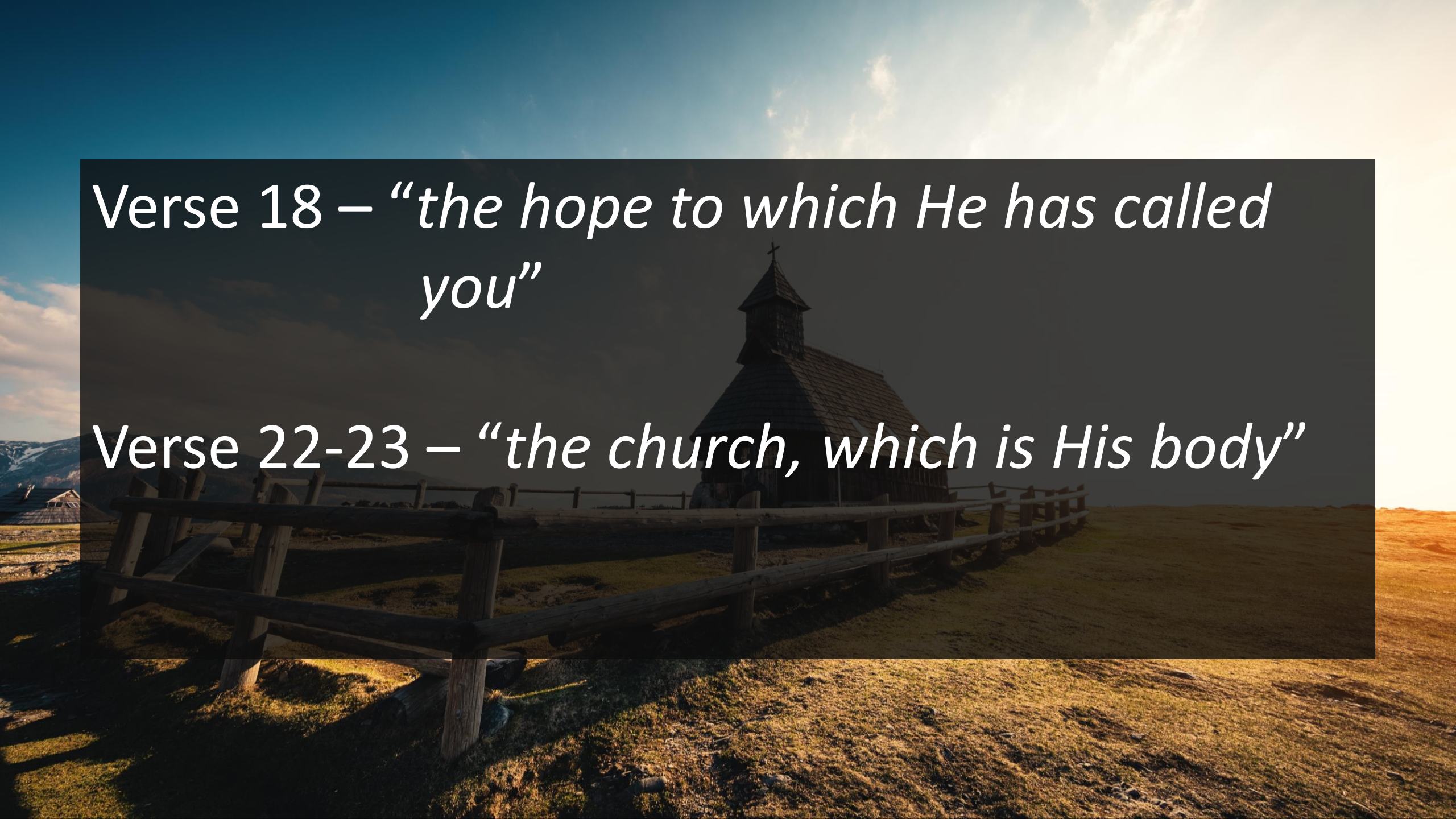


Why Church?

