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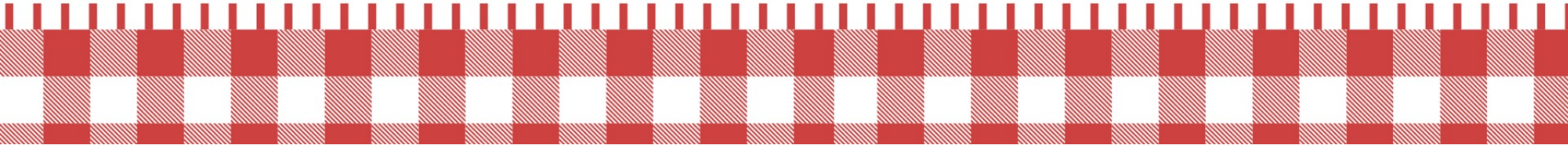


FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP ON THE LAWN

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FOOD TRUCKS | INFLATABLES



The background features a light cream color with several thin, gold-colored lines crisscrossing across it. At the bottom, there are stylized, layered mountains rendered in shades of blue and teal watercolor. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

Ephesians

In Christ Alone

Background

Paul is writing from a Roman prison

Ephesians is a book practical book and likely was sent to other churches.



Background

Paul has spent lots of time in Ephesus

Ephesus is a large important hub for trade.



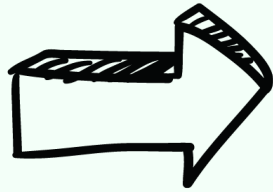
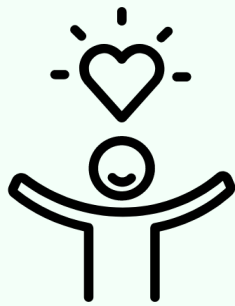
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Home to the temple of the Greek Goddess Artemis.

The temple provided status and revenue for the city.



