

But God... (Part 2)

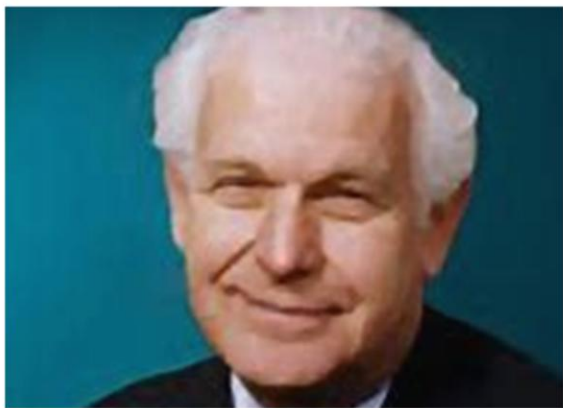
Ephesians 2:6-9

*See How God Exhibits His Amazing Grace
Toward Us by Saving Unworthy Sinners*

Trophies of His Grace



“The purpose of Ephesians is to promote a love for one another that has the love of God and Christ as its basis.”



Harold Hoehner,
Ephesians: An Exegetical Commentary

Ephesians 1

Greeting (v. 1-2)

The blessings of the believer (v. 3-14)

Paul's prayer (v. 15-23)

1. Our Past Plight (v. 1-3)



¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

Ephesians 2:1-3

³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Ephesians 2:1-3



1. Our Past Plight (v. 1-3)

2. God's Present Provision (v. 4-5)

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

God... made us alive with Christ (vs. 5)

God... raised us up with Christ (vs. 6)

God... seated us with Christ (vs. 6)

synzoopoieo

synegeiro

synkathizo

synzoopoieo= “made us alive together”

synegeiro= “raised us together”

synkathizo= “seated us together”

Regeneration is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us.



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“We did not choose to be made physically alive and we did not choose to be born—it is something that happened to us; similarly, these analogies in Scripture suggest that we are entirely passive in regeneration.”



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¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

God... made us alive with Christ (vs. 5)

God... raised us up with Christ (vs. 6)

God... seated us with Christ (vs. 6)

“The final verb, “being seated,” refers to believers’ present exaltation, specifically the privileges, honor, and authority they share as a result of their union with the exalted Christ.”



