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EPHESIANS

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE, EMPOWERED BY PEACE

STUDY 1 EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Ephesians 1:1-4



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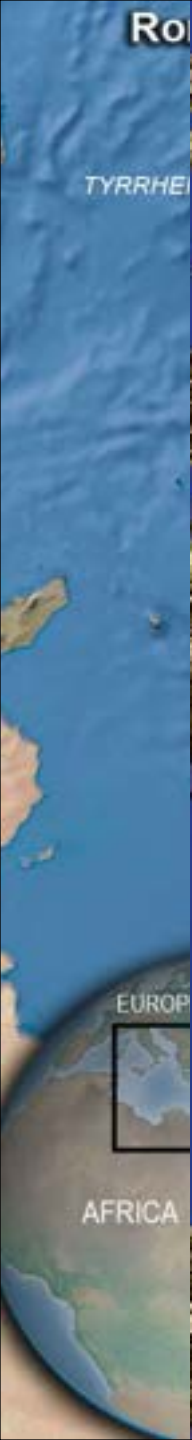


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Aegean Sea

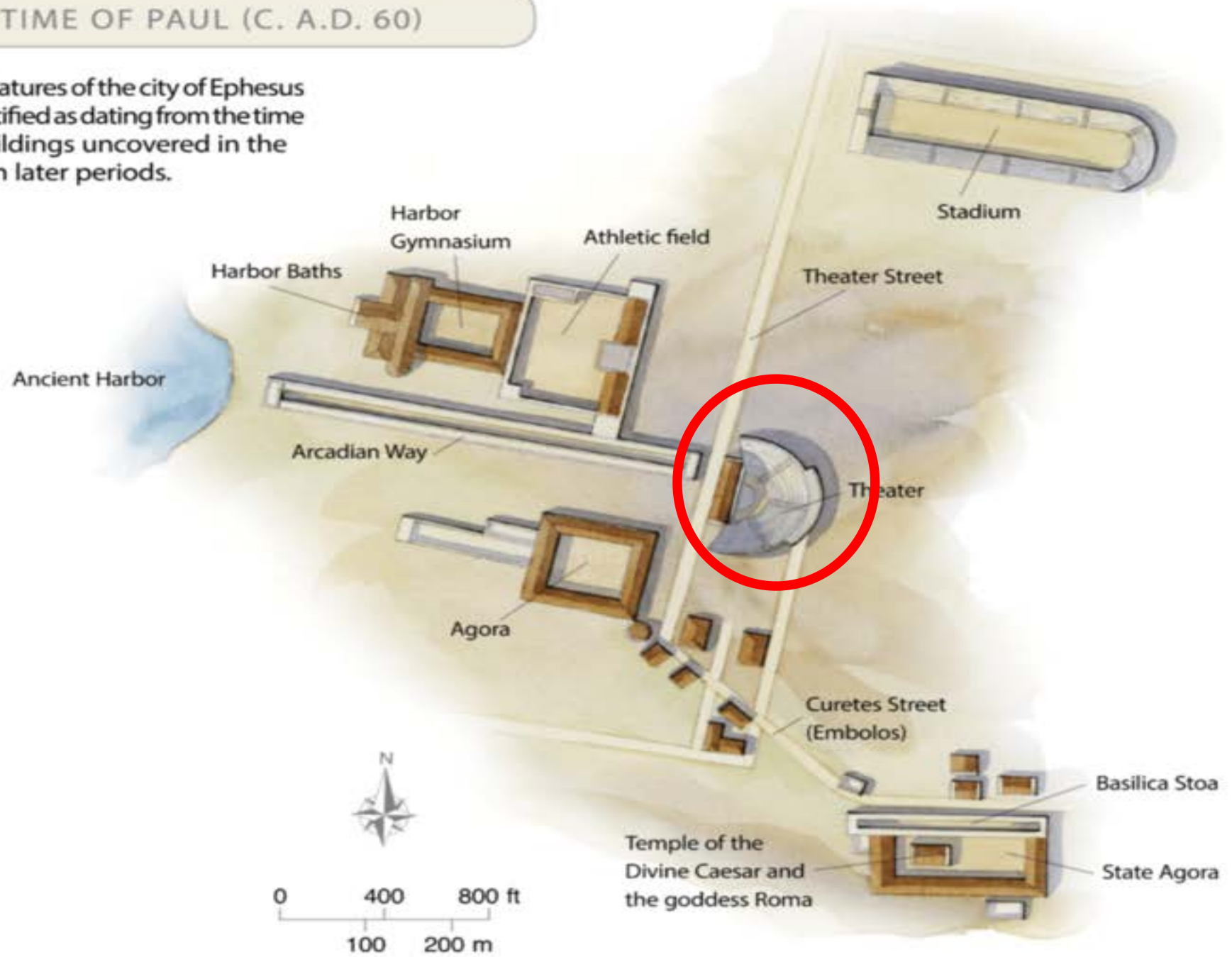
Ephesus ruins

A thriving city in Paul's day, Ephesus began to fade after the river connecting it to the Aegean Sea silted up. Ships could no longer sail into the city. Today, its ruins are a popular tourist attraction.



EPHESUS IN THE TIME OF PAUL (C. A.D. 60)

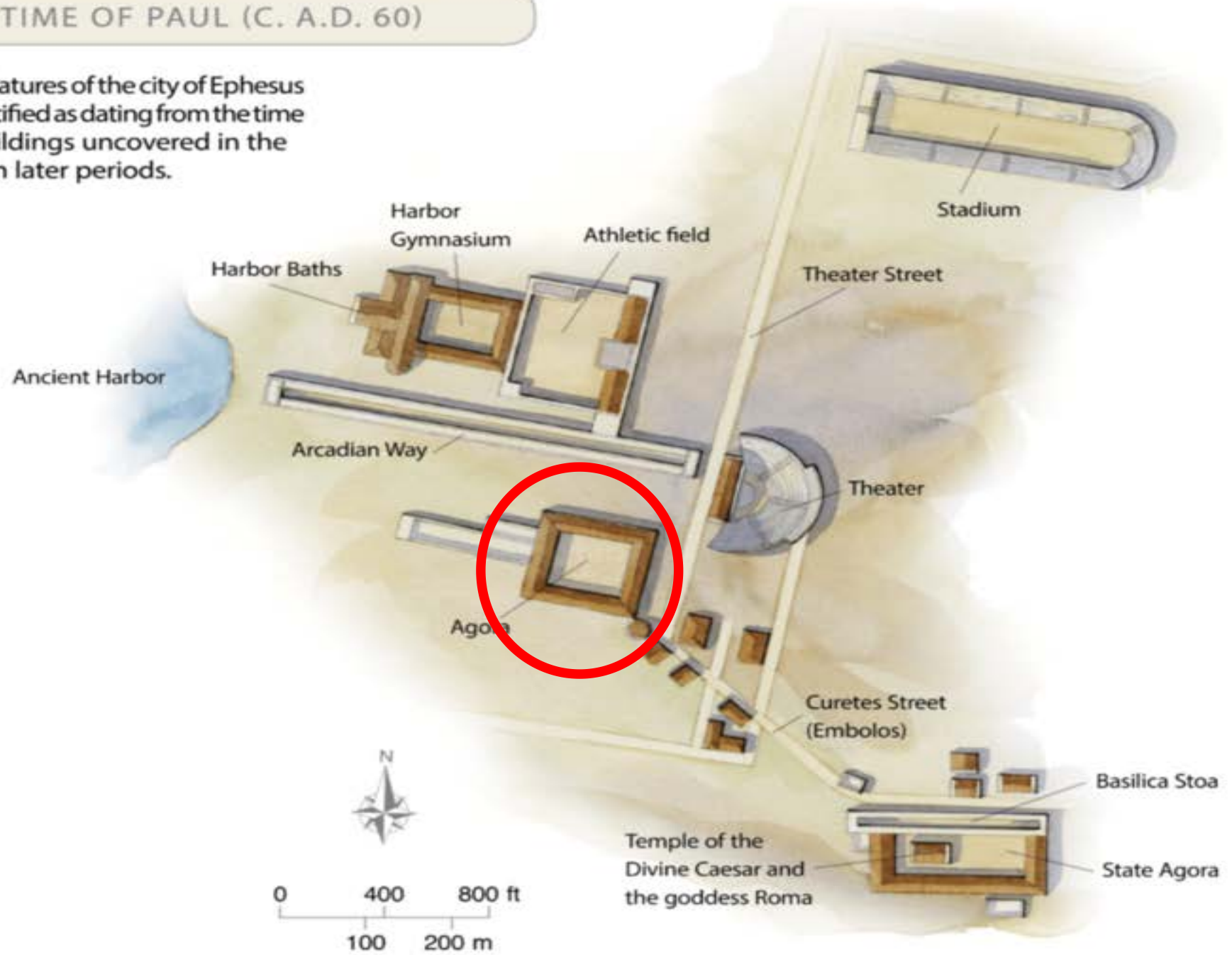
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AGORA





