

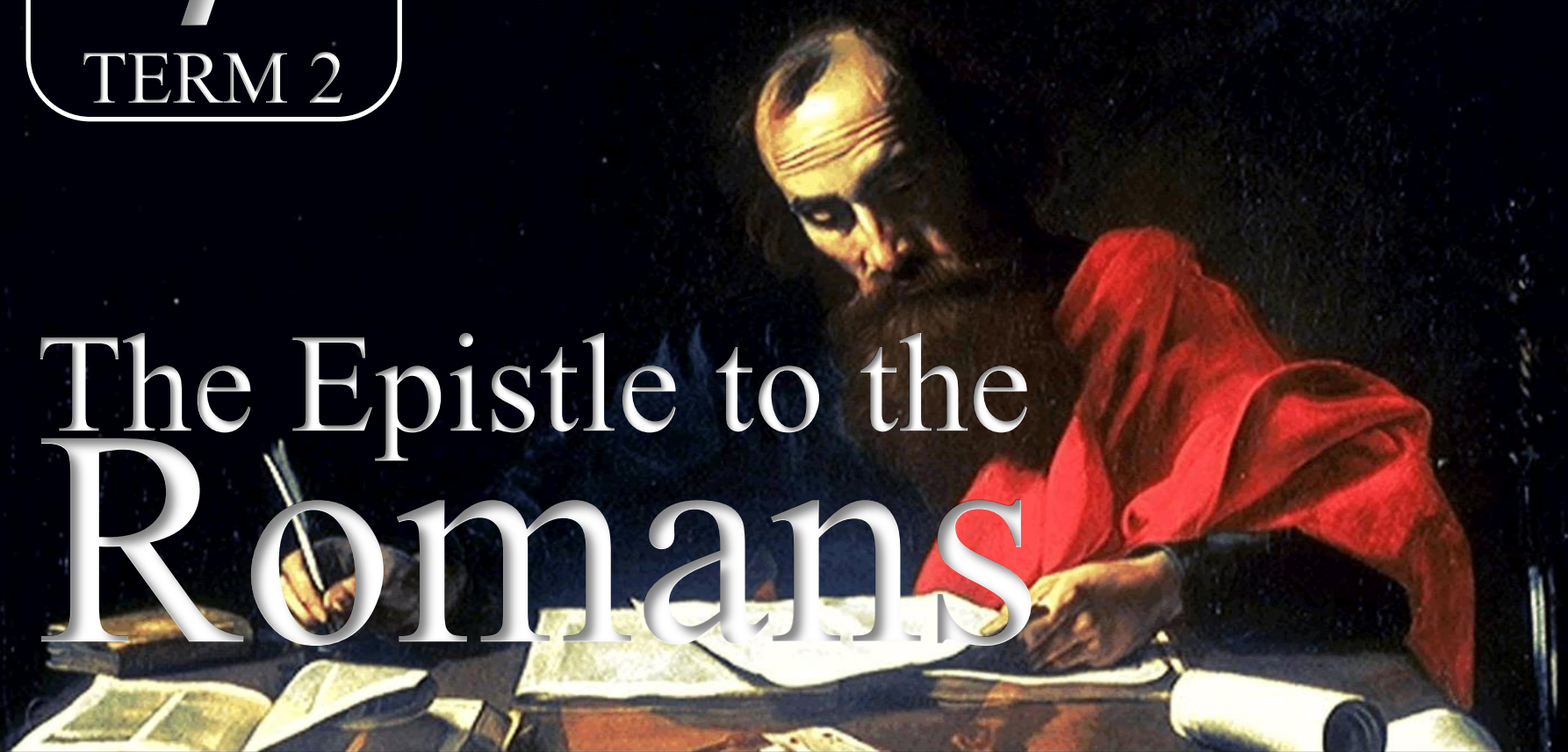


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The Epistle to the
Romans



Romans Chapters 1-8 – Salvation:

- Justification
- Sanctification
- Glorification

Romans

Romans Chapters 9-11 – Israel

Romans Chapters 12-16 – Practical

Key Theme

ROMANS

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written,

‘The just shall live by faith.’”

ROMANS 1:16-17

Paul the Theological Architect/Engineer



Ch. 1-5: The Courthouse



Ch. 6-8: The Power Plant



Ch. 9-11: The Synagogue



Ch. 12-16: The Church



The Courthouse Docket



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Sin

demands
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Romans 1:18–32

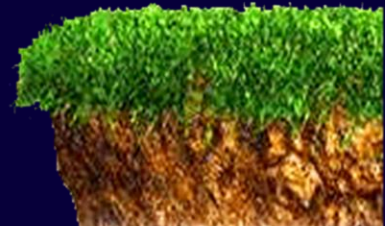
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Romans 2:1–3:8

The whole world guilty (no not one)
Romans 3:9–20



SIN

God



Sin separates people from God



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Salvation

declares
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What is "Justification"? Role of Christ.
Romans 3:21–31

Justification illustrated in Abraham.
Romans 4

Justification explained in Adam.
Romans 5

Aren't the Jews Already Chosen?

YES - as a nation

- The Jews received, recorded, and preserved the Word of God.
- Their unfaithfulness didn't nullify the faithfulness of God to them.
- God does not lie.

NO – individually

- Individually there is none righteous, no not one.
- Everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, will be held accountable to God unless they repent and trust in Christ.
- Our best works cannot justify us.





Power in Action



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Sanctification
righteousness
defended

Victory over the Flesh.
Romans 6

Liberty from the law.
Romans 7

Security in the Spirit
Romans 8

PREFACE

‘WHO IS ON THE
LORD’S SIDE?
LET HIM COME
TO ME.’

EXODUS 32:26

‘The Adoration of the Golden Calf’ by Nicholas Poussin, c. 1634.