Ephesians-Philemon

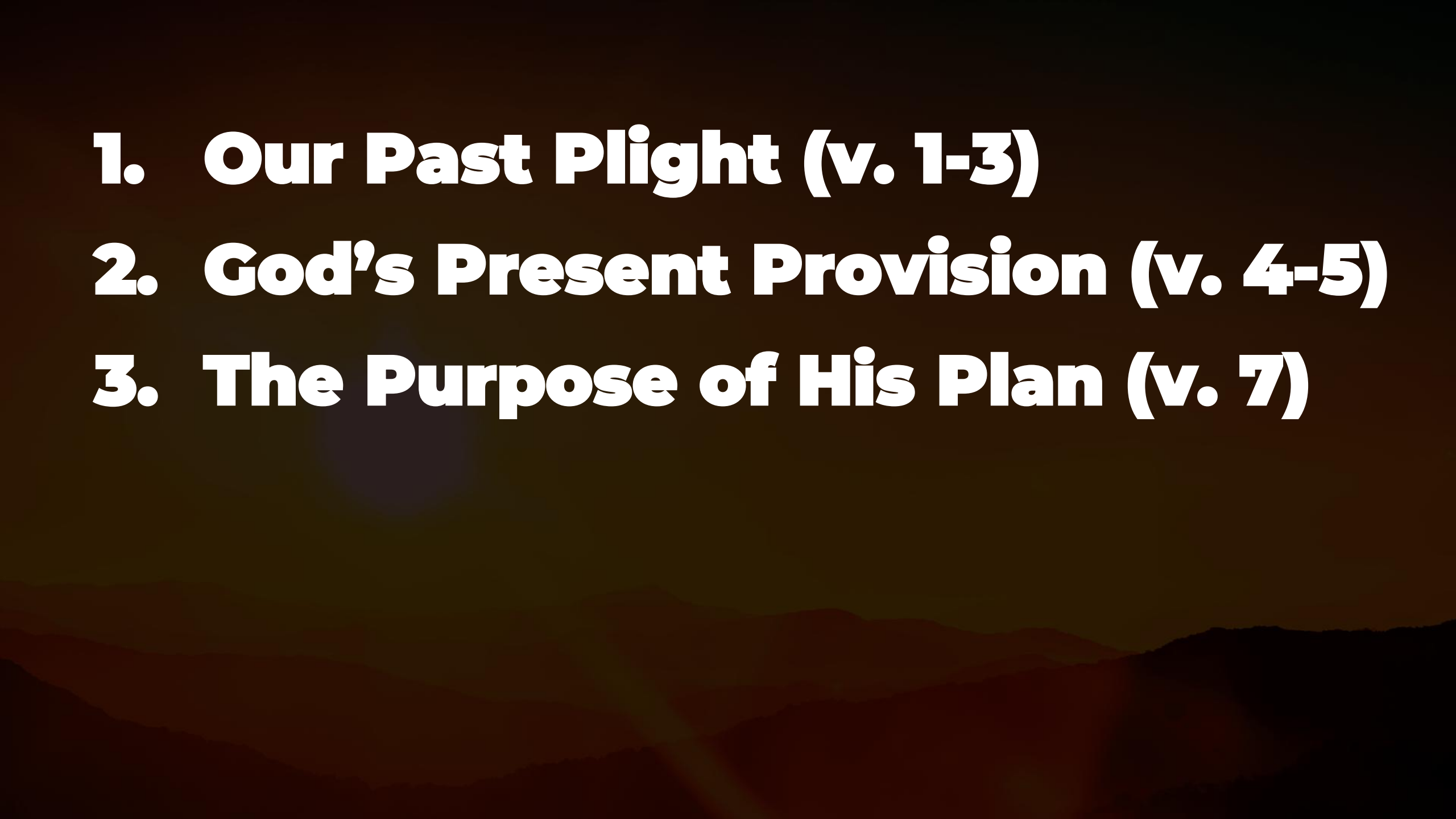
- Behold and Believe
- Behave



Ephesians-Philemon

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-4

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 - 3. The Purpose of His Plan (v. 7)**