scotty Graham

HISTORY OF THE EPHESIAN CHURCH

First Visit

Acts 18:18–21 AD 52 Short
2nd missionary journey < 1 yr

Second Visit

Acts 19 for 2 years
3rd missionary journey

Acts 19 Riot

TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS





DEMETRIUS THE SILVERSMITH

Acts 19:25–26 These he gathered together, with the workmen in similar trades, and said, “Men, you know that from this business we have our wealth. 26 And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great many people, saying that gods made with hands are not gods.

PRISON EPISTLES

WRITTEN IN ROME

Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon



THE STRUCTURE

Glory and Grace of God

The Peace of God in the church

Theological

Practical

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 2

Ephesians 3

Ephesians 4

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 6

Who God is and what
He has done for us in
Christ

How we should live because
of what He has done for us

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Spiritual blessing
in Christ
Election
Predestination
Adoption
Knowledge of His
will
...

Sin and Spiritual
death salvation
Made in to one man
Suffering for Him
Praying to
experience His love

Unity
Spiritual gifts
Truth and love
How the body matures
Putting on new self
Renewal of mind
Dealing with anger
Living with integrity
Forgiving
Dealing with bitterness

Living in the Light
Sexual purity
Sober living
Marital relations
Parenting
Work place relations
Spiritual warfare

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Doctrine is a body of
teaching derived
from Biblical
revelation about who
God is, who we are,
why the world exists

Purpose

Hope

Action



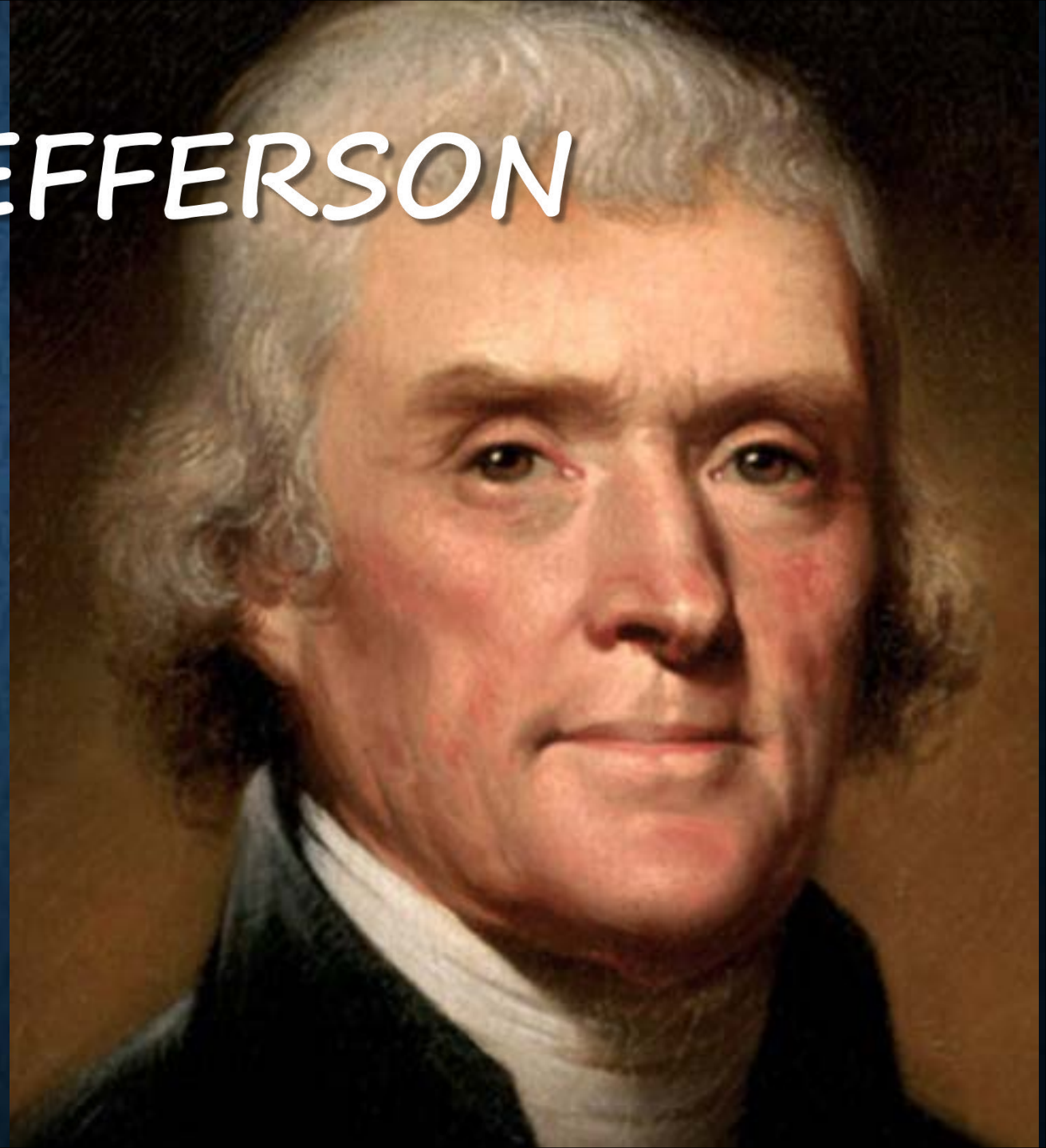
SAMUEL TAYLOR
COLERIDGE OF
ENGLAND

Queen of all
Epistles

**The divinest
composition of man.**

THOMAS JEFFERSON

*“Its not your
creed but your deed”*



PAUL TAKES OPPOSITE VIEW

1 Corinthians 15:32 (ESV) What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

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HAS TO DO WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

Some earlier manuscripts do not have the word "Ephesus"
Possible circular letter

Ephesians 1:1-2 (ESV) 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.

A hand is shown in silhouette, reaching down from the top left towards a glowing cross in the center. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sunburst effect behind the cross. Another hand is visible in the bottom right corner, pointing upwards towards the cross.