God's Chosen People



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Omnipotent



Epistle to the Romans

SIN

Righteousness
Demanded

- The Gentiles guilty—1:18–32
- The Jews guilty—2:1–3:8
- The whole world guilty—3:9–20

SALVATION

Righteousness
Declared

- Justification stated—3:21–31
- Justification illustrated in Abraham—4
- Justification explained in Adam—5

SANCTIFICATION

Righteousness
Defended

- Victory—the flesh—6
- Liberty—the Law—7
- Security—the Spirit—8

SOVEREIGNTY

Righteousness
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- Israel's past riches—9
- Israel's present rejection—10
- Israel's future restoration—11

SERVICE

Righteousness
Demonstrated

- In the church body—12
- In society—13
- Toward the weaker believer—14:1–15:6

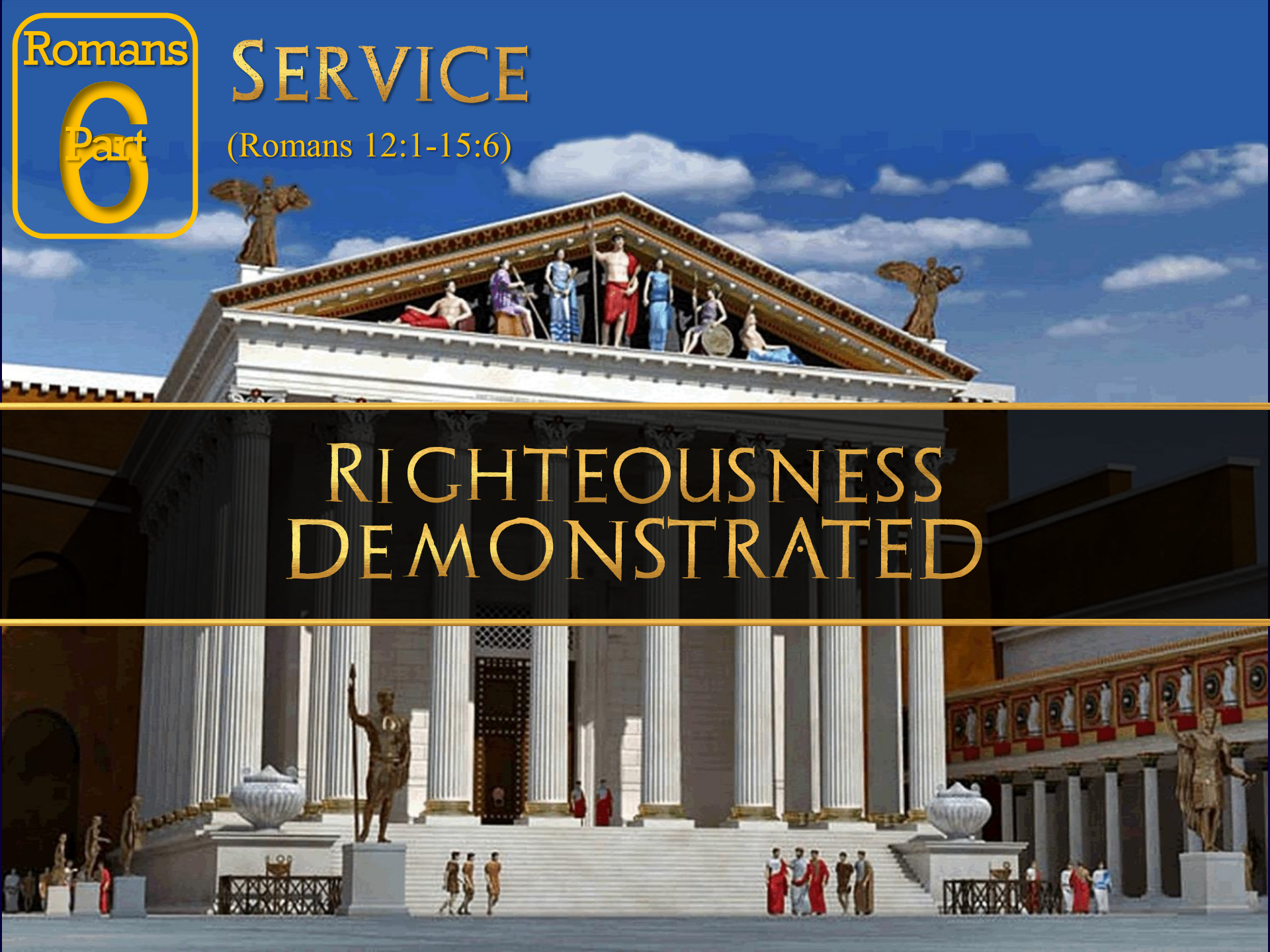
Romans

Part
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SERVICE

(Romans 12:1-15:6)

RIGHTEOUSNESS DEMONSTRATED



Paul the Theological Architect/Engineer

The Church

Paul uses the final section of Romans, Chapters 12-15, to describe how the church is practically supposed to operate in light of the all the amazing truths about God in this book. He ends this letter, as he does all of his letters, with very practical advice.