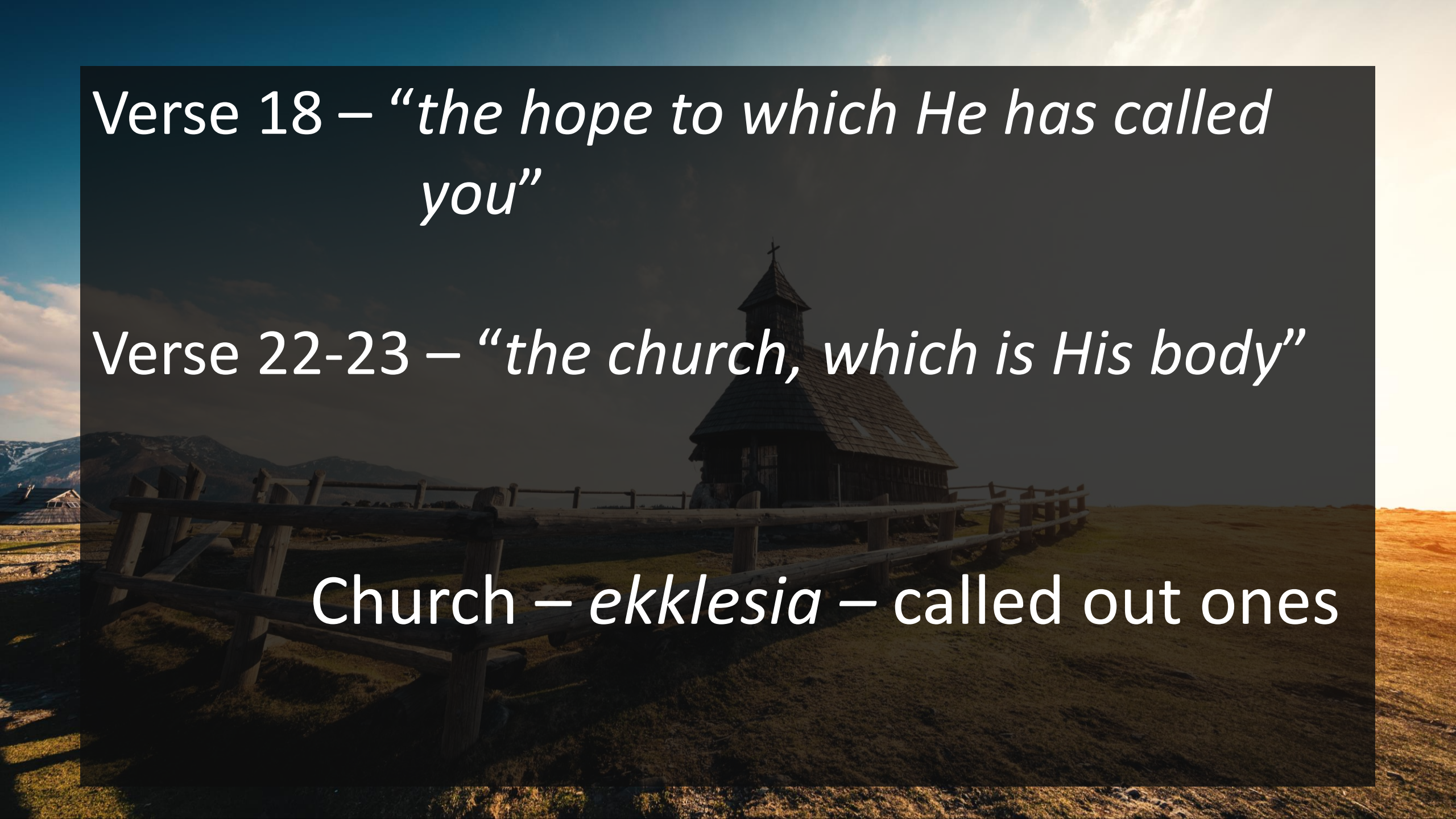


There's Some Good in This Mess! | Ephesians 1:15-23

A rustic wooden church with a steeple, surrounded by a wooden fence in a grassy field under a dramatic sky. The church is made of dark wood and has a small cross on top of its steeple. It is situated in a field with a wooden fence in the foreground. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