HOW GOD ALWAYS DEALS WITH US

GRACE

PEACE?



SHALOM



- Perfection
- Prosperity
- Total satisfaction in life
- Natural gifts fruitfully employed



OLYMPIC FIGURE SKATER

It was just one of those programs that clicked. I mean everything went right everything felt good ...it's just such a rush, like you feel it could go on and on and on, like you don't want it to stop because it was going so well. It's almost as though you don't have to think

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During flow, people typically experience deep enjoyment, creativity, and a total involvement with life



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WHICH IS MOST COMMON REPEATED PHRASE?

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REPEATED 8 TIMES

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A woman wearing a black niqab is sitting on a stone-paved street in a narrow alleyway. She is leaning against a stone wall on the left. In the background, several people are walking away from the camera. The scene is lit with natural light, creating shadows on the ground.

100-Year-Old Saudi Beggar
Dies Leaving Behind One
Million-Dollar Fortune

Richer than she acts

Poorer than he acts



- USD 9 BILLION





...every
spiritual
blessing in
the heavenly
places



DESPERATE FOR A BLESSING





BLESSING

“a favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness”

Thesaurus.com



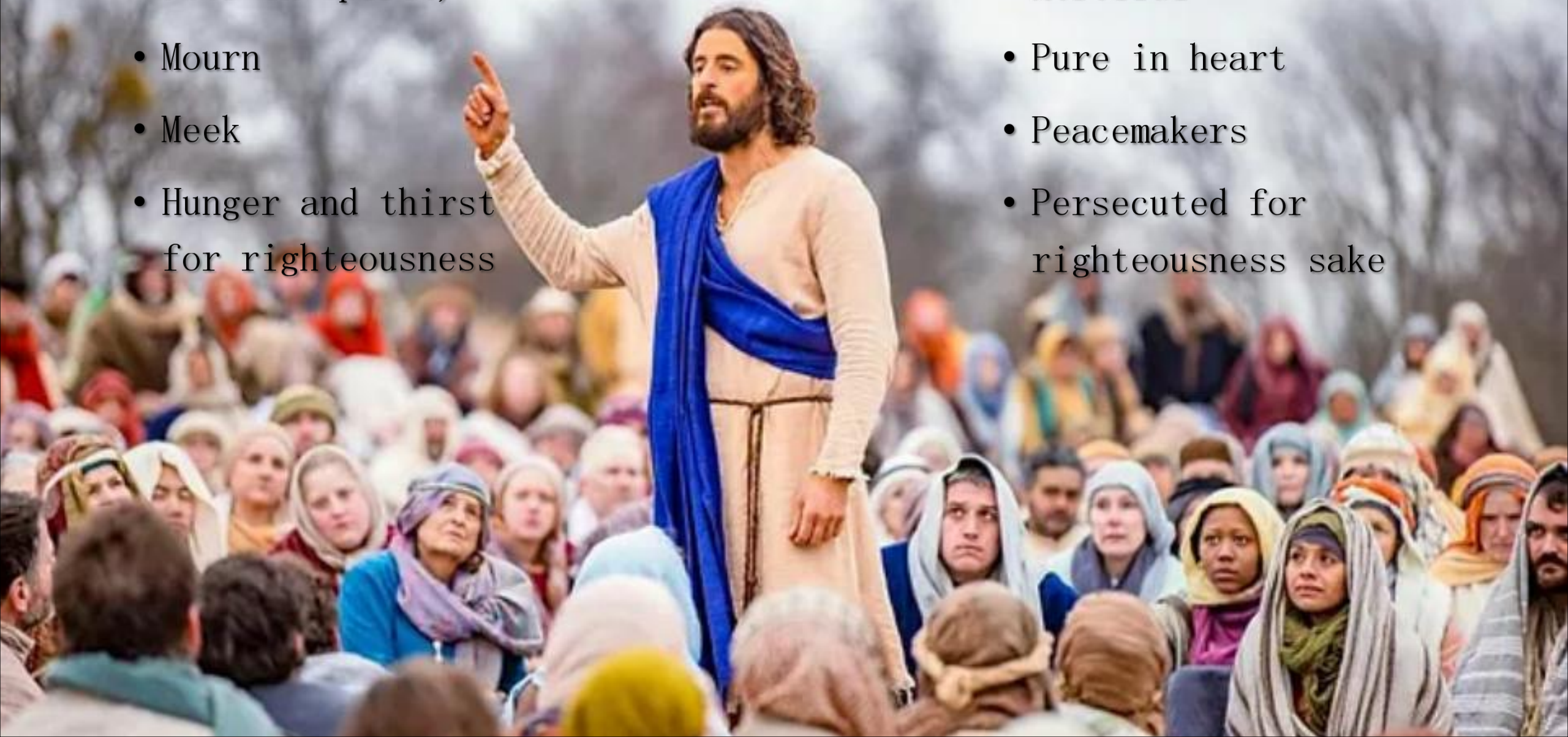
CREFLO DOLLAR

We can trust that His will for us is not just a few good things here and there, but a **steady stream of blessings**. God is not a God of insufficiency, but a God of over-the-top abundance. *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"* (Ephesians 3:20)

BLESSEDNESS

- Poor in spirit,
- Mourn
- Meek
- Hunger and thirst
for righteousness

- Merciful
- Pure in heart
- Peacemakers
- Persecuted for
righteousness sake



A couple is walking away from the viewer on a path that leads to a large, ornate, glowing archway. The archway is made of intricate, golden-brown patterns and is surrounded by a vibrant, blue and purple nebula-like background filled with stars. The couple consists of a man in a light blue shirt and dark pants, and a woman in a dark jacket and dark pants. They are walking on a path that appears to be made of a dark, reflective material, possibly water or a polished surface, which is illuminated by a bright light source from above. The overall scene is surreal and dreamlike, with a strong emphasis on light and color.

INFLUENCES HOW WE LIVE AND THINK

Spiritual Blessings
Sustains-grows

FAITH



God's Word
Promise



Fulfilment

The bigger the space the greater the faith

GRACE OF GOD IN CHRIST

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

1. Election

3. Predestination

4. Adoption

5. Redemption

6. Knowledge of His grand
plan

7. Inheritance

8. Sealing with Holy Spirit

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THE DESTINATION

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5 In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ,

Verbs and participles
describing God's actions

praise of his glorious grace, with
which he has blessed us in the **Qualifying phrases**

- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
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THE DESTINATION

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BLESSING 1 : ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION

Ephesians 1:3-6 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father

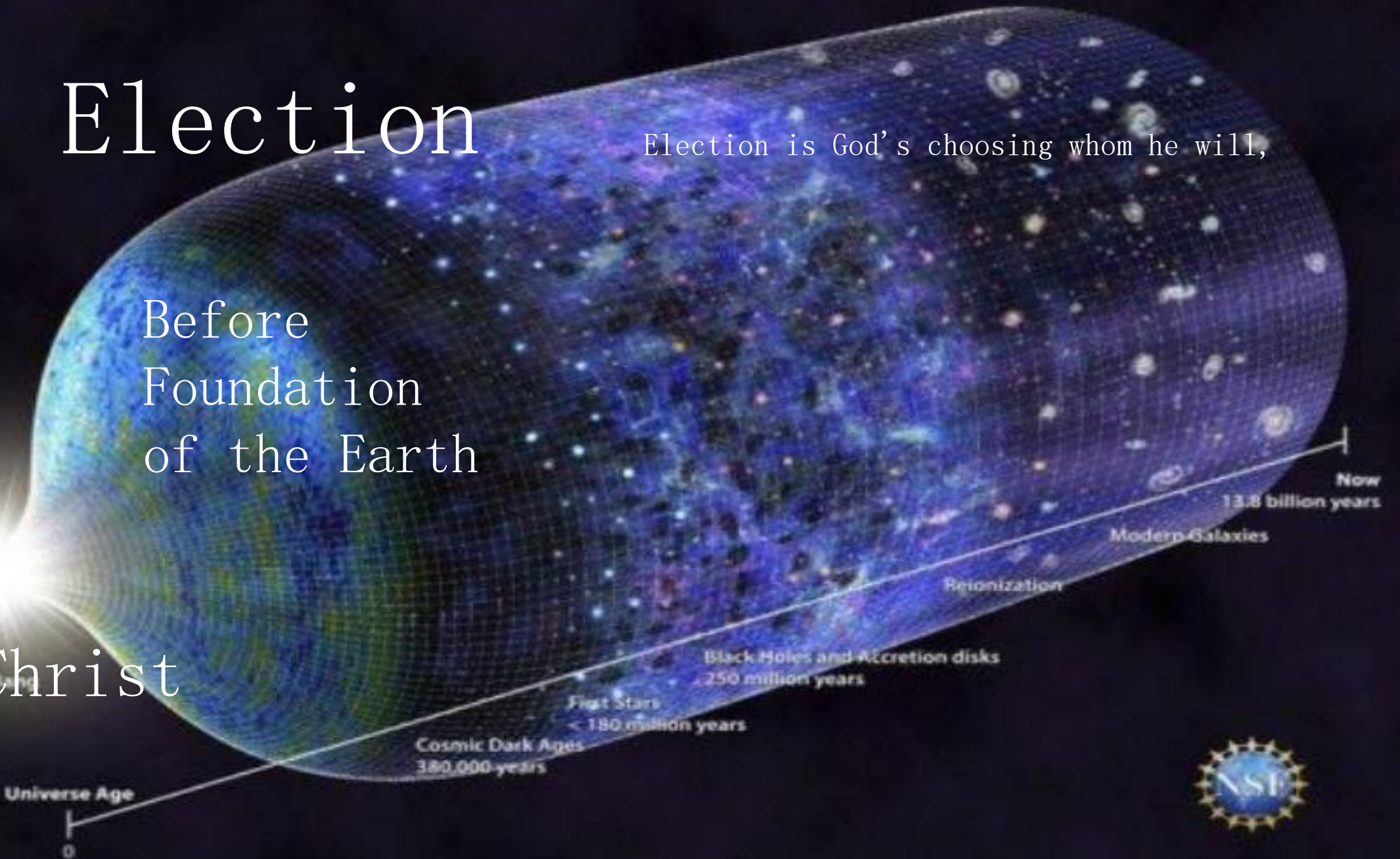
ἐκλέγομαι (Eklegomai) Proorizo
Chose us to limit or mark out a boundary beforehand; will
For himself ...middle voice to design definitely beforehand, ordain heavenly
places, 4 even beforehand,
he chose us in him before the foundation of the
world, that we should be holy and blameless before
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glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the

Election

Election is God's choosing whom he will,

Before
Foundation
of the Earth

In Christ



ELECTION AND EVANGELISM THE ELECT IN CORINTH

Acts 18:9–11 (ESV) And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” 11

And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1 Peter 1:1-2 (ESV): "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you."

“Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

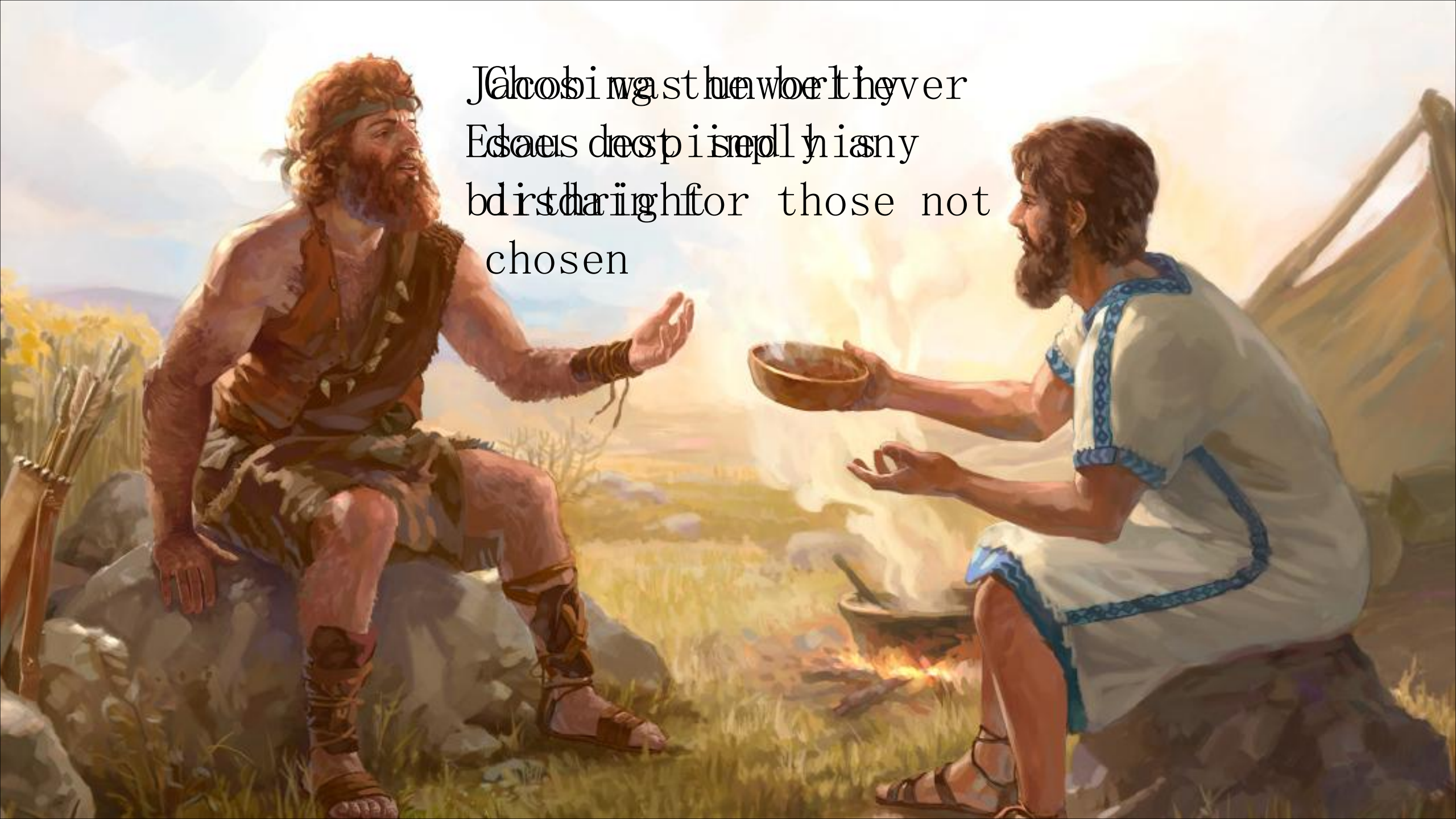


THE METHOD- NO MERIT UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

Romans 9:10–14 (ESV) And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, 11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” 13 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