The Body of Believers



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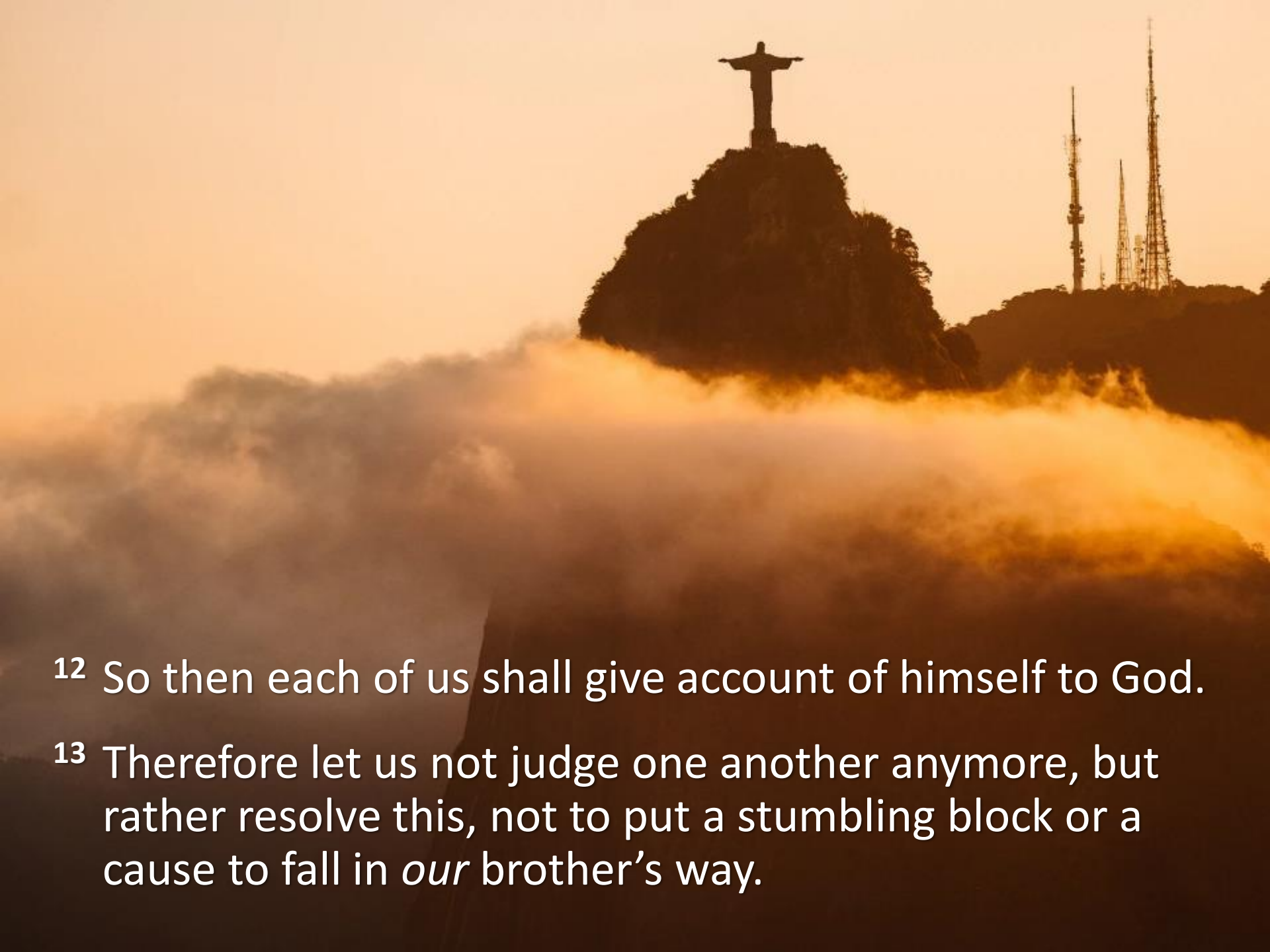
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Romans 12

In society.
Romans 13

To the weaker believer.
Romans 14-15:6



¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

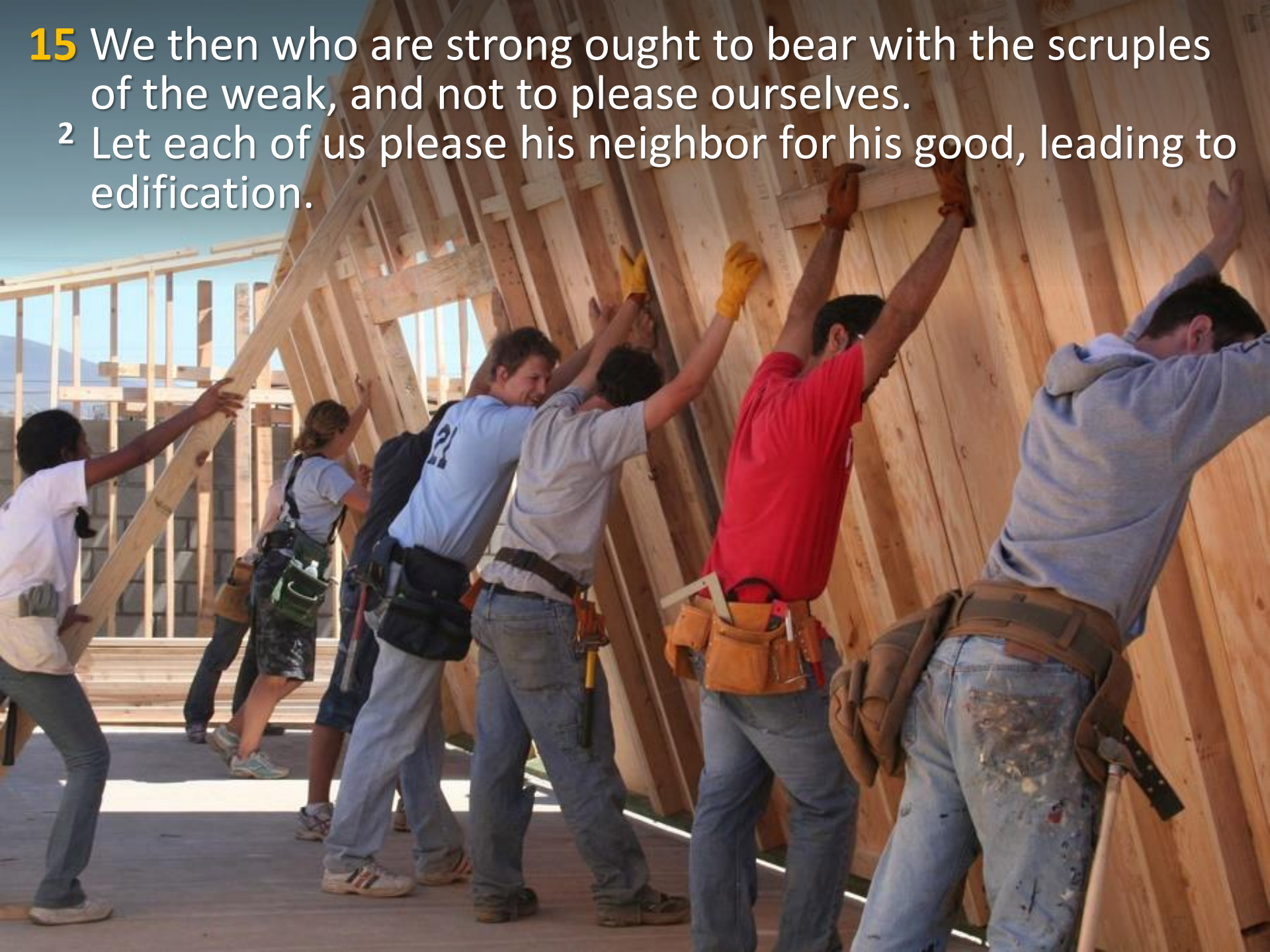
¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

Chapter 15

ROMANS



15 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.