Summary of Ephesians



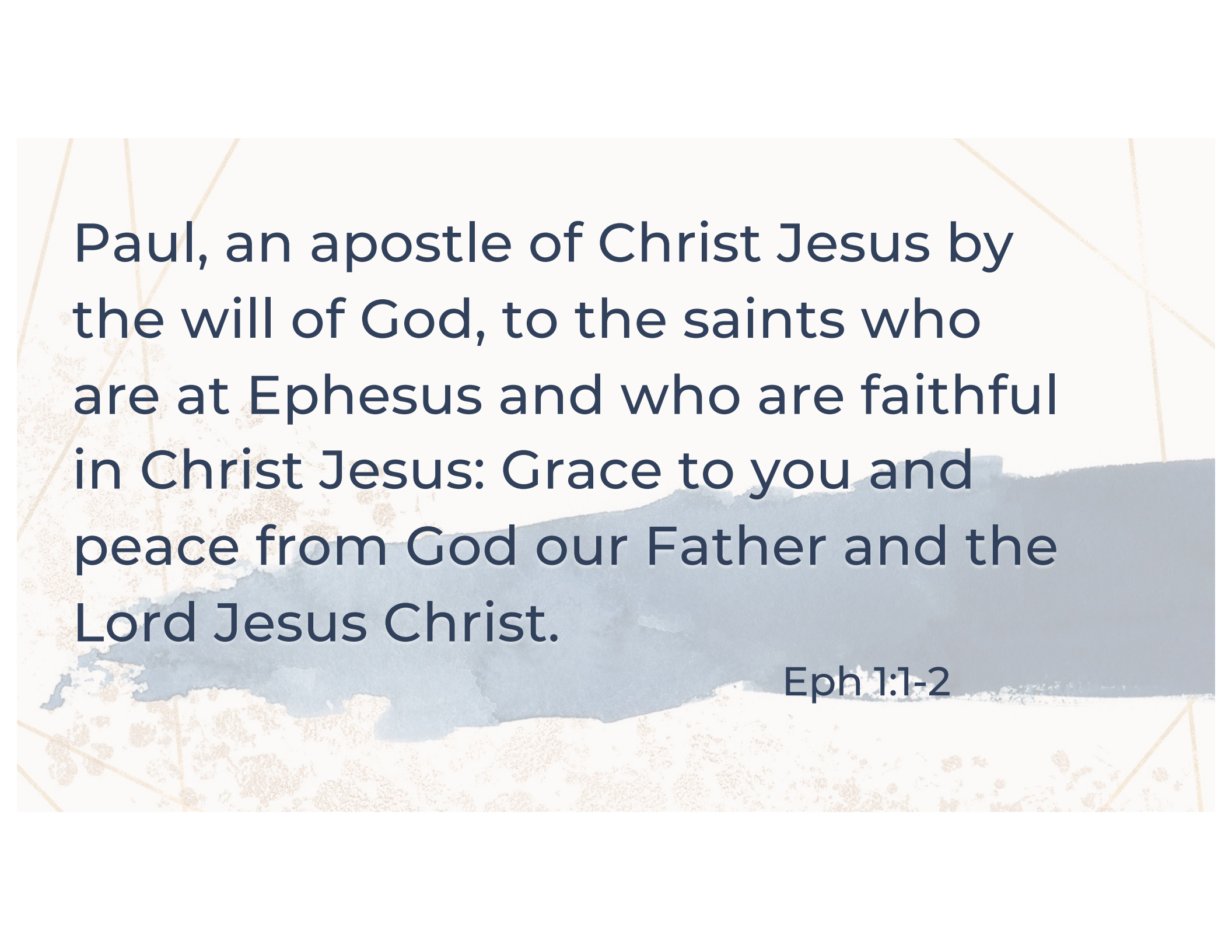
do

In Ephesians 1:1-2, we find...

Author & Authority

Audience & Action

Grace & Giver



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

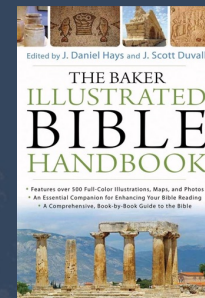
Eph 1:1-2

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Father came up with a plan to rescue people from sin and Satan (3-6).

The Son carried out the plan through his life, death, and resurrection (7-12).

The Holy Spirit now makes the plan a personal reality for those who respond to God's gracious offer (13-14).



Danny Hays &
Scott Duvall

Ephesians 1:3-14

Selected by the Father (3-6).

Sacrificed for by the Son (7-12).

Sealed by the Holy Spirit (13-14).



Ken Wilson

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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Praise of His Glory

“The purpose of God’s electing activity is to reveal his own character as a loving, saving God. When God is revealed – and “glory” is primarily a word about revelation – praise is the inevitable result.”

Klyne Snodgrass

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In Him

“But the most important use of “in Christ” has a “local” sense and points to incorporation into Christ. That is, Christ is the “place” where believers reside, the source in which they find God’s salvation and blessings, and the framework in which they live and work.”

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God chose the chosen
before creation.