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Ephesians 2:7

Trophies of His Grace

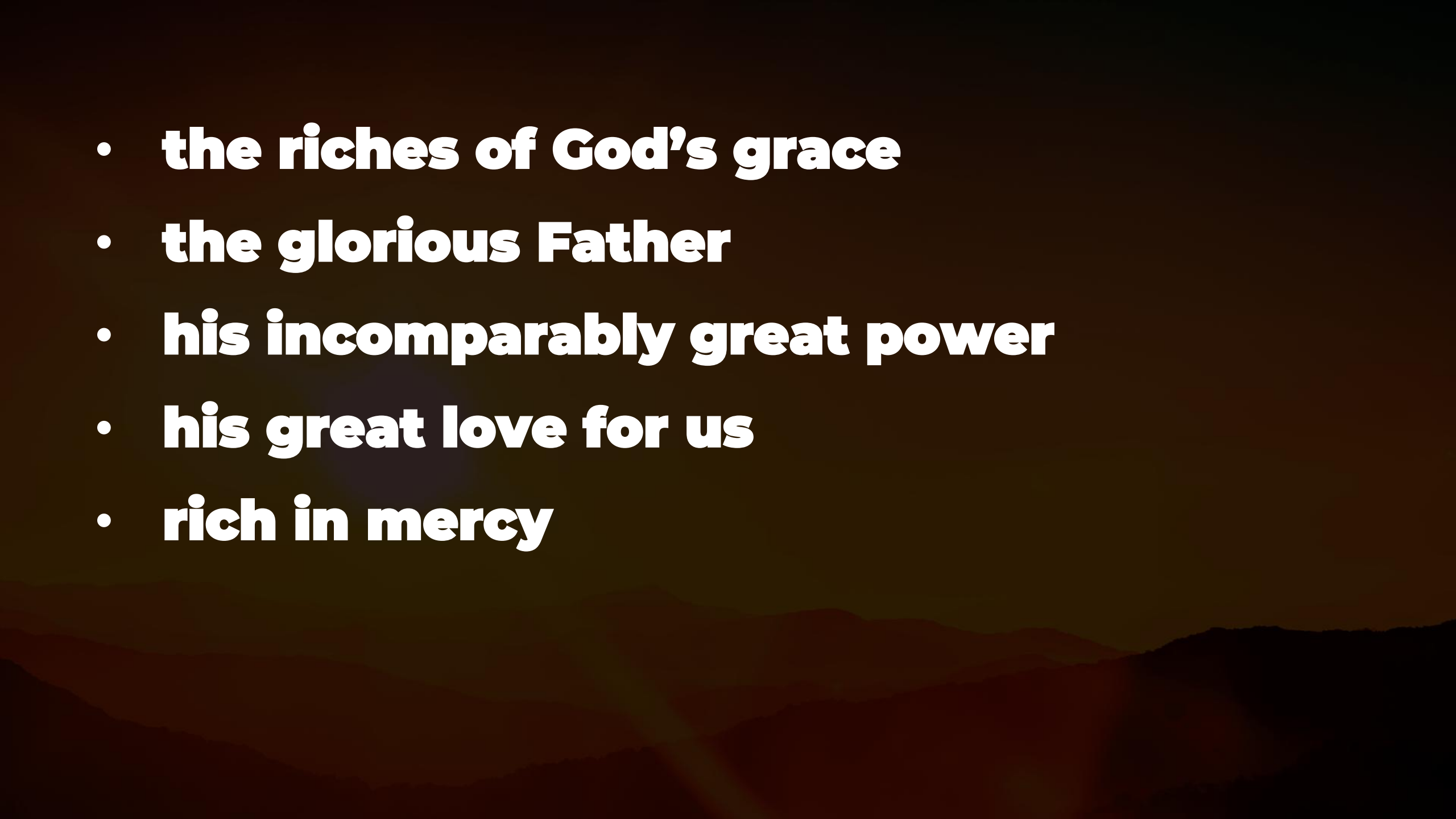


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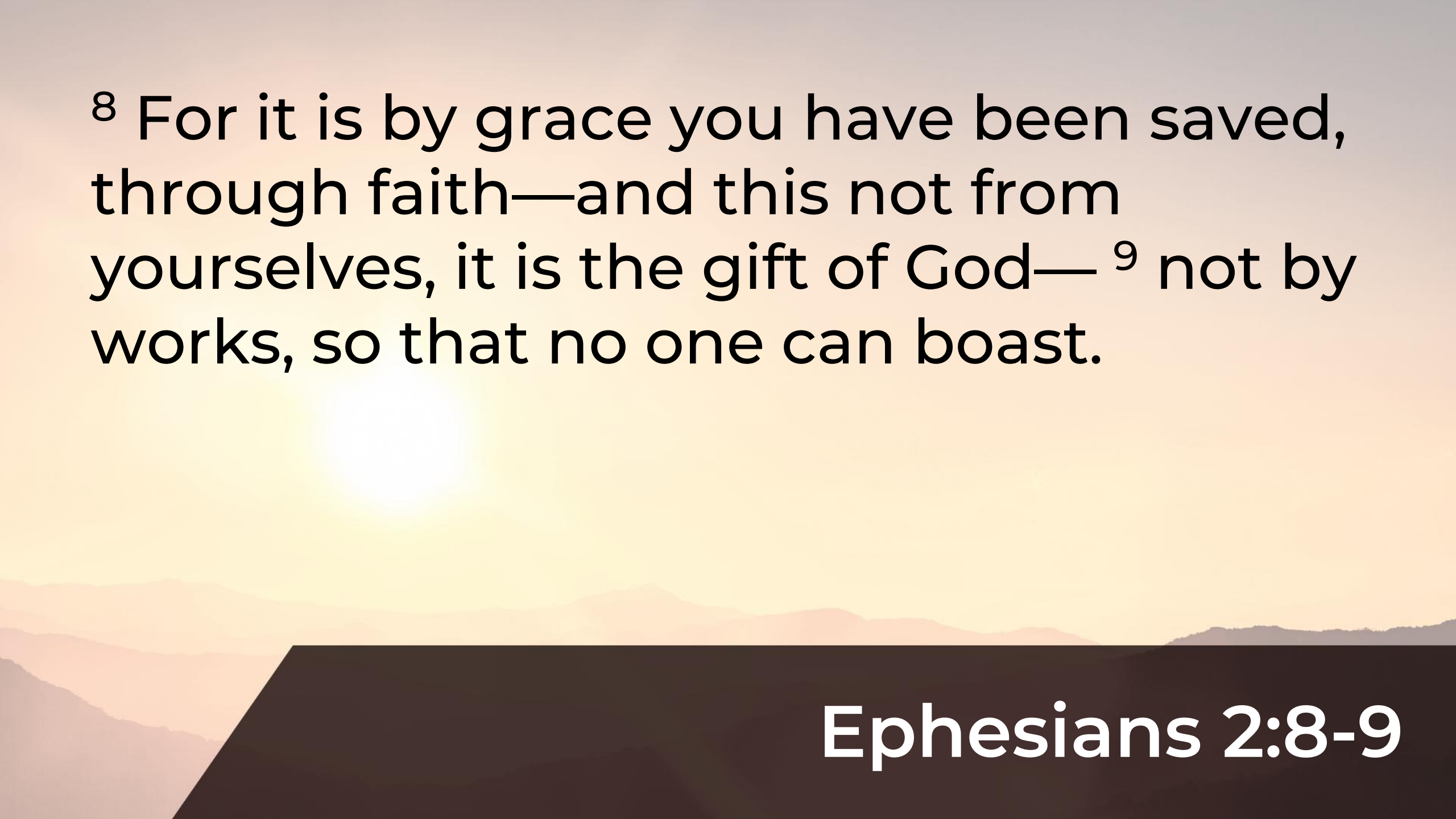
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- 1. Our Past Plight (v. 1-3)**
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- 3. The Purpose of His Plan (v. 7)**
- 4. A Parenthetical
Pronouncement (v. 8-9)**



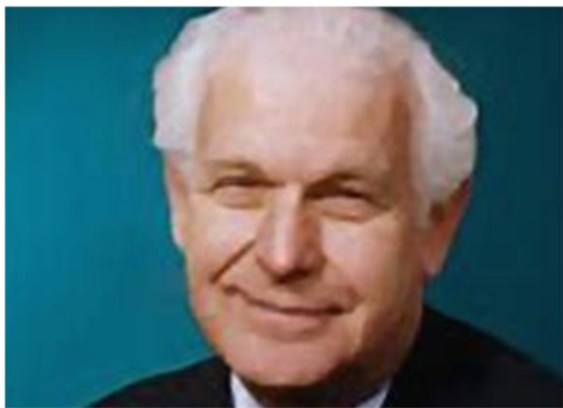
⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by
works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



**1. It is by grace you have been
saved—through faith**

“...being delivered or saved from danger... from eternal separation from God...”



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⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved...

