



**WHO IN THE WORLD
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?**

A STUDY IN EPHESIANS

Review of Ephesians 1:1-8

The Greeting

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:1-2

The Nature of Our Blessings

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Ephesians 1.3

The Blessings

1. He chose us (v. 4)

**2. He predestined us to be
adopted as sons (and
daughters) (v. 5a)**

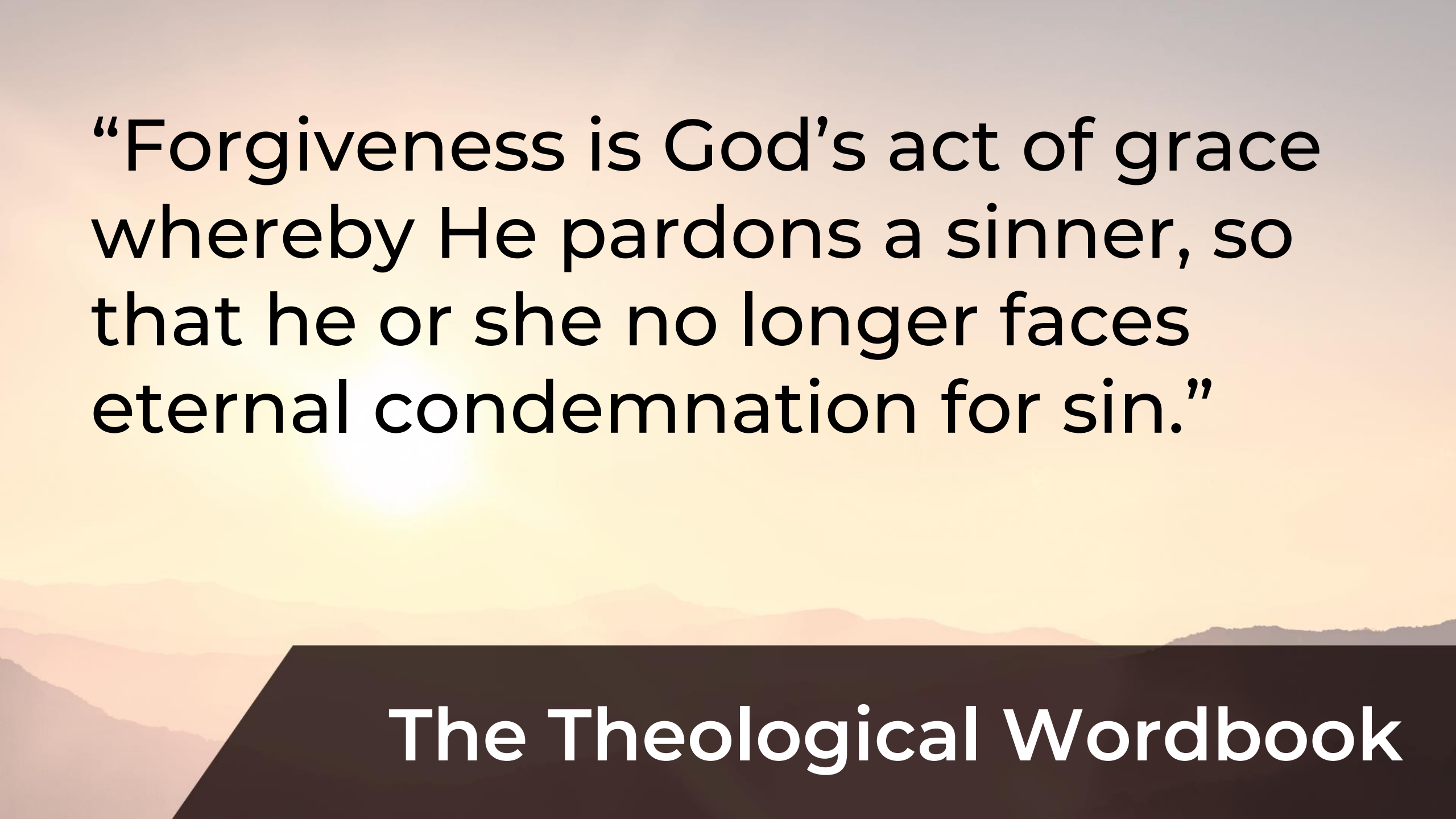
**3. We are the object of his
pleasure and delight
(v. 5b)**

**4. We have received
his grace (v. 6)**

5. We have been redeemed
(v. 7)

“the NT usage of the word refers to one set free on the basis of a ransom paid to God by Christ’s death. The emphasis...is release or setting free rather than payment, but it certainly may include the idea of a payment.”