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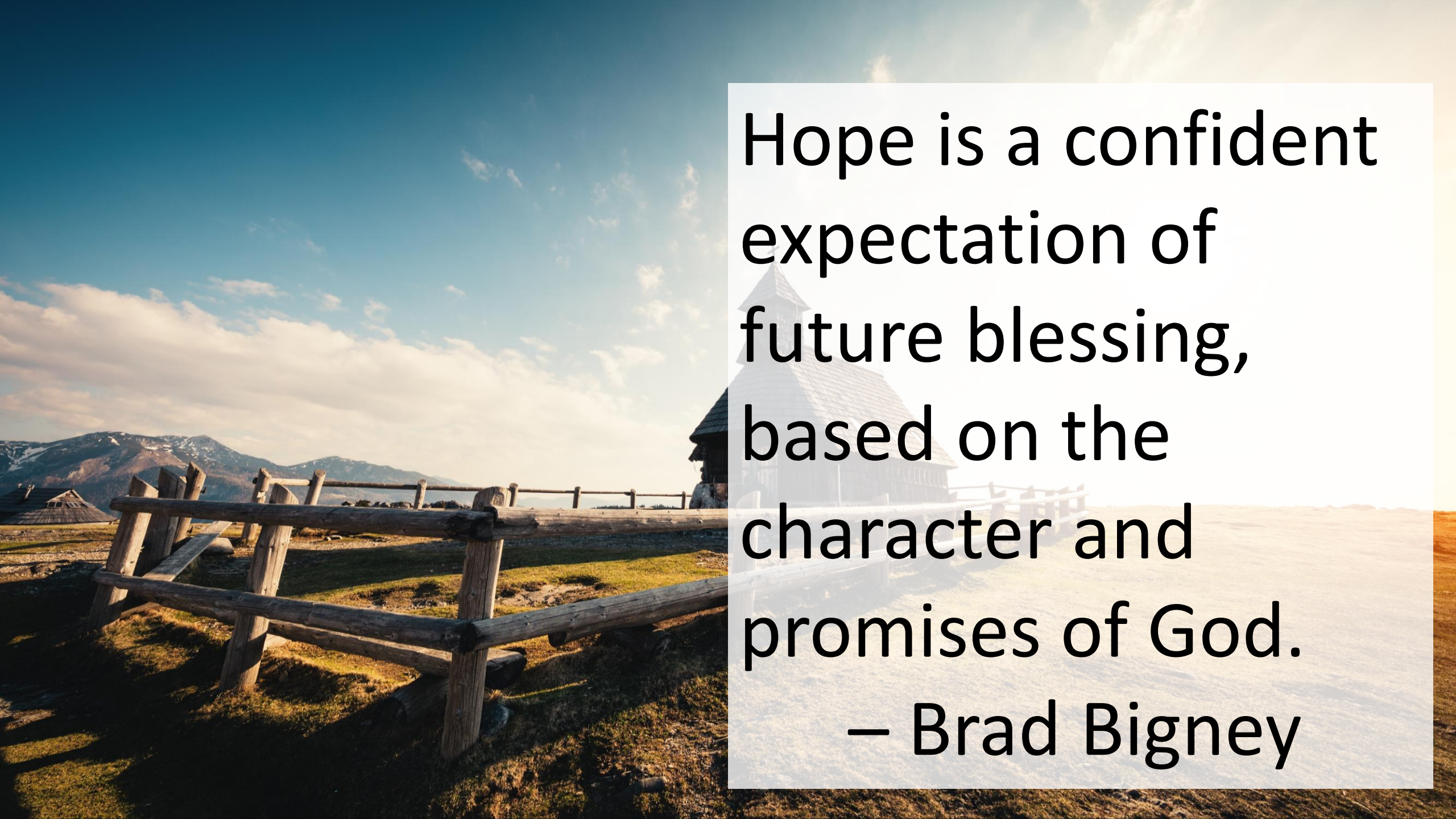
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Church – *ekklesia* – called out ones

Statement #1 -- The Church is a Community
of Human Beings **God Has Called** to:

Know His Hope





Hope is a confident
expectation of
future blessing,
based on the
character and
promises of God.

– Brad Bigney

Know His Hope





Who You Are IN Christ:

- Chosen
- Adopted
- Redeemed
- Inheritance
- Marked / Sealed

Know His Hope



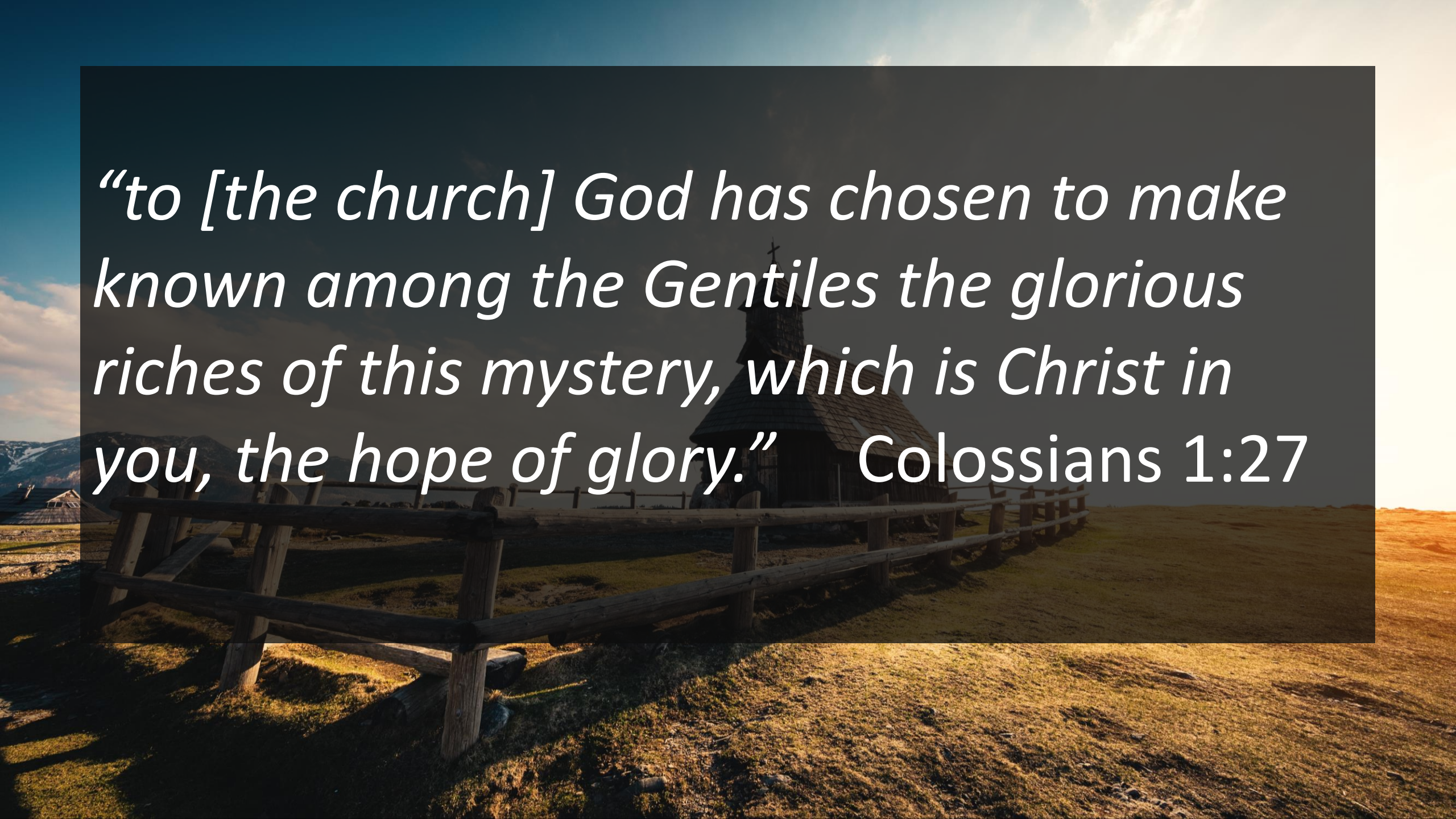


“[people] are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away”

James 4:14

*Hope that lasts is
only found in God
who inhabits the
heart of His people
through His Spirit*





“to [the church] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Colossians 1:27



“hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” Romans 5:5

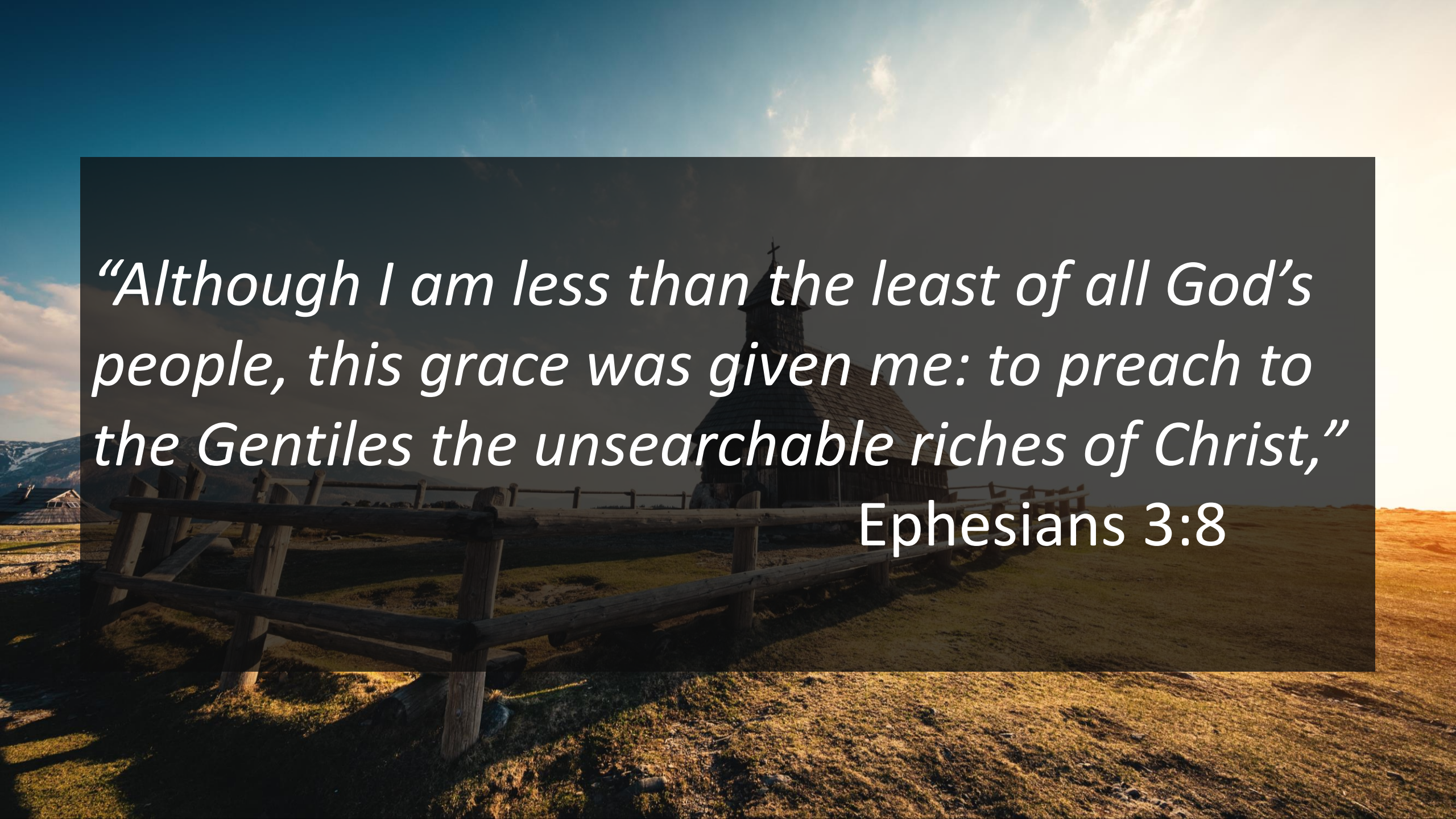
God Loves You!



Statement #2 -- The Church is a Community
of Human Beings **God Has Called** to:

Know His Riches





“Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,”

Ephesians 3:8



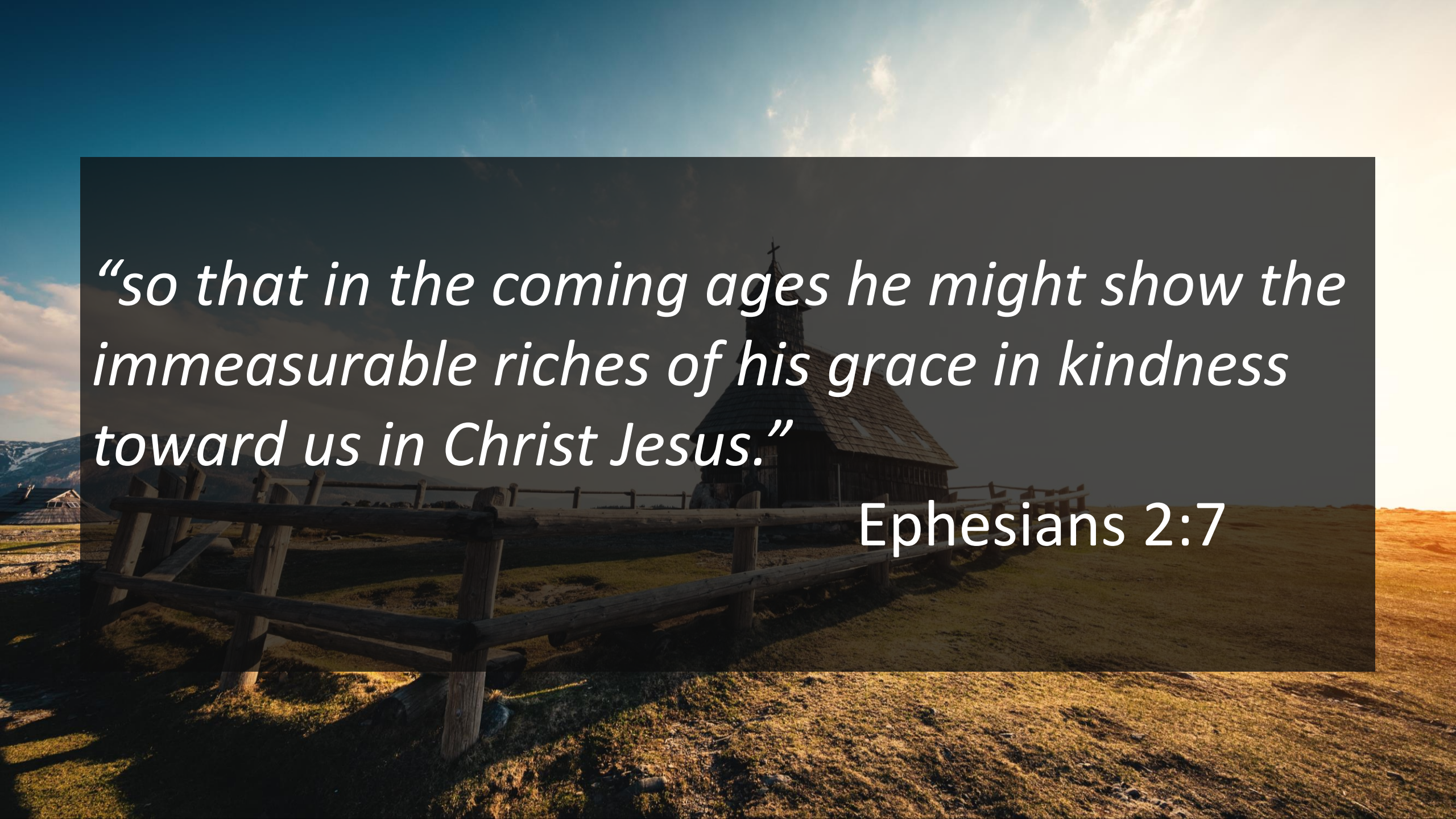
“in [Christ] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”