³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.”

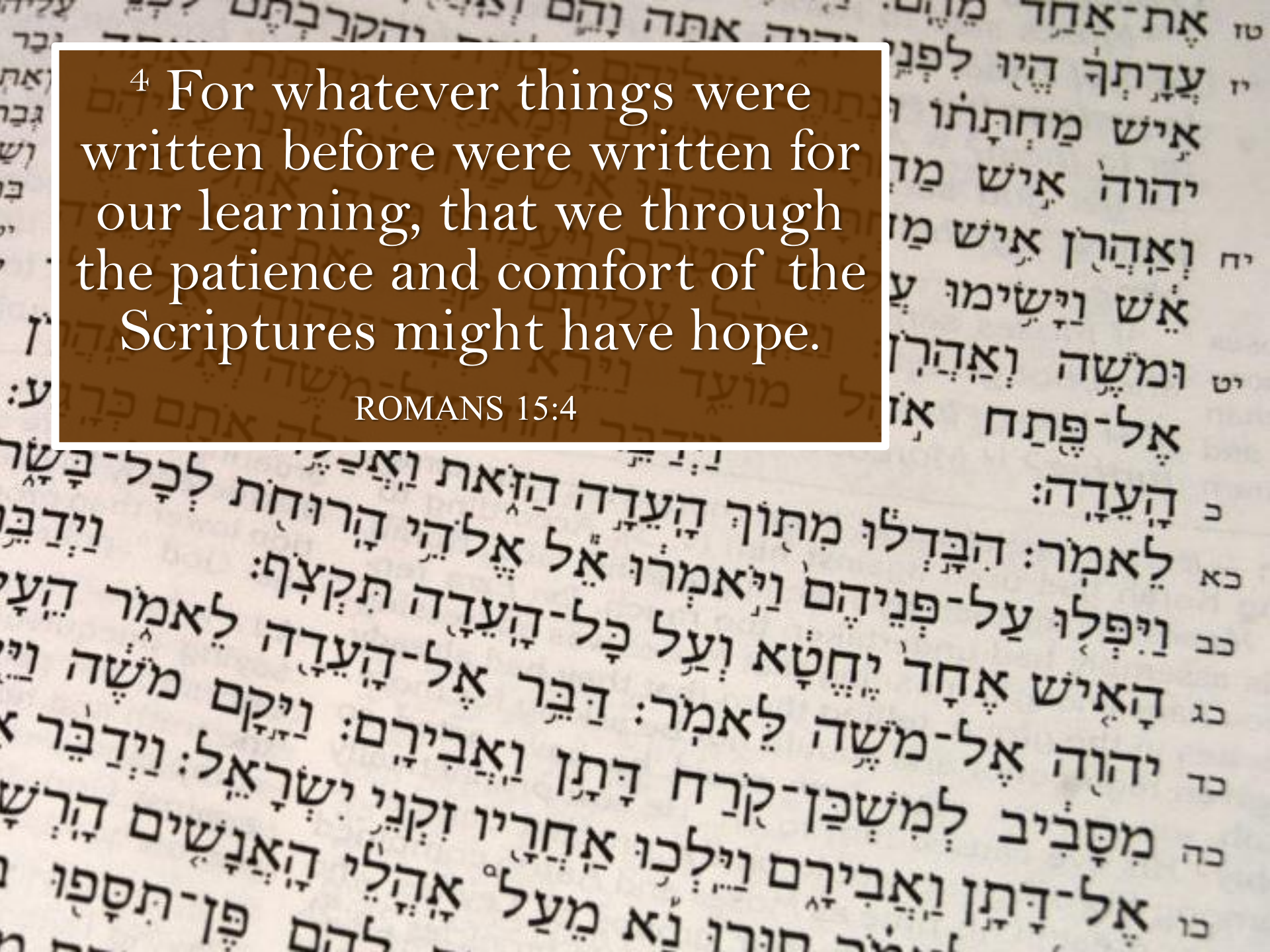
[Psalm 69:9]

‘The Scourging of Christ’
by Francesco Bassano the Younger,
c. 1580-85.



⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4



⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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1. Our Relationship to God. (12:1–2)
2. Relationship to Other Believers. (12:3–16)
3. Our Relationship to Our Enemies. (12:17–21)
4. Our Relationship to the State. (13:1–14)

WHEN CHRISTIANS DISAGREE

1. Receive one another. (14:1–12)
2. Edify one another. (14:13–23)
3. Please one another. (15:1–7)

Romans

7
Part

CONCLUSION

(Romans 15:7-16:17)

Ministry

- **διάκονος** *diakonos* (servant, deacon)
- **λειτουργός** *leitourgos* (minister, public servant)
- **ἱερουργέω** *hierourgéō* (officiate as a priest)

Romans

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CONCLUSION

(Romans 15:7-16:17)

Ministry

- The Ministry of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles
- Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles
- The Gentiles' Ministry to the Jews
- The Believers' Ministry to Paul

Glorify God Together

⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

The Jews Glorify God Among the Gentiles

⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written:

“For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name.” [2 Samuel 22:50]



will sing to your name.