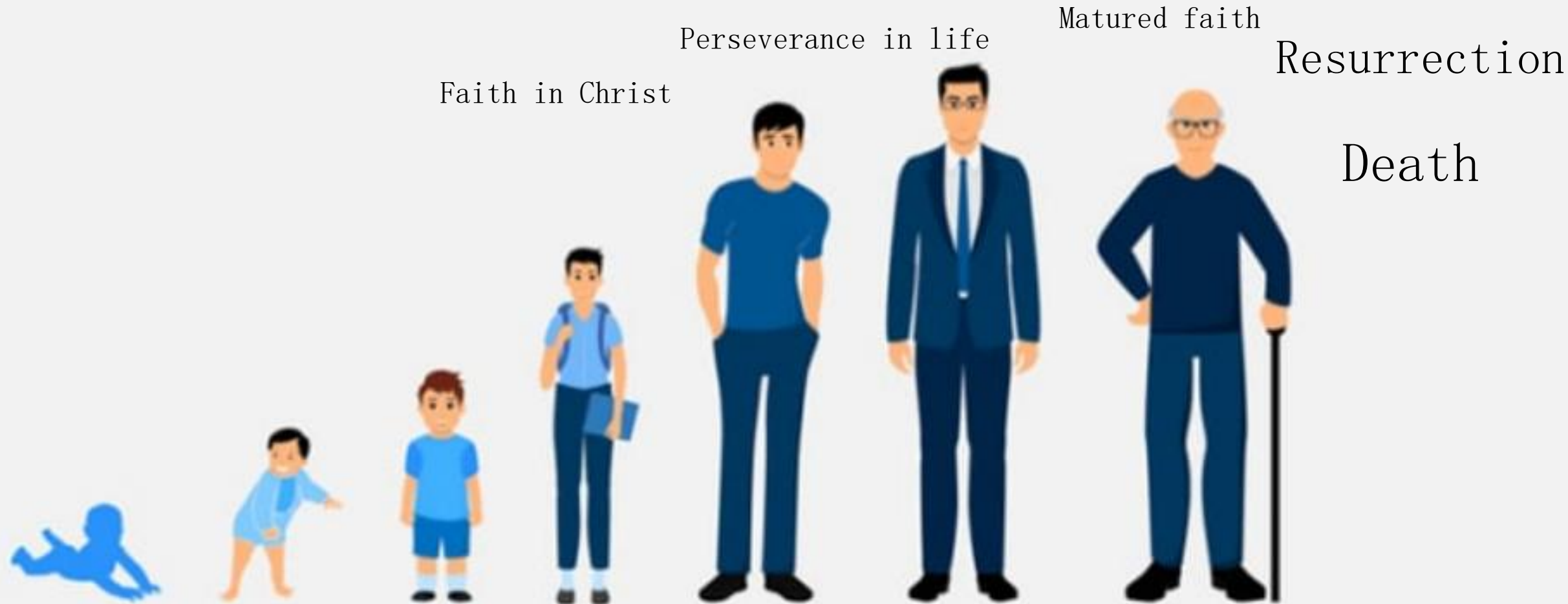
14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means!

Jacob was the weaker brother
Esau despised him in any
birthright for those not
chosen

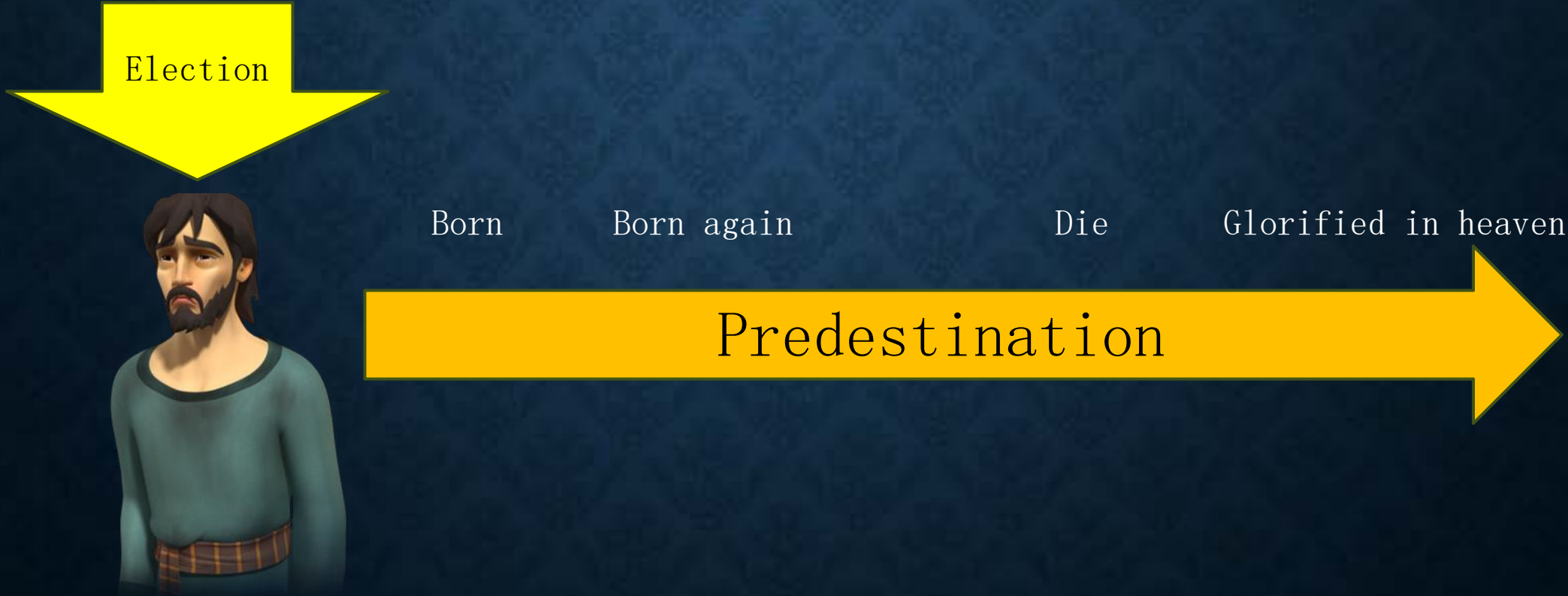


PREDESTINATION-SELECT FOR A PURPOSE

God's determination that they will become his children.



The reason He chose us before out of all humanity is before he had pre-determined our destiny



WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO

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More specific description of our destination—emphasis on LOVE