Colossians 2:3



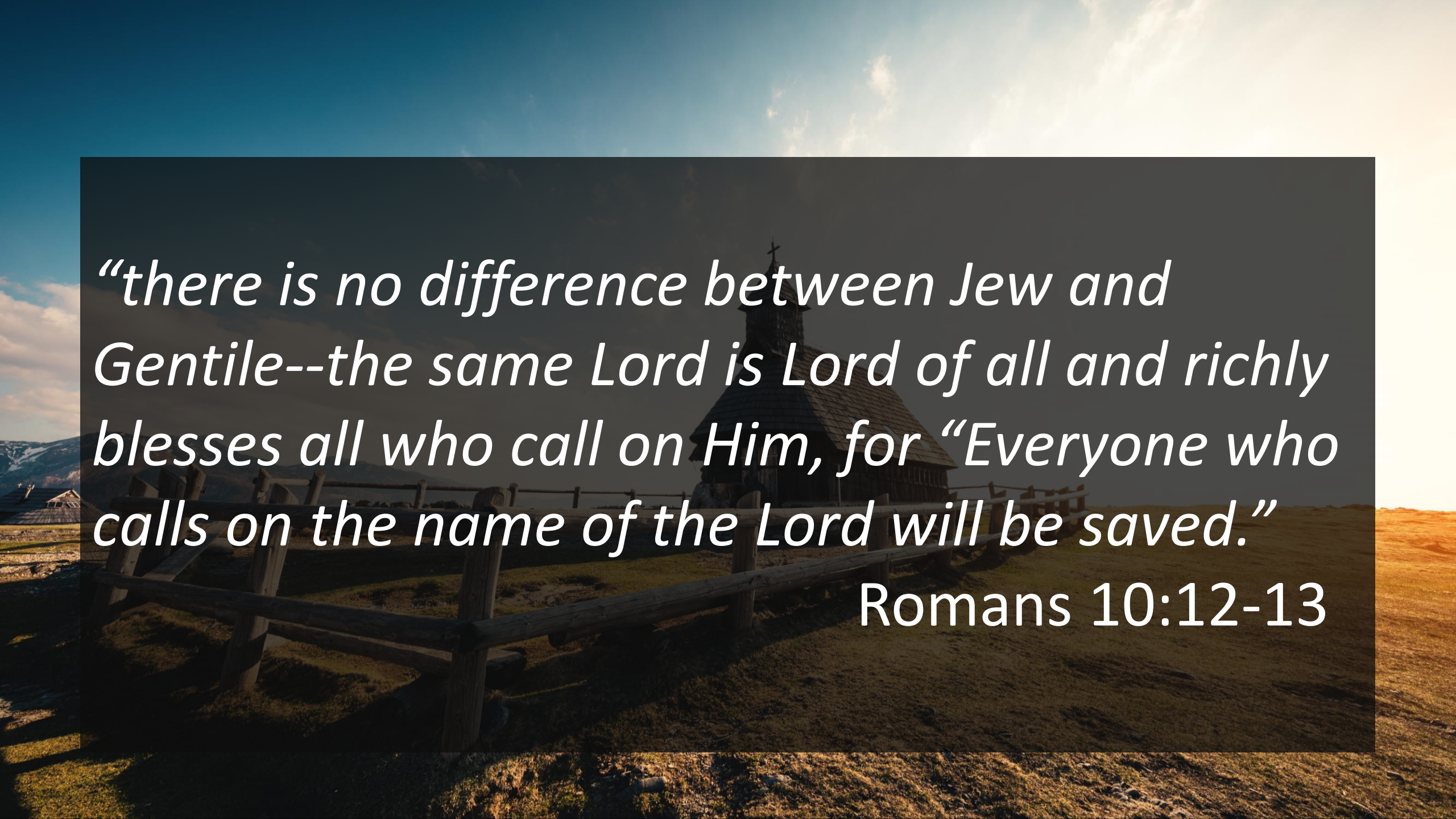
*“And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:19