The Gentiles Rejoice With the Jews



¹⁰ And again he says:

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” [Deut 32:43]

All the Gentiles and Jews Together Praise God

11 And again:

**“Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!”** [Psalm 117:1]

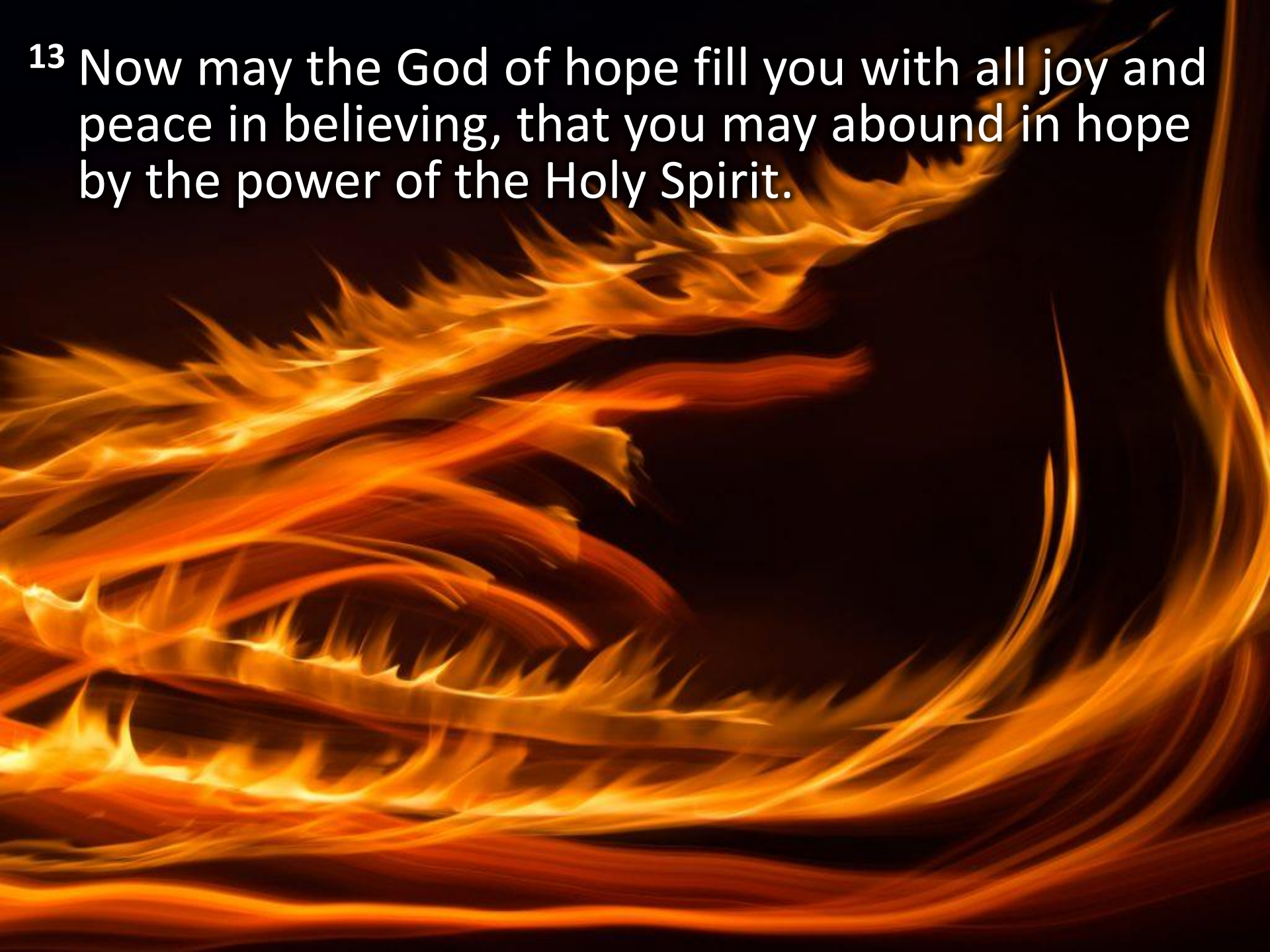


Christ Shall Reign Over Jews and Gentiles



¹² And again, Isaiah says:
“There shall be a root of Jesse;
And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles,
In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” [\[Isaiah 11:10\]](#)

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



¹⁴ Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.



¹⁵ Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on *some* points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God,

GRACE

¹⁶ that I might be a **minister of Jesus Christ** to the Gentiles, ministering the **gospel of God**, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the **Holy Spirit**.

