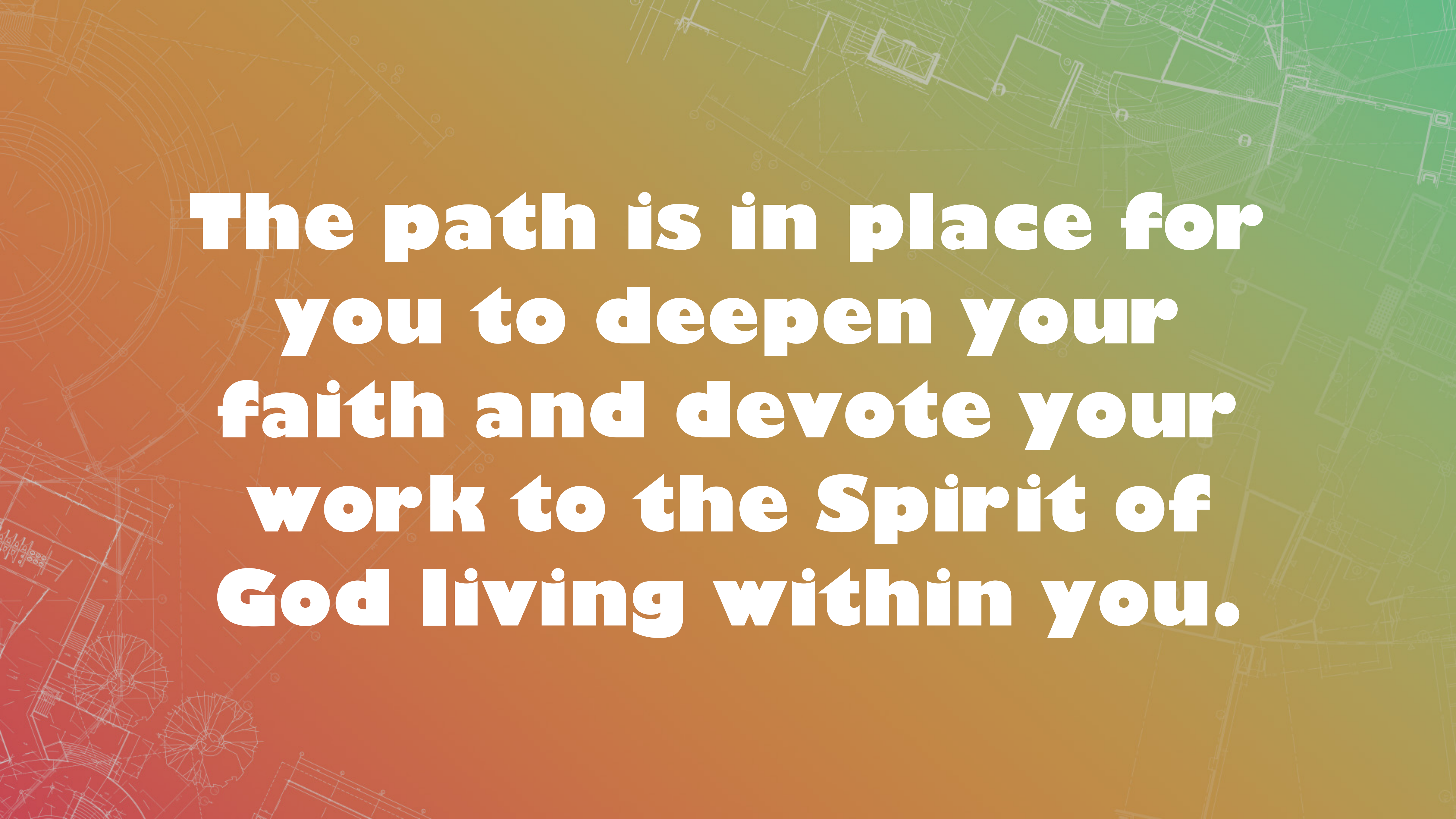
**You were born naturally
for a purpose in your
immediate family.**

**You were supernaturally
born again for a purpose
in the family of God.**

5. The church is the means of the Spirit.

⁹...you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

Romans 8:9-11 (NLT)



**The path is in place for
you to deepen your
faith and devote your
work to the Spirit of
God living within you.**



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