“so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:7



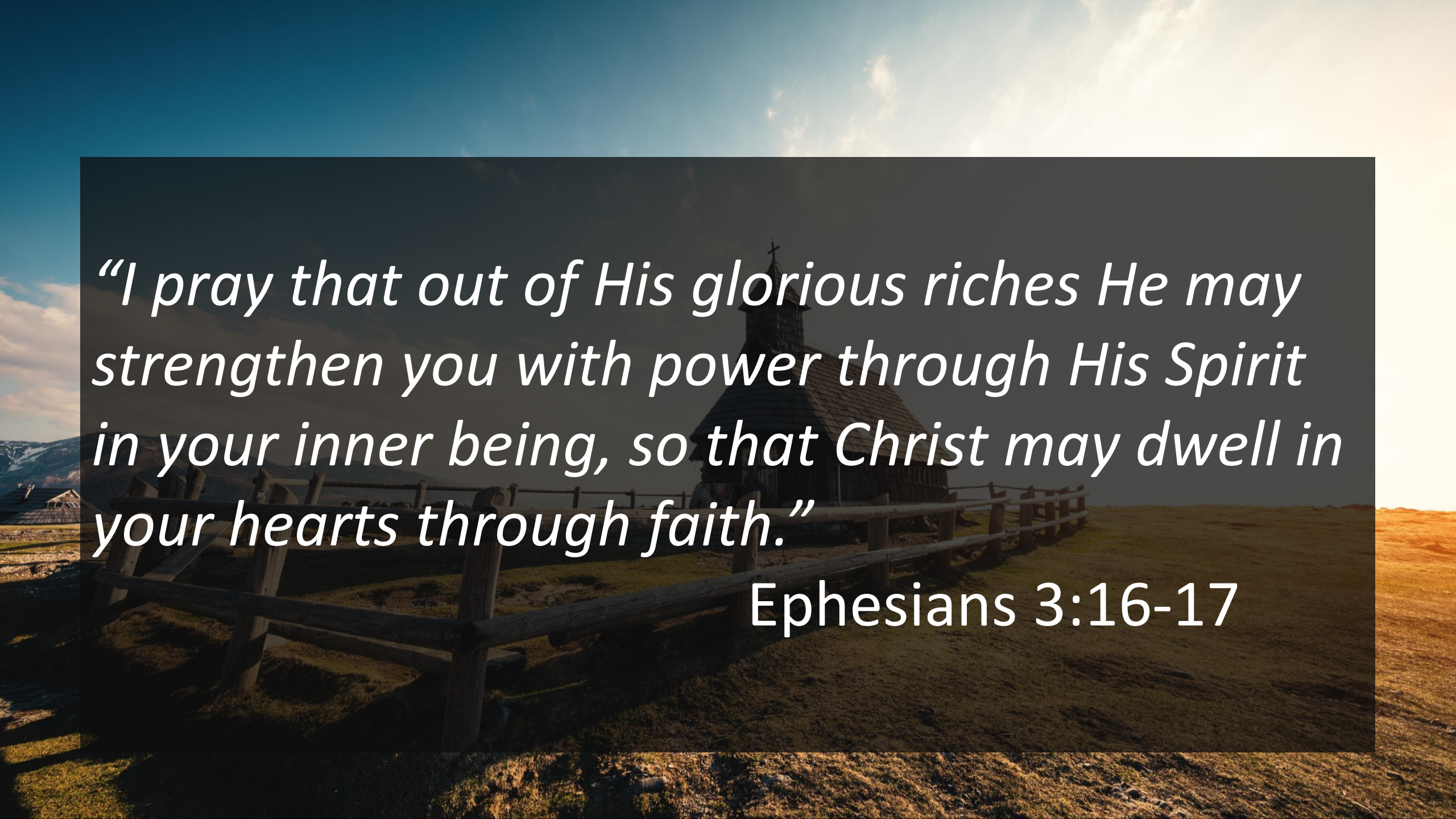
“there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:12-13

Statement #3 -- The Church is a Community
of Human Beings **God Has Called** to:

Know His Power



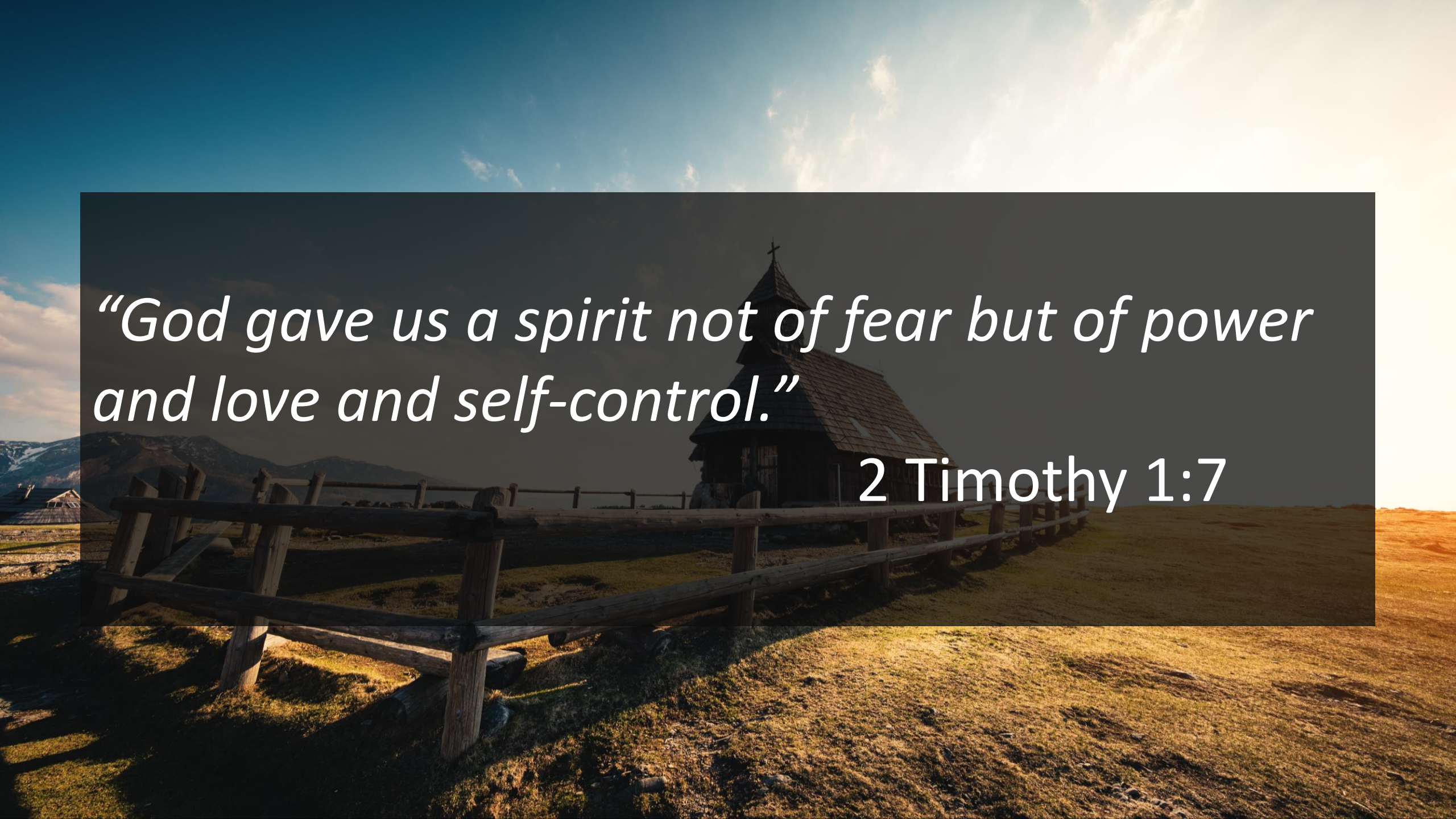


“I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”

Ephesians 3:16-17

Know His Power





*“God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power
and love and self-control.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

***The Church is
Christ's Hope Filled
Community that
Experiences His
Riches and Power!***