Ephesians 1:3-6

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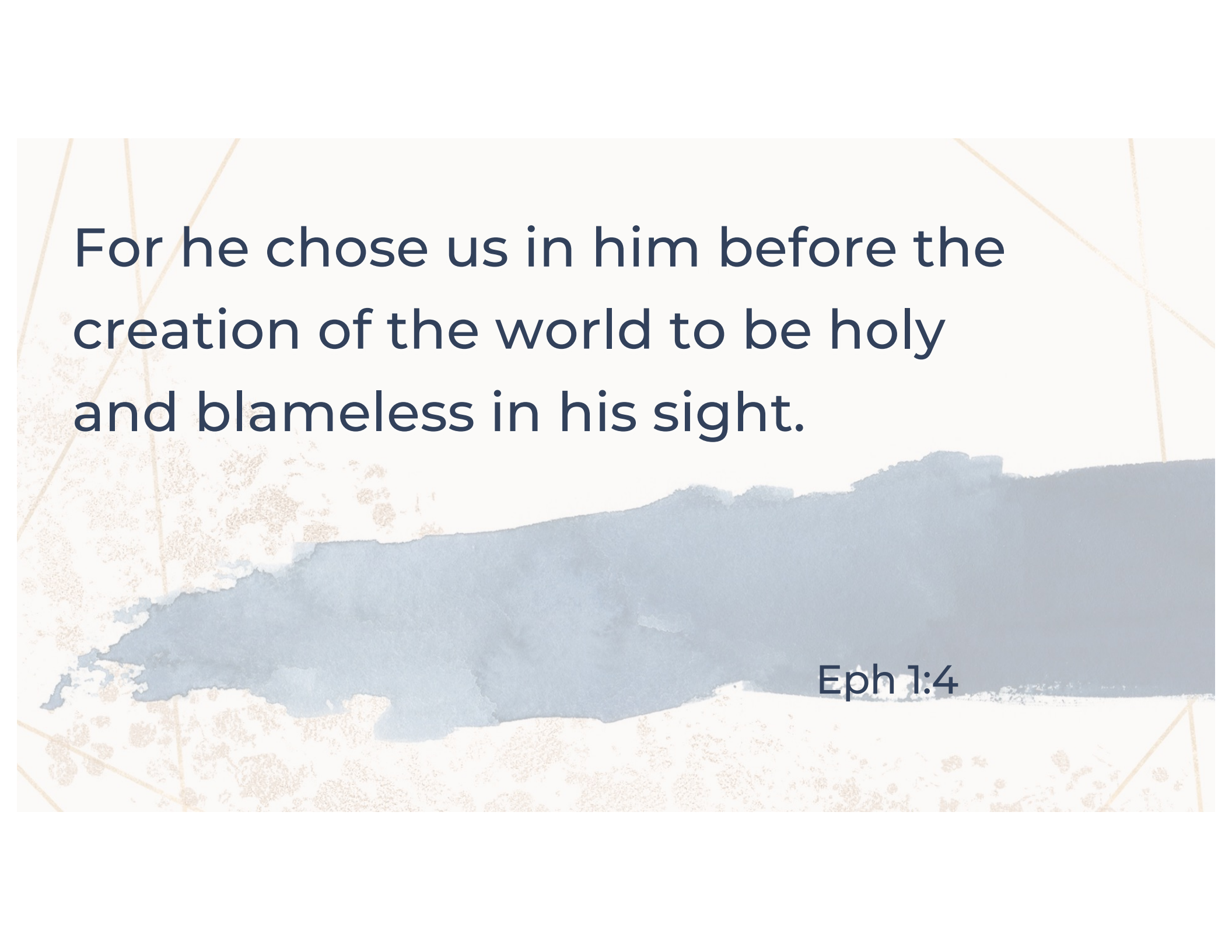
Heavenly Realms

“Drawing together all this evidence (Eph 1:3, 20-21; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12), we learn that the heavenly realms are the place where God is seated in the highest level. Yet other supernatural beings, both good and evil, dwell in the heavenly realms.”

Mark Roberts

Heavenly Realms

There is a struggle in the heavenly realms, and we are blessed to have all the provision needed to successfully walk with the Lord in the midst of the spiritual conflict.



For he chose us in him before the
creation of the world to be holy
and blameless in his sight.