Ephesians: An Exegetical Commentary



“Forgiveness is God’s act of grace whereby He pardons a sinner, so that he or she no longer faces eternal condemnation for sin.”

The Theological Wordbook

Ephesians 1:9-14

**6. He has revealed his will
to us (v. 9-10)**

Mystery: “the content of that which has not been known before but which has been revealed to an in-group...”

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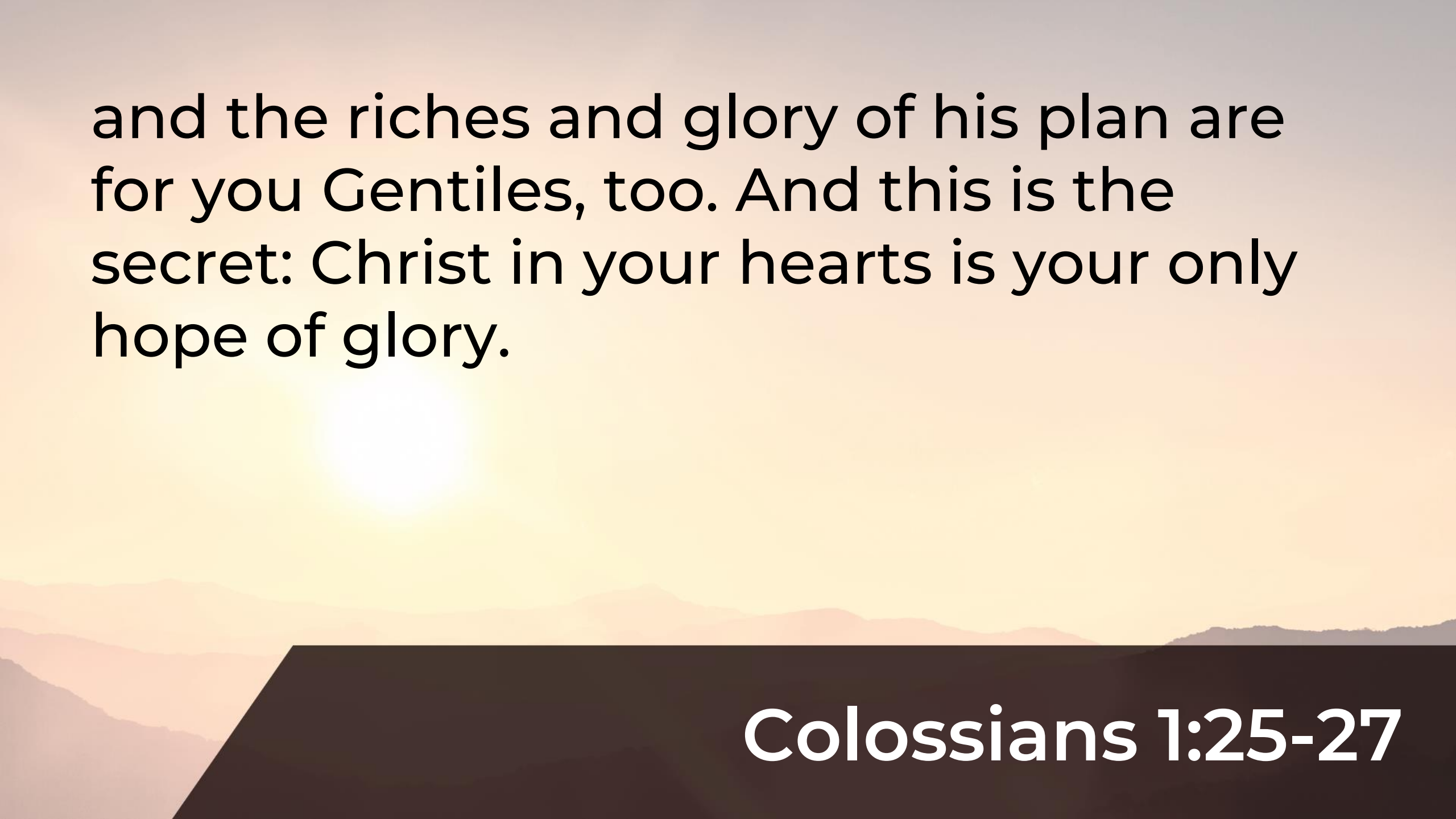
“There is a serious problem involved in translating μυστήριον by a word which is equivalent to the English expression ‘mystery,’ for this term in English refers to a secret which people have tried to uncover but which they have failed to understand.”

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25 God has sent me to help his Church
and to tell his secret plan to you Gentiles.
26 He has kept this secret for centuries
and generations past, but now at last it
has pleased him to tell it to those who
love him and live for him,

Colossians 1:25-27



and the riches and glory of his plan are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ in your hearts is your only hope of glory.