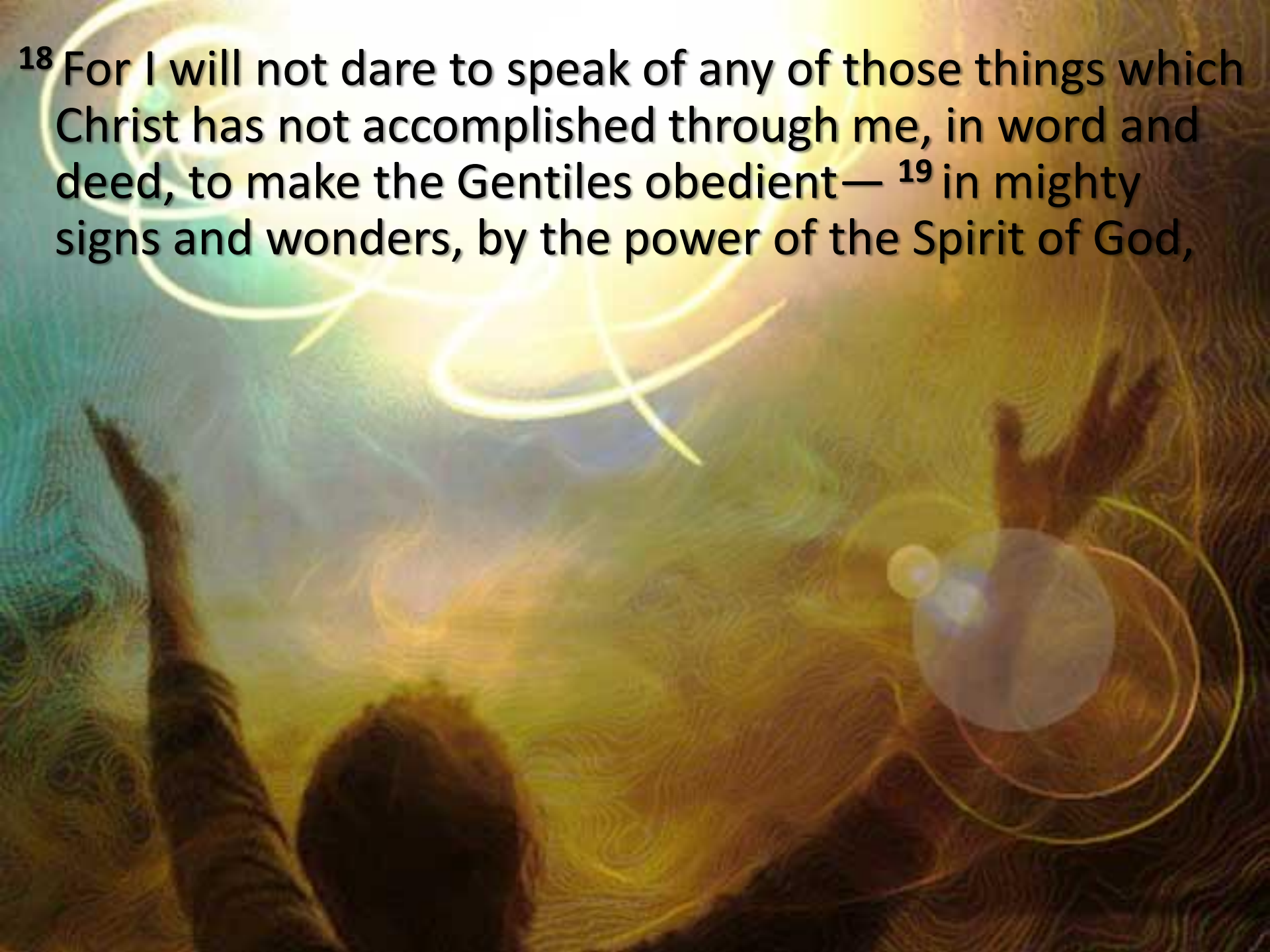


ROMANS 15:17-19

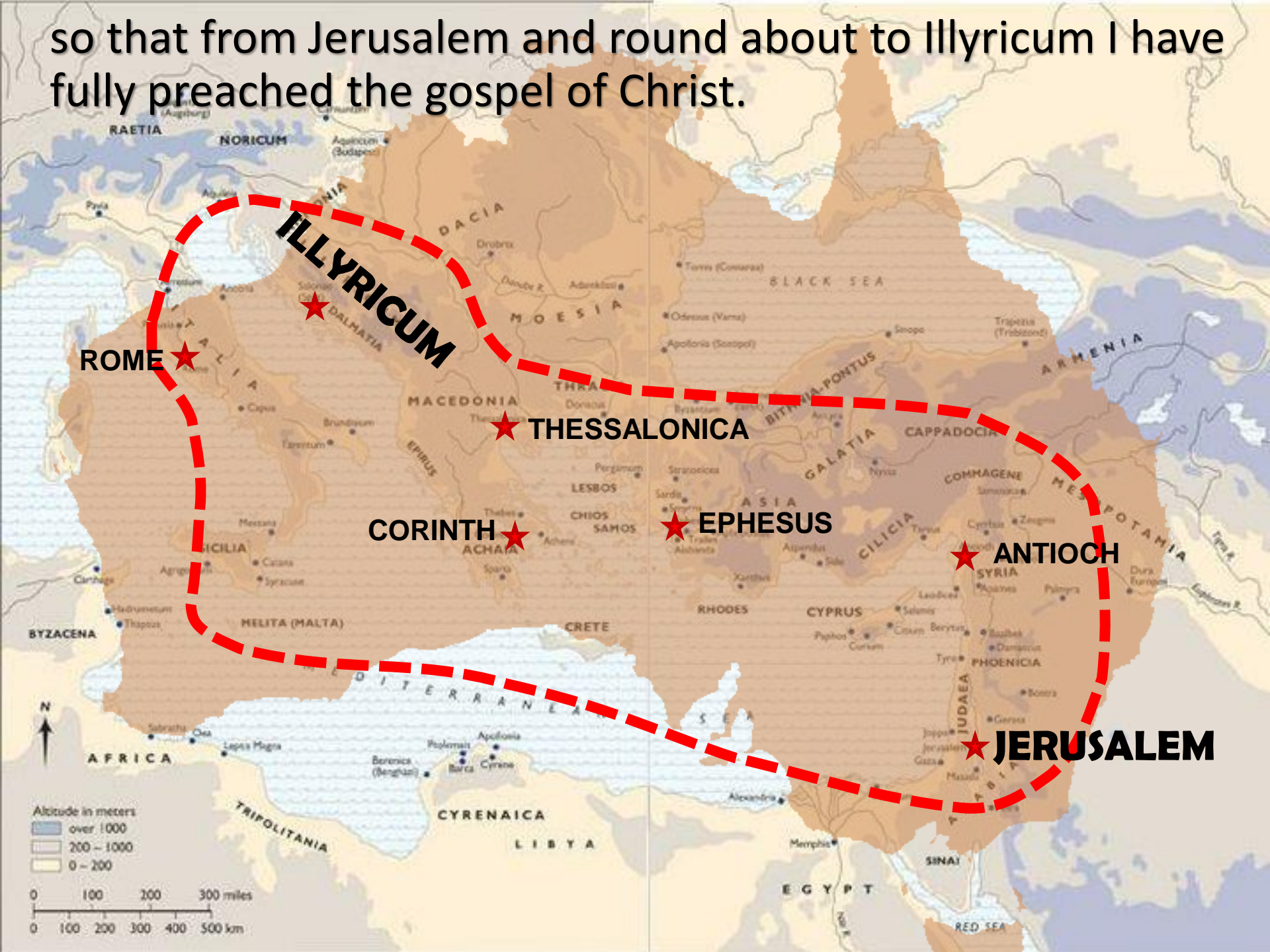
17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things *which pertain* to God.



18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— **19** in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God,



so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.



