



WHO IN THE WORLD DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

Grace and Peace

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B. ...AND enablement for the believer.

***Grace paid for my sins
And brought me to life.
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right.***

“When that grace which was revealed in Christ is received by the believer, it then governs his spiritual life by compounding favor upon favor. It equips, strengthens, and controls all phases of his life...”

Ryrie, C. C. (1963). (p. 27). Moody Press.

¹² Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace.

2 Corinthians 1:12

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

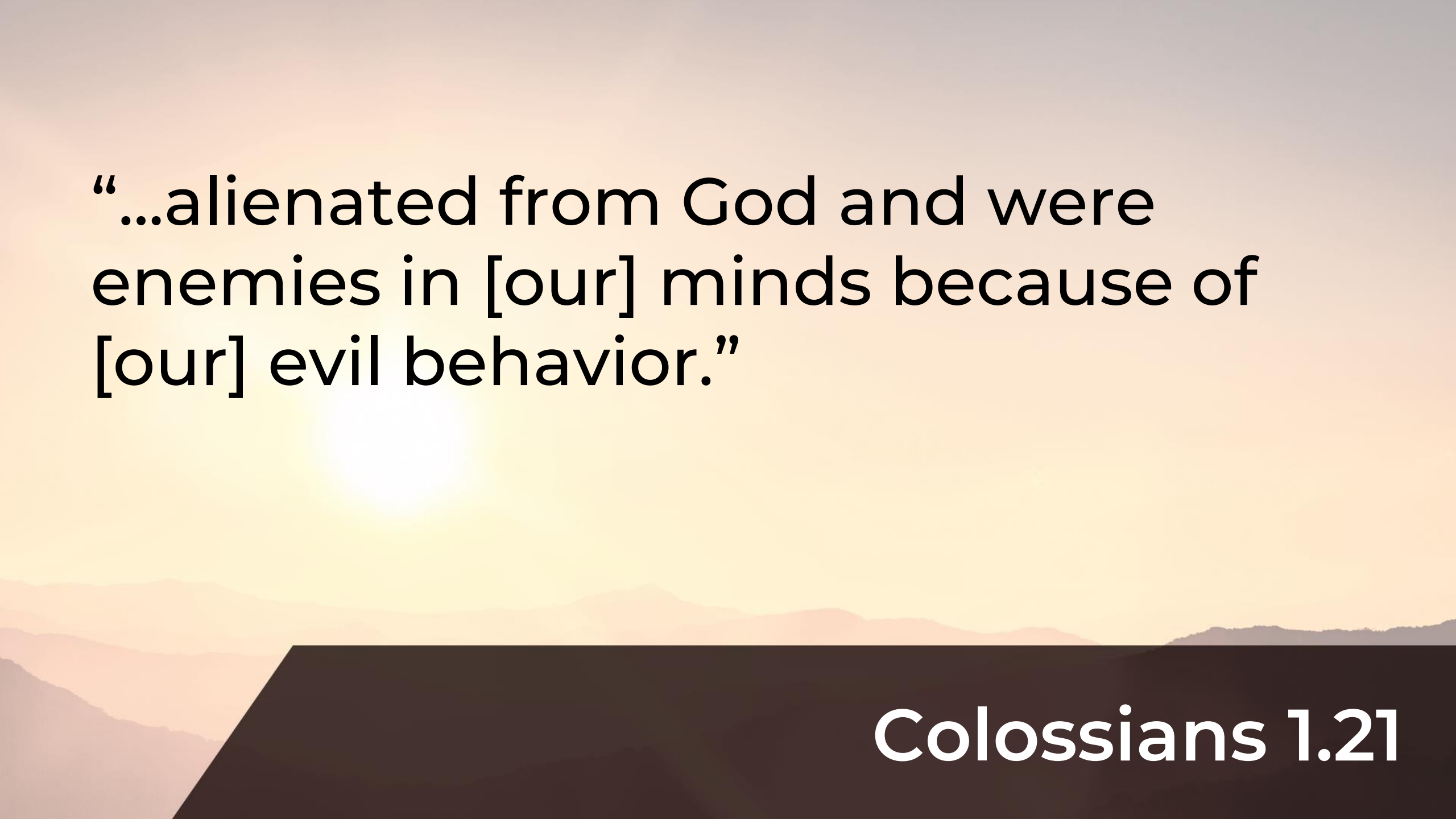
¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:11–12

II. Peace

A. Peace with God

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“...alienated from God and were enemies in [our] minds because of [our] evil behavior.”

Colossians 1.21

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...”

Romans 1.18



¹ Therefore being justified by faith,
we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 5:1

II. Peace

A. Peace with God

B. Peace within

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3.15

“The peace of Christ guides believers in making decisions. When faced with a choice, the believer should consider two factors. First, is it consistent with the fact that he and Christ are now at peace and thus on the same side? Does it perpetuate that oneness with the Lord that is the believer’s possession?”