John 10:9

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

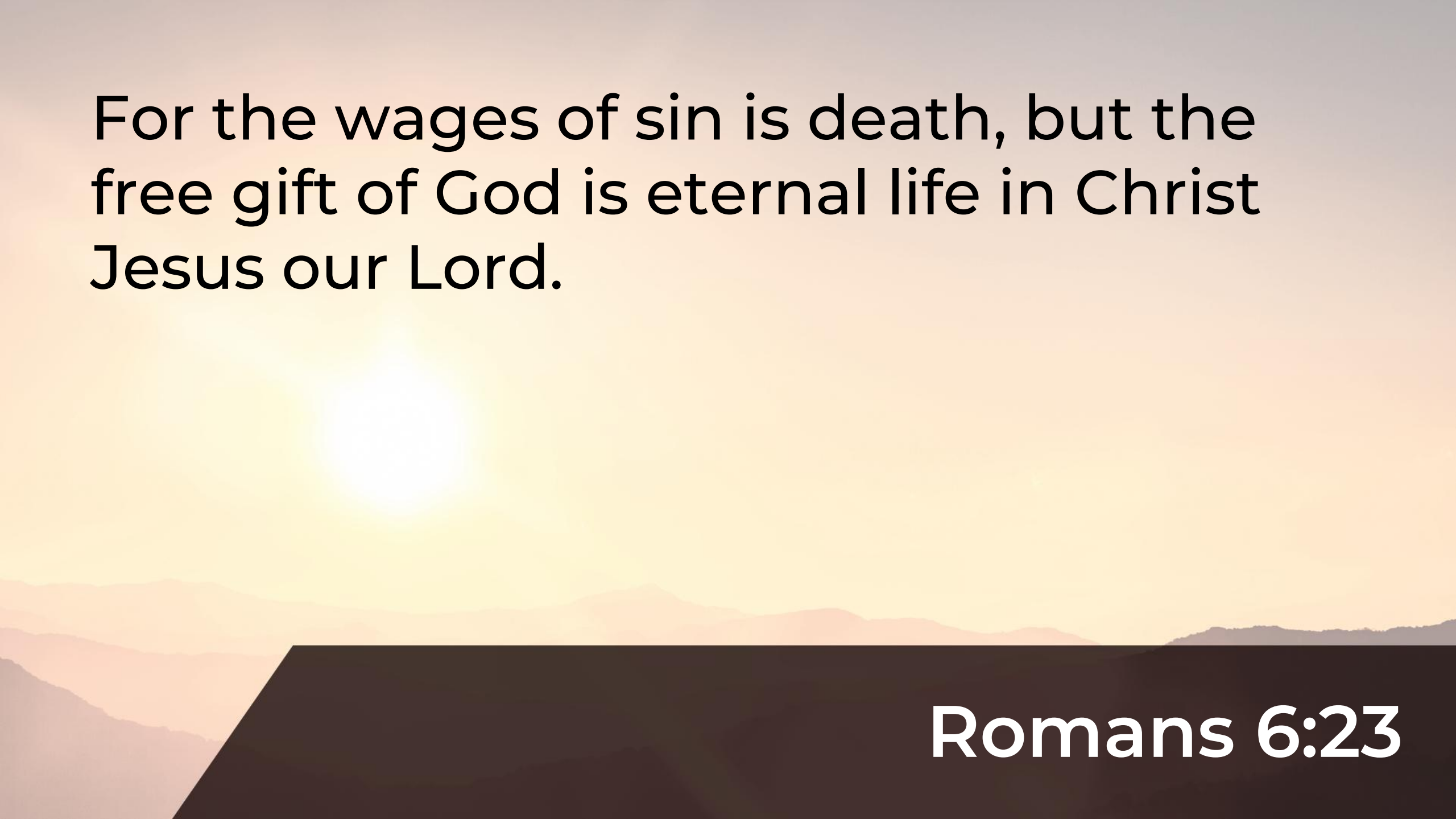
Acts 2:21

Saving faith is *trust* in Jesus Christ as a living person for forgiveness of sins and for eternal life with God.



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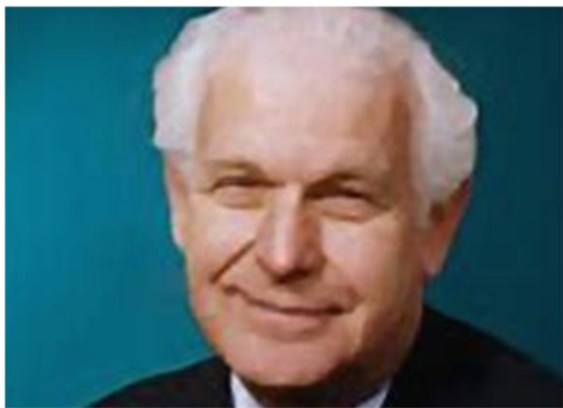
2. Not from yourselves—it is the gift of
God



For the wages of sin is death, but the
free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

“Therefore, the gift of salvation has its origin in God, its basis is grace, and it is received by means of faith.”