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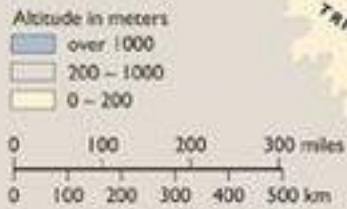
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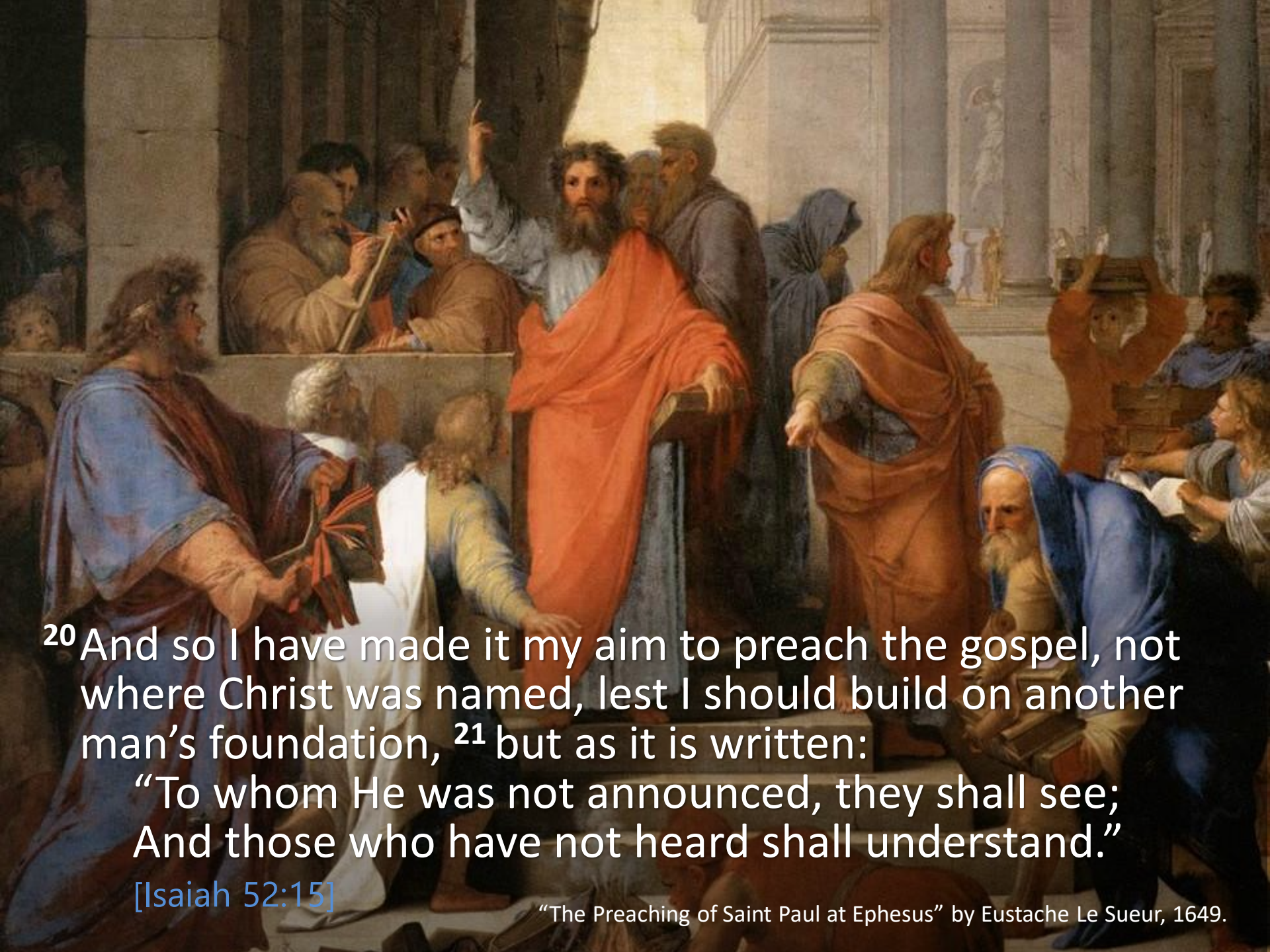
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²⁰ And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written:

“To whom He was not announced, they shall see;
And those who have not heard shall understand.”

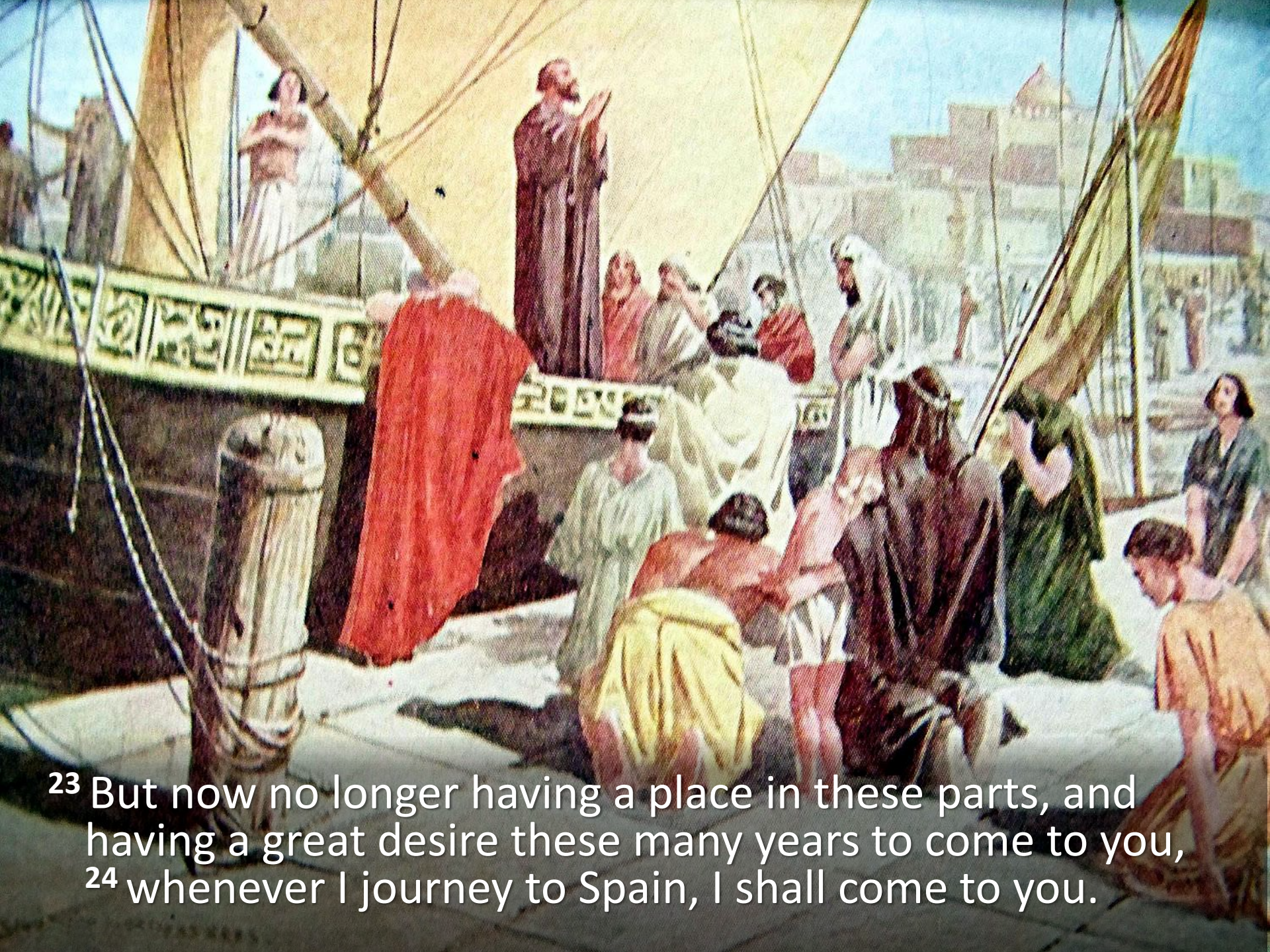
[Isaiah 52:15]