Colossians 1:25-27

**7. We have become God's
possession (v. 11-12)**

¹¹ 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,
¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12

¹¹ In Christ we too have been claimed as God's own possession, since we were predestined according to the one purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to the counsel of his will...

Ephesians 1:11 (NET)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

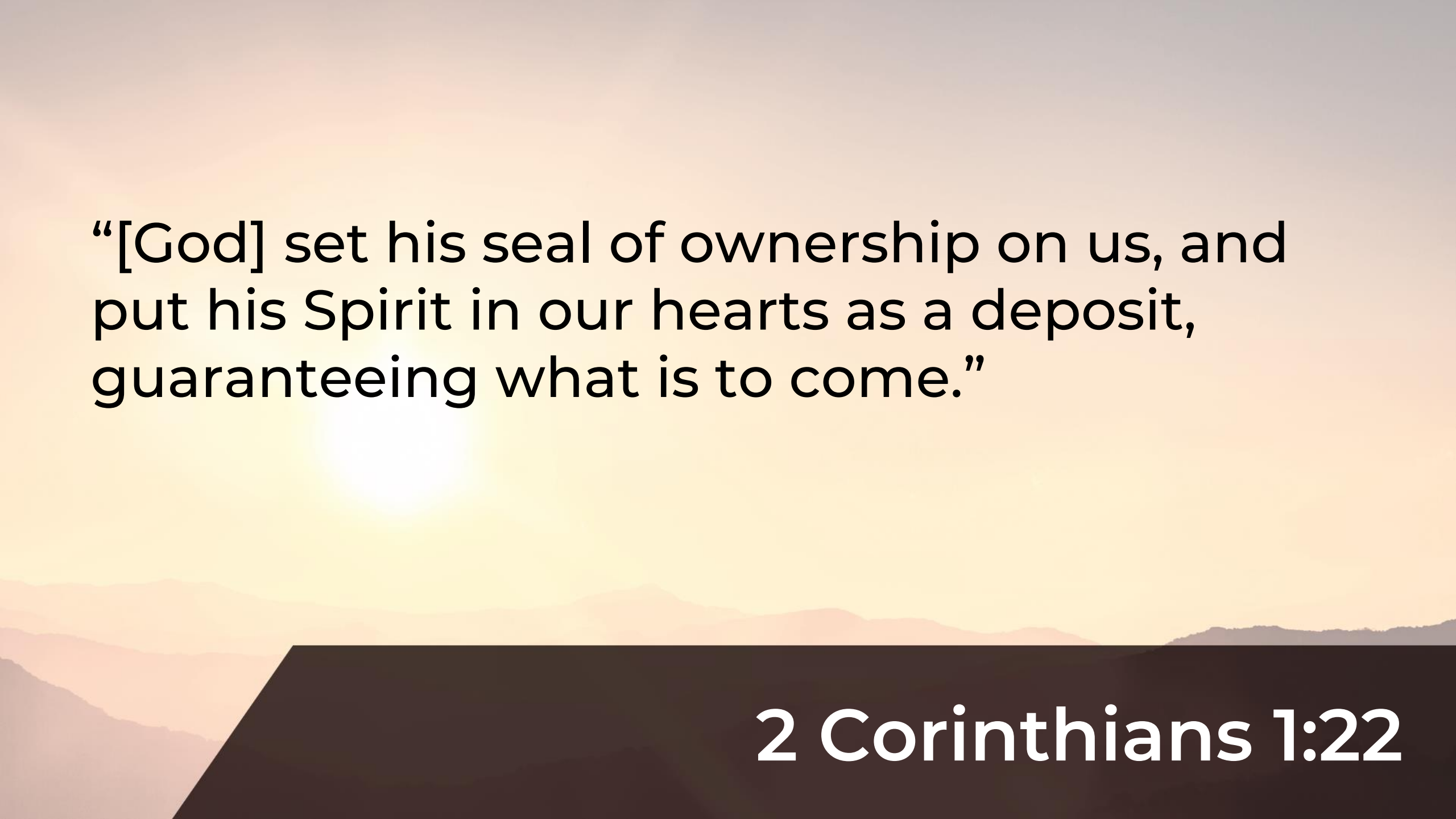
1 Peter 2:9-10



8. We are saved in Christ
(v. 13-14)

“...in whom you also having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom having also believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the initial installment of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession”

Ephesians 1:13-14



“[God] set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”

2 Corinthians 1:22

Ministries of the Holy Spirit

- indwelling (Rom 8.9)
- baptizing (1 Cor 12.13)
- filling (Eph 5.18)
- sealing (Eph 1.13)

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