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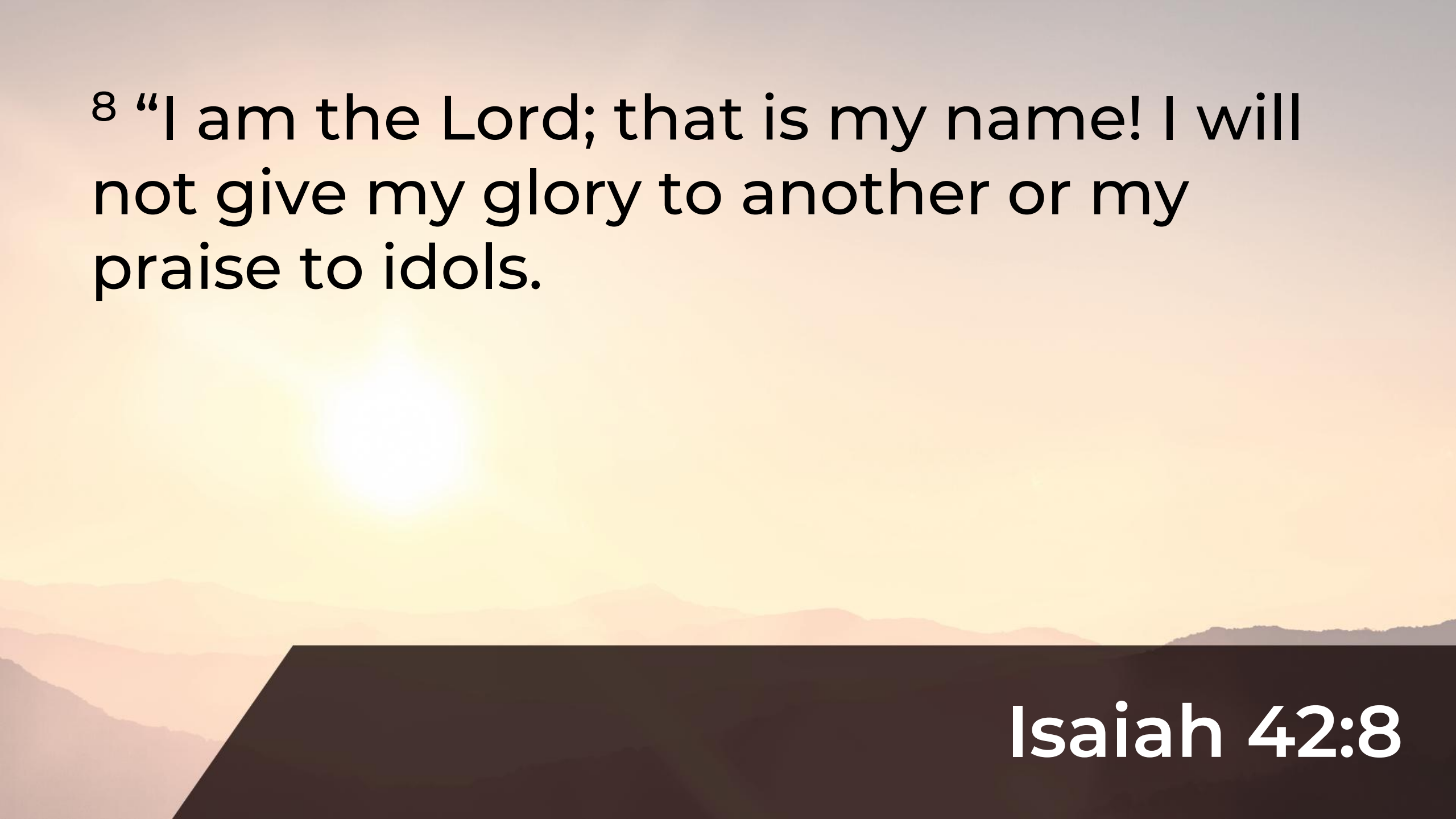


⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

2 Timothy 1:9

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:5

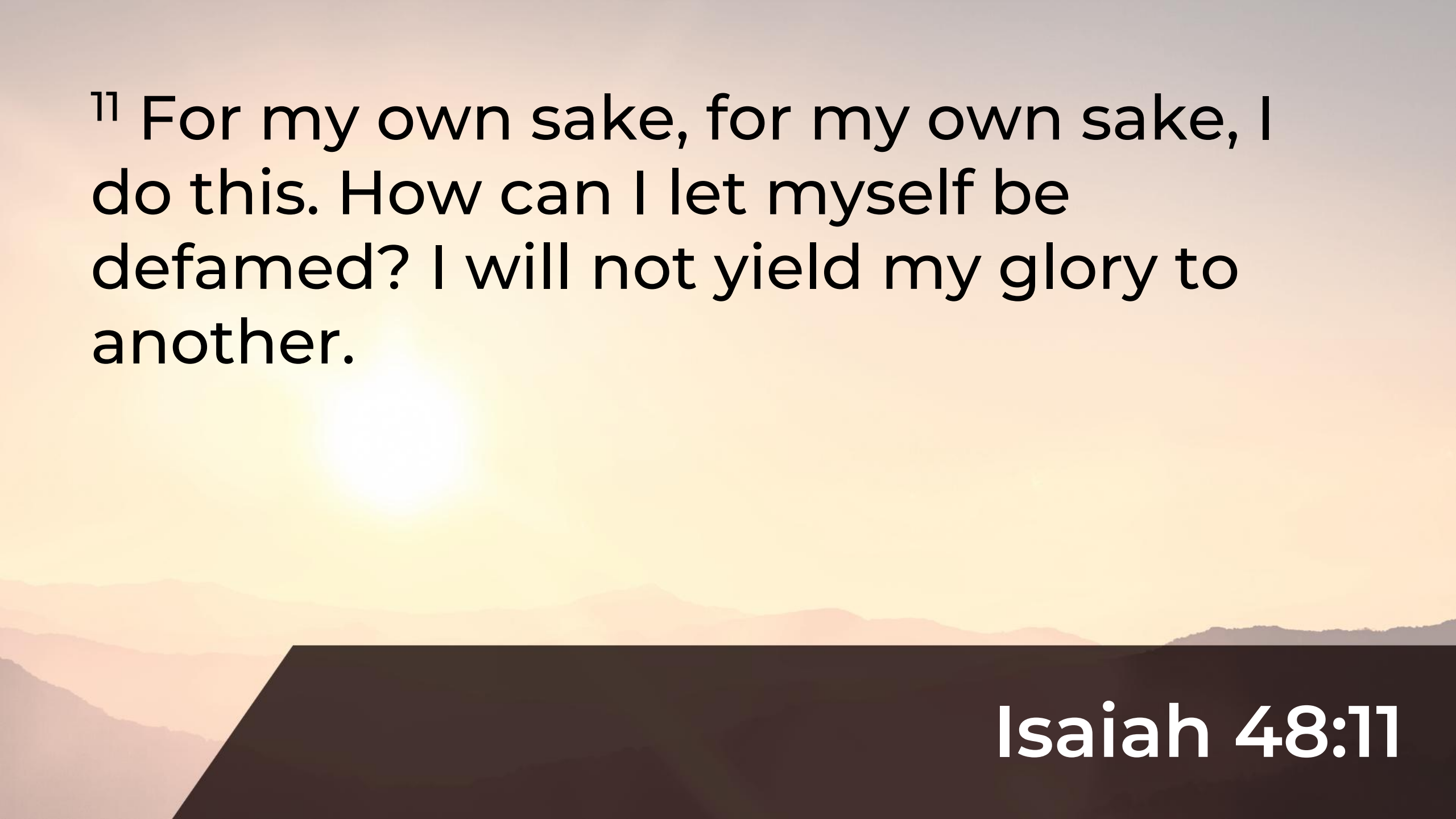


⁸ “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

Isaiah 42:8

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I
formed and made.”

Isaiah 43:7



¹¹ For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another.

Isaiah 48:11

³⁰ But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, ³¹ that, just as it is written, “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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