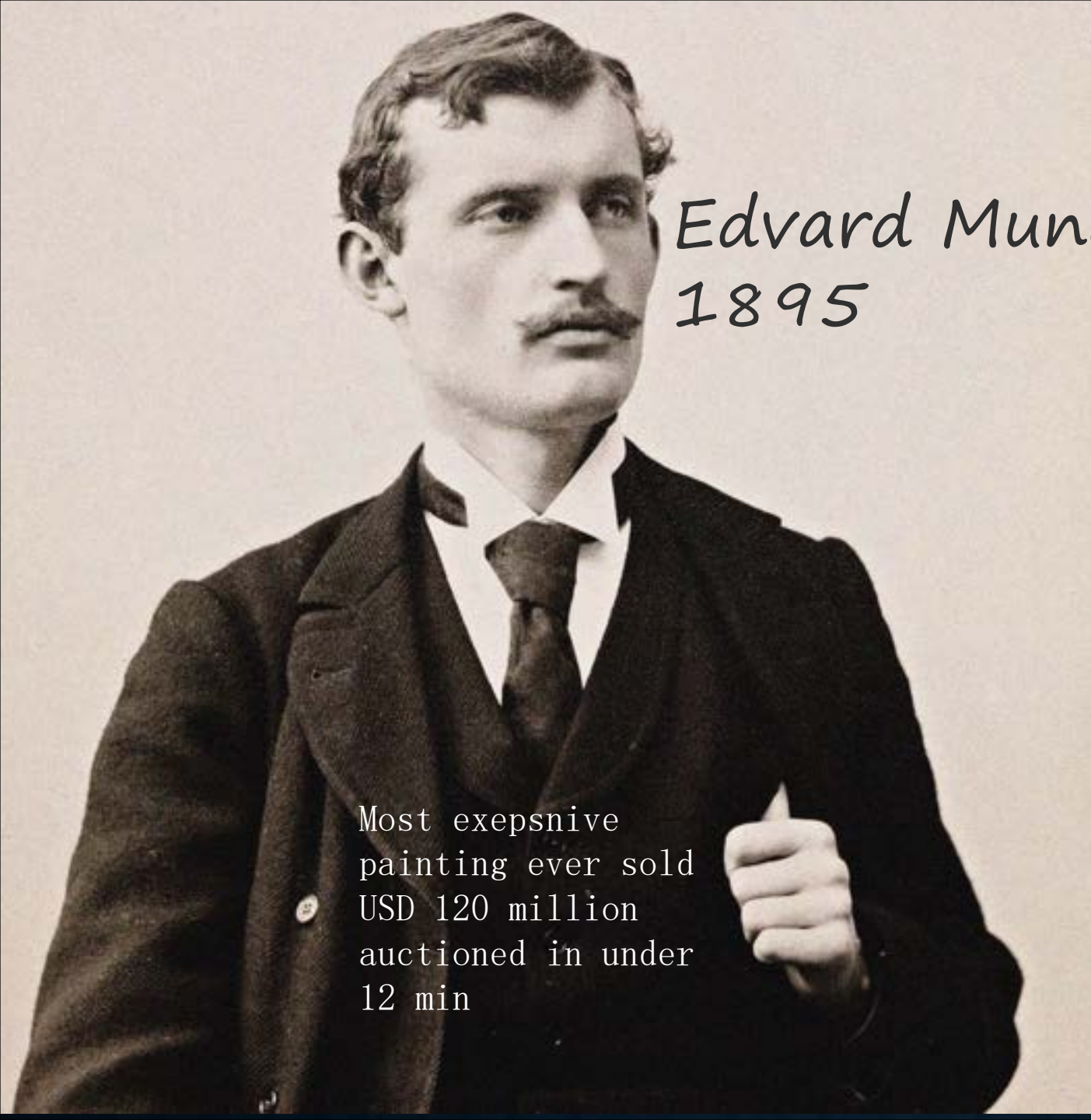
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CONFIRMED-SONSHIP

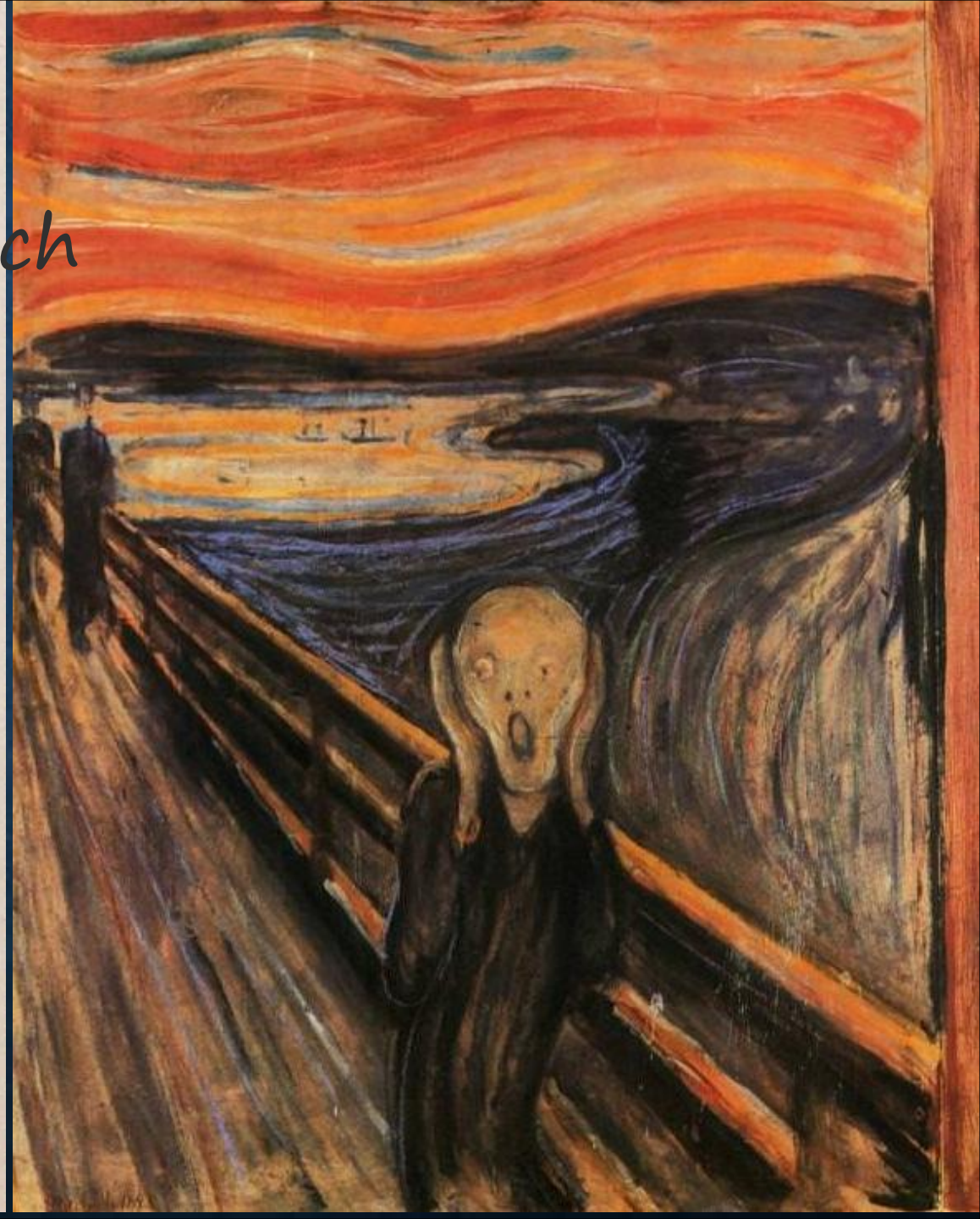
Romans 8:29 (ESV) For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.





Edvard Munch
1895

Most expensive
painting ever sold
USD 120 million
auctioned in under
12 min





MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD



**ADOPTED AS
GOD'S SON**

CHIEF CHARACTERISTICS OF SONS THE WHOLE POINT OF ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION

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HOLY AND BLAMELESS

1 Peter 1:18–19 (ESV) were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

WHY GOD CHOSE ISRAEL

Isaiah 43:4 Because you
are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love
you,
I give men in return for
you,
peoples in exchange for
your life.



TRANSFORMED BY GRACE

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (ESV) For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

THE BASIS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US

1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

There is no reason intrinsic to our own self worth





Trinity

Intra-Trinitarian

God's Love

Providential

Salvific

Special

Conditional



All peoples



Church

THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE

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THE PURPOSE OF ELECTION AND PREDESTINATION

Isaiah 43:7 (ESV) everyone who
is called by my name, whom I
created for my glory, whom I
formed and made.”