Eph 1:4

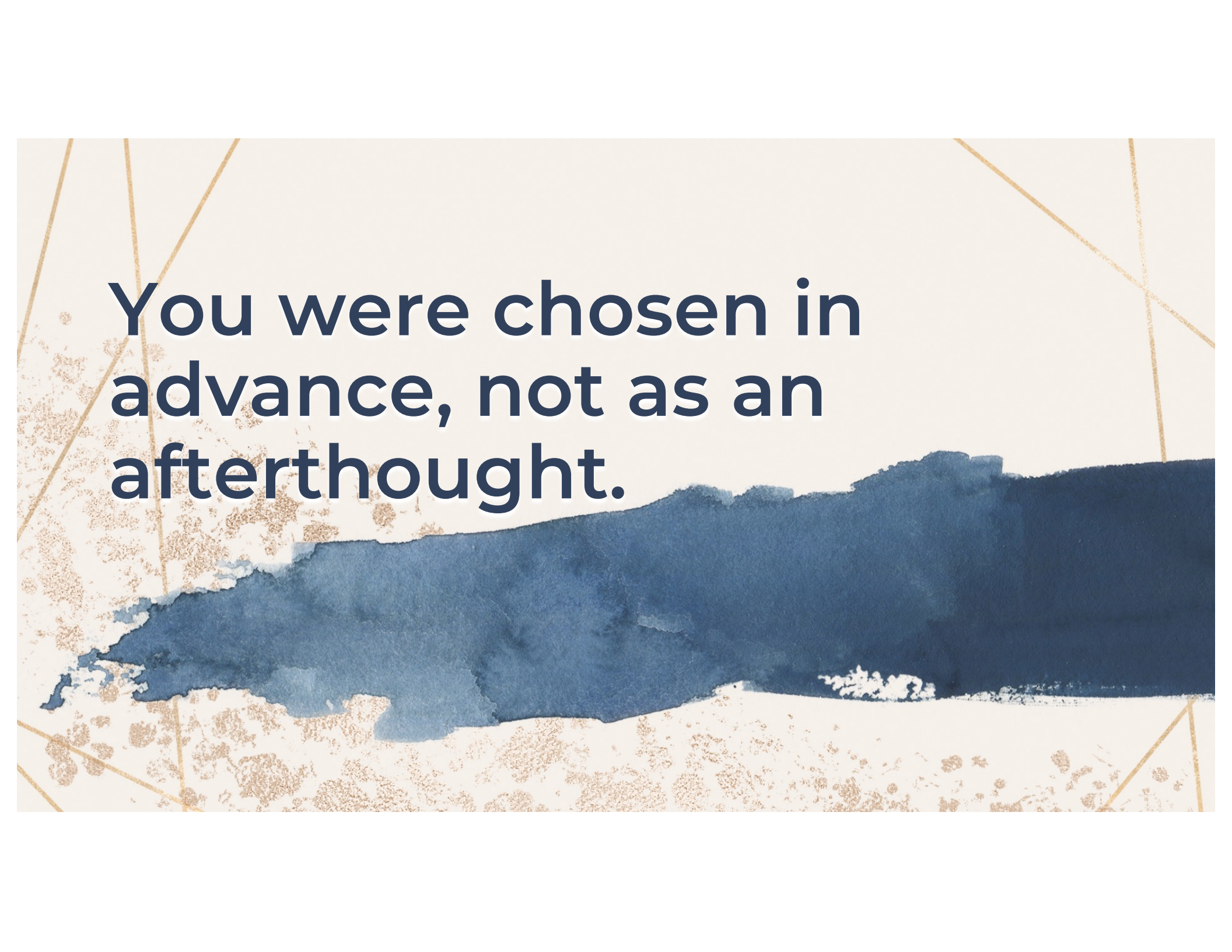
“Election is certainly a biblical doctrine, but one that is often misunderstood and misapplied. In addition, many people go beyond what the Bible actually says in an attempt to build a theological system that somehow improves upon scripture.

My hope and prayer for you is that you will lay aside secondary sources and focus again on what God is saying through the primary source of his Word.”

J. Scott Duvall

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will - to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Eph 1:5-6



**You were chosen in
advance, not as an
afterthought.**

Next Steps

- I will spend the week in praise of God for his redemptive work in my life.
- My I will use Ephesians 1 as a reminder that I am chosen before creation by the Creator when I experience rejection, being overlooked, and being dismissed this week.
- I will take these truths and share them with a younger in faith believer.

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