“The Preaching of Saint Paul at Ephesus” by Eustache Le Sueur, 1649.

²² For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.



'The Apostles Paul and Barnabas at Lystra' by Jacob Jordaens, 1645.



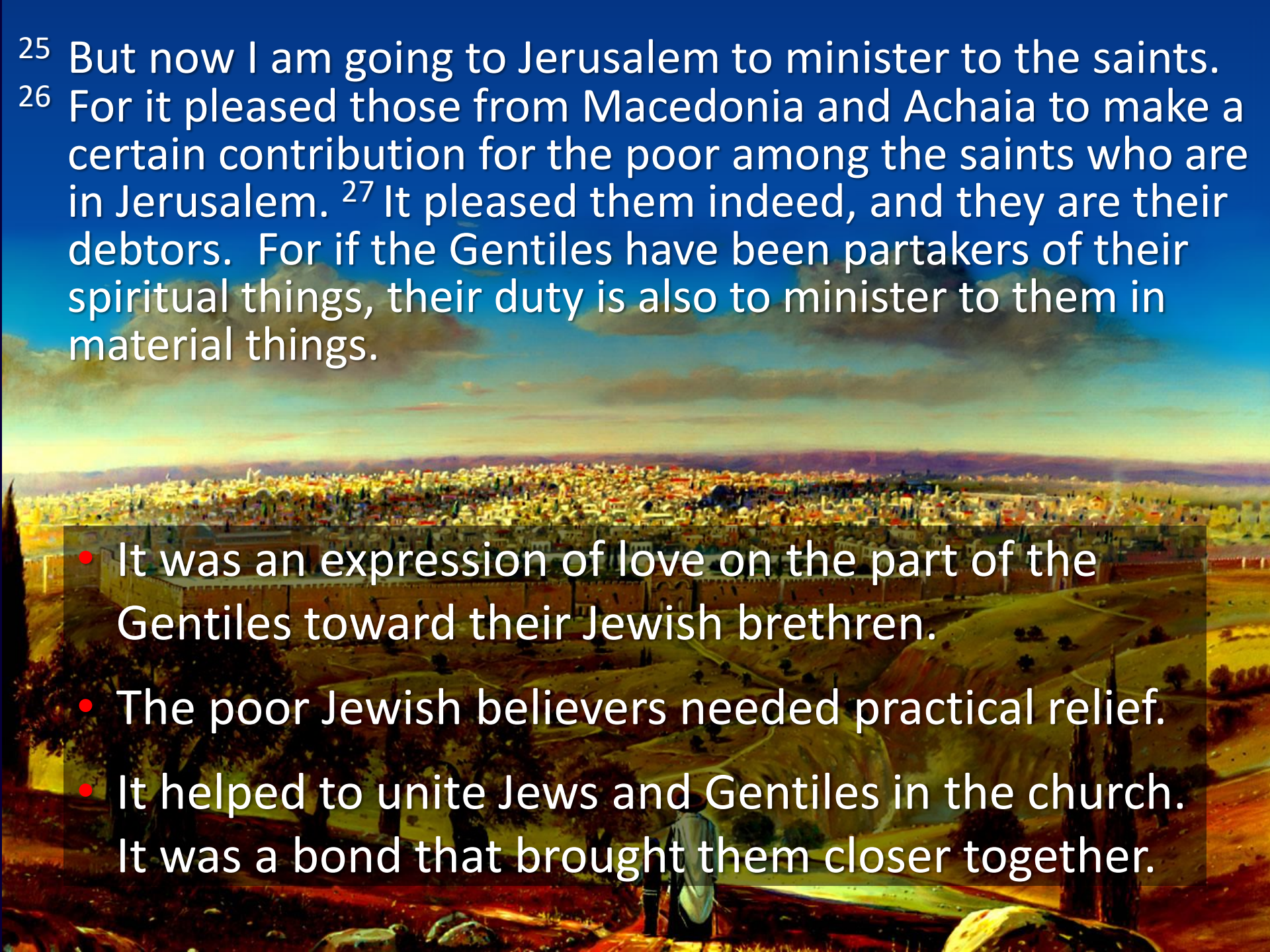
²³ But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,
²⁴ whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you.

For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.



25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

26 For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem. 27 It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

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- It was an expression of love on the part of the Gentiles toward their Jewish brethren.
 - The poor Jewish believers needed practical relief.
 - It helped to unite Jews and Gentiles in the church. It was a bond that brought them closer together.

28 Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. 29 But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.



THE
OFFERING
OF THE
GENTILES

³⁰ Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me,

³¹ that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³² that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you.






**Now the
God of
peace
be with
you all
Amen**

³³ Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.



Chapter 16



ROMANS



Sister Phoebe Commended

16 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea, ² that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper [protectress] of many and of myself also.



Greeting Saints in Rome

³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

⁵ Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ.