ABOVE ALL (MICHAEL W SMITH)

Crucified

Laid behind the stone

You lived to die

Rejected and alone

Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall
And thought of me
Above all



DESTINY

Our holiness and our blamelessness and our love and our sonship are not ends in themselves. They exist for something greater: the praise of the glory of God's grace.



OSCAR WILDE

“Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery that mediocrity can pay to greatness.”

THEIR GLORY IS IN THEIR IDOL



THE LAW

A ladder we have to climb to obey Him out of fear

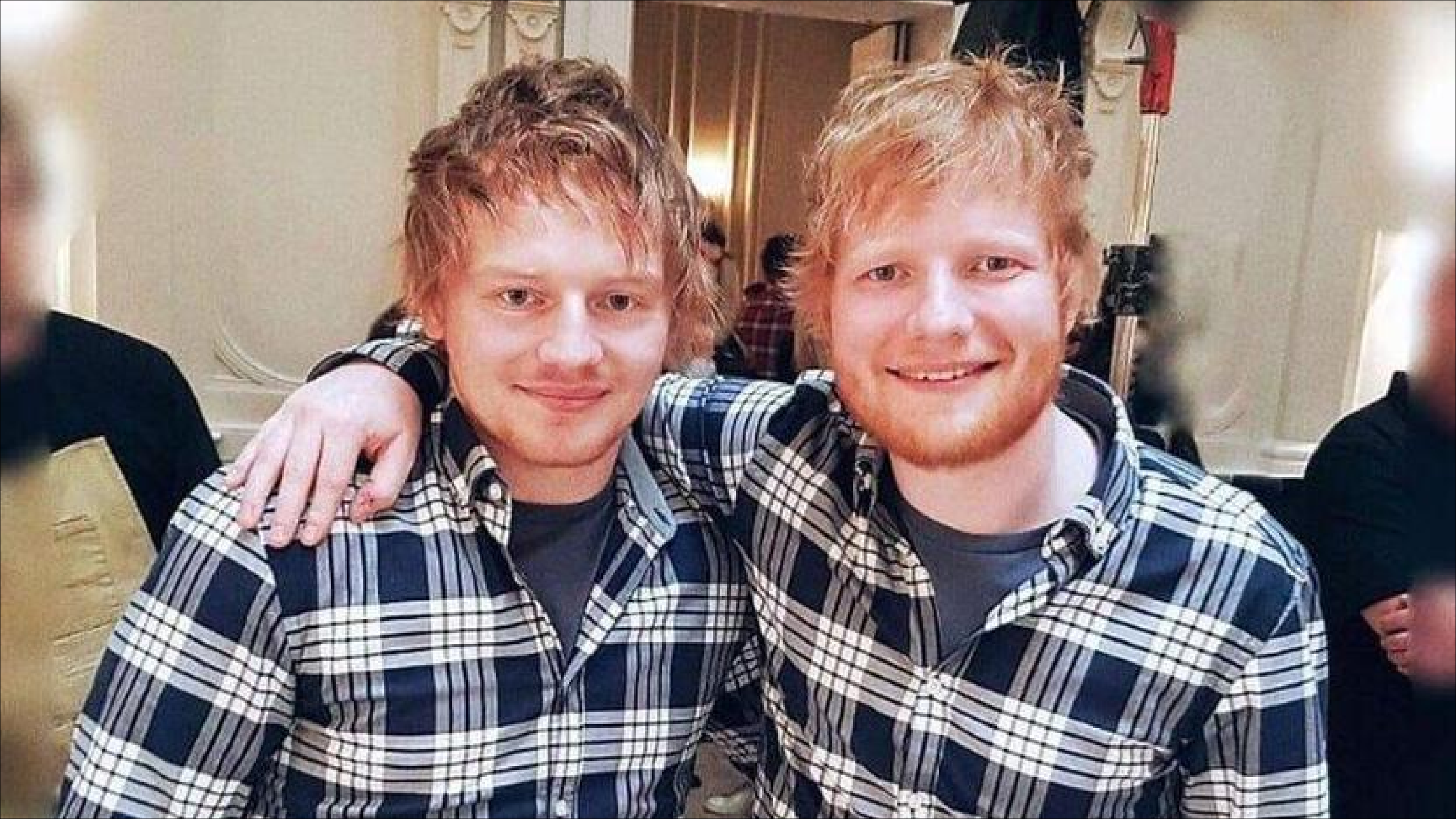


A description of the characteristics of God so we can reflect Him





They want to be a part
of the glory of their
idol





WHICH GLORY?



Genesis 11:4 (ESV) Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”





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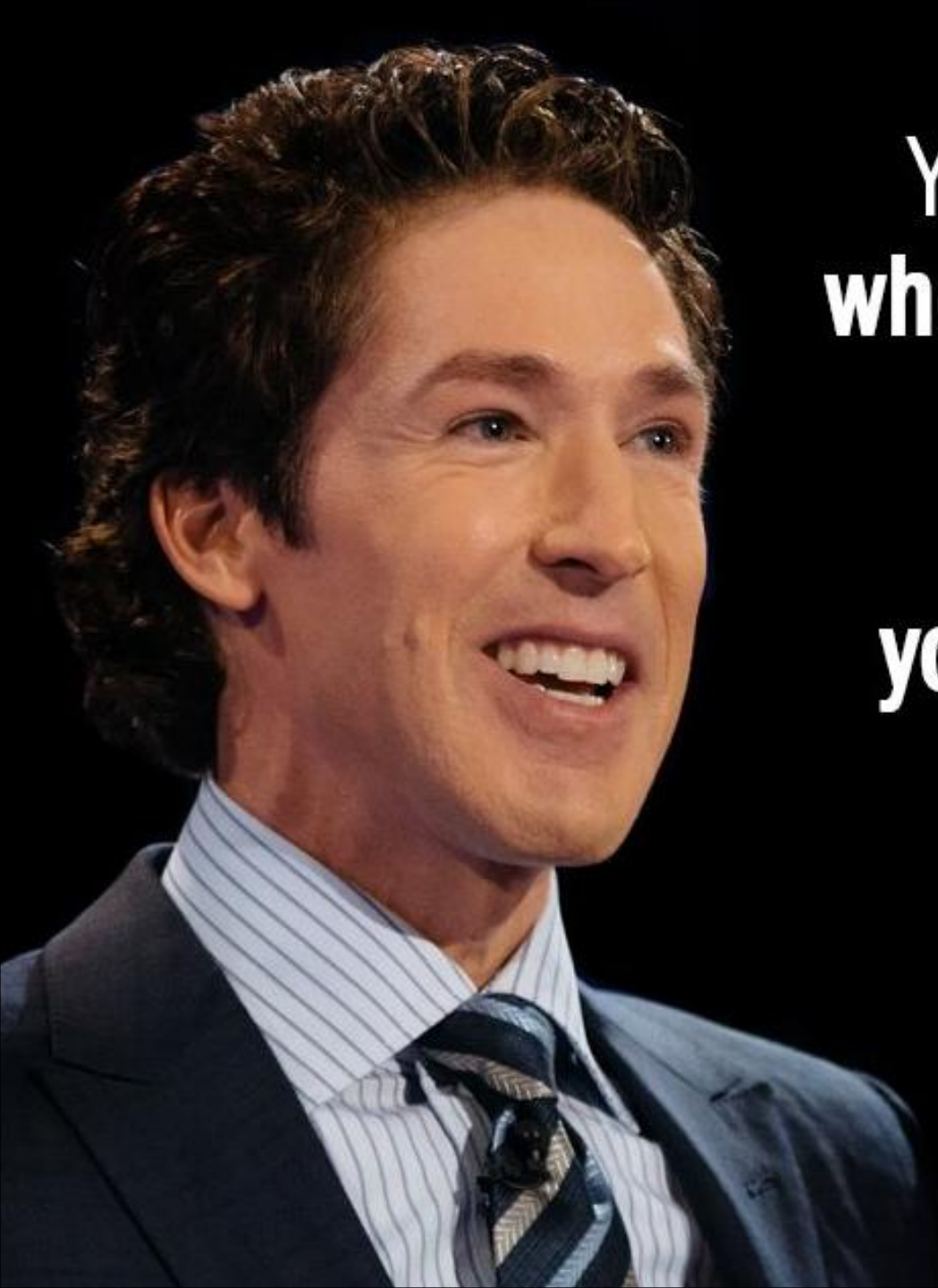
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WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR GLORY?