John MacArthur

“...Second, will it leave him with a deep and abiding peace in his heart? These two factors are also the two greatest deterrents to sin in the believer’s life. Sin offends Christ, with whom he is at peace, and thereby shatters the rest and security in his heart.”

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⁶ Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–7

II. Peace

A. Peace with God

B. Peace within

C. Peace with others

¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

**KEY POINT: God desires
(and so provides) that
we have grace and
peace.**

**Whence grace and
peace?**

¹⁶ Now may *the Lord of peace* himself *give you peace* at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

III. God our Father

A. God is the Father

28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

Acts 17:28

III. God our Father

A. God is the Father

B. God is our Father

⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

Ephesians 1.5

¹ Behold, what manner of love
the Father hath bestowed
upon us, that we should be
called the sons of God...

1 John 3:1

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ

A. Jesus is Lord

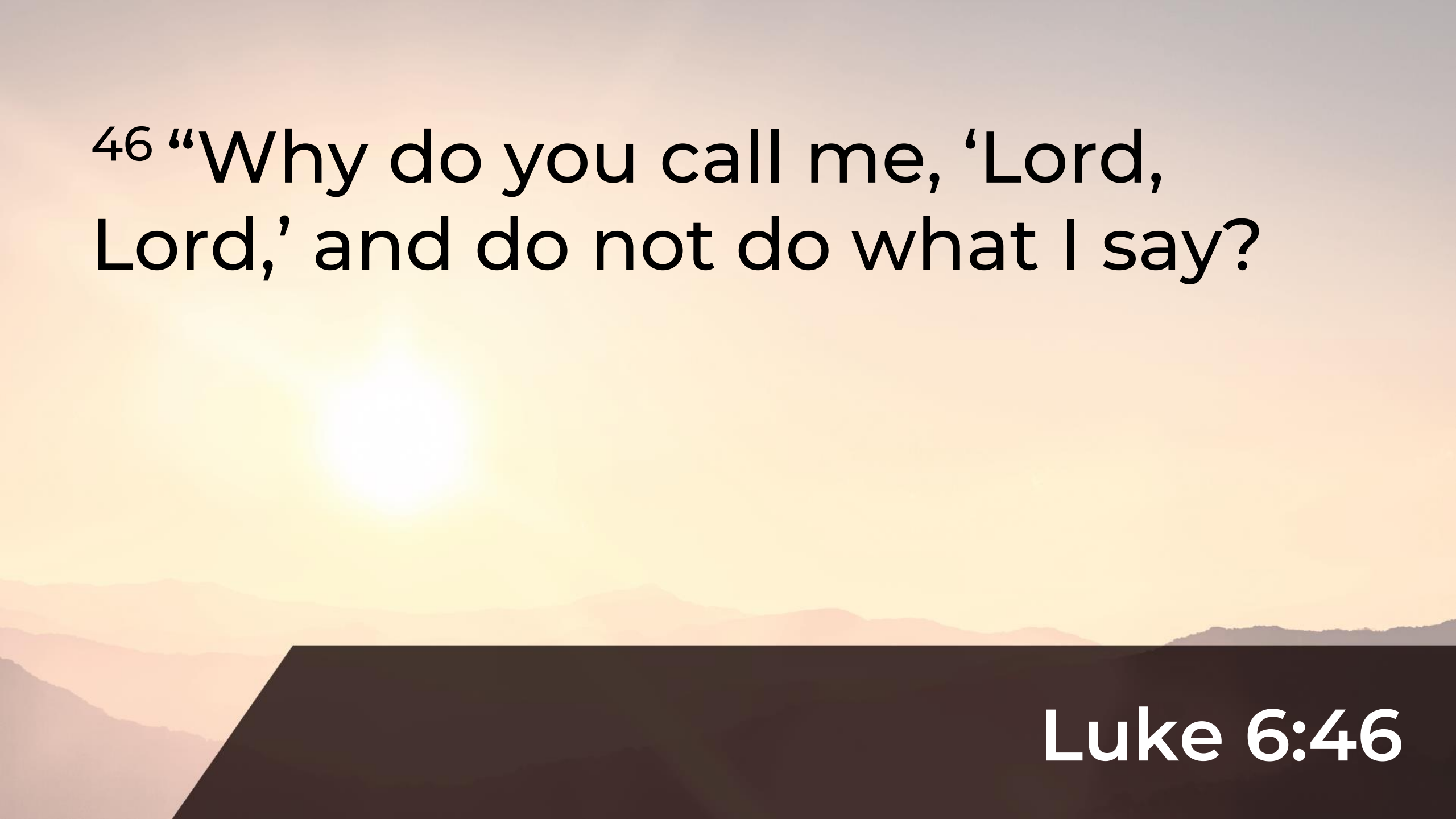
⁹ Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

IV. The Lord Jesus Christ

A. Jesus is Lord

B. We are his subjects



⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord,
Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

Luke 6:46

²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 7:21–23



15 “If you love me, you will obey
what I command.

John 14:15

Application

“You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Timothy should *continually rely on God's gracious enablement...*

--Köstenberger

1 John 2.1

³ Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on thee:
Because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Deuteronomy 4:9