You need to associate with **people who inspire you**, people that challenge you to raise higher, people that make you better. **Don't waste your valuable time** with people that are not adding to your growth. **Your destiny is too important.**

– *Joel Osteen*

JOEL OSTEEN QUOTES

- *If you want to be happy you have to be happy on purpose. When you wake up you can't wait to see what kind of day you will have . You will have to decide what kind of day you will have*
- *You can change your world by changing your words...Remember life and death are in the power of the tongue*

A deep space photograph of a starry night sky. The background is filled with numerous stars of varying colors, including white, yellow, orange, blue, and red. Some stars are bright and prominent, while others are faint and scattered. The overall scene is a vast field of stars, typical of a star cluster or a distant galaxy. The text "Reflecting His Glory" is centered in the upper half of the image in a white, serif font.

Reflecting His Glory

ORDER OF SALVATION
Entirely God's prerogative
No merit
Glorification



Election

Gospel Call

Born again

Conversion
by faith

Justification

Adoption

Sanctification

Perseverance

Death



Millions of years

Variable

Instant

Life long



The Five Solas

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OF THE PROTESTANT
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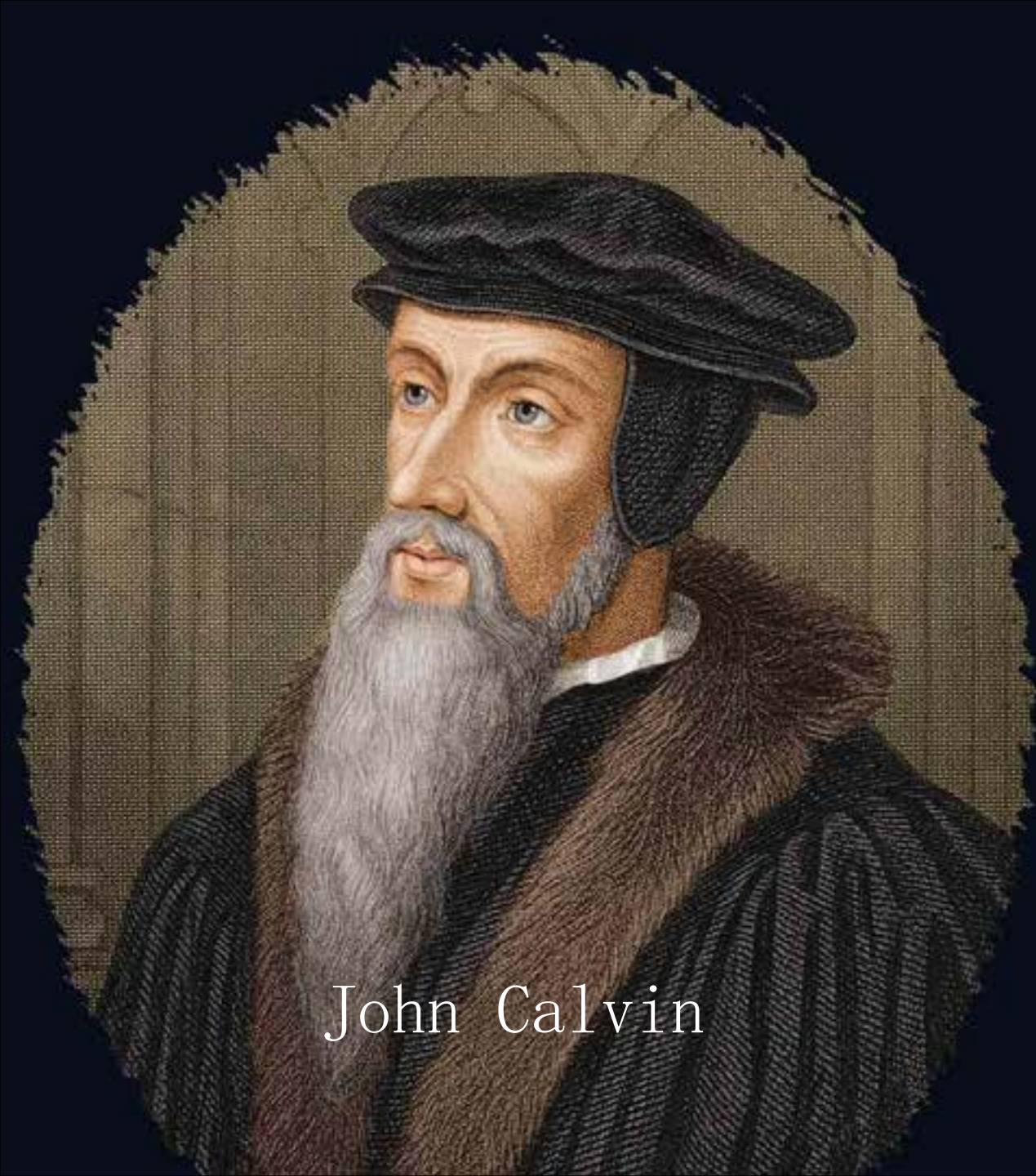


THE TENSION

Unconditional
Election



Free Will
Accountability



John Calvin



Jacobus Arminius

ARMINIAN -CORPORATE ELECTION

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Maybank



CIMB

Choose



MADE OF INDIVIDUALS

GROUP
HE CHOSE US IN HIM
BEFORE THE FOUNDATION
OF THE WORLD

Redemption
Forgiveness, ”
Sealing
Belief”



THE WORD USED FOR CHOOSING OF

Abraham (Neh 9:7),

Aaron (Ps 105:26 [104:26]),

Moses (Sirach 45:4),

David (1 Kings 11:34; Ps 78:70 [77:70]),

Eli's father (1 Sam 2:28).

Jacob/Israel (Isa 41:8; 44:1 - 2)

John 6:63–65 (ESV) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) 65 And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

APPLICATION

Comfort

Rom. 8:28, "in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose"

Confidence

Philippians 1:6
(ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ

Praise

Evangelism

APPLICATION

Praise

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graph TD; Praise --> Honored; Praise --> Gratitude; Praise --> Humility; Honored --> Final; Gratitude --> Final; Humility --> Final;
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Honored

Gratitude

Humility

- ...that we should be holy and blameless before him in love





Henry Hocking

Richard Hocking



Henry Hocking

The pair co-piloted a 10 hour flight from London Gatwick to Cancun, Mexico.

Motivation

Fear
Obedience
Desire to
be in
heaven

Admiration
Pride
Gratitude
Love

APPLICATION

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"I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory" (2 Tim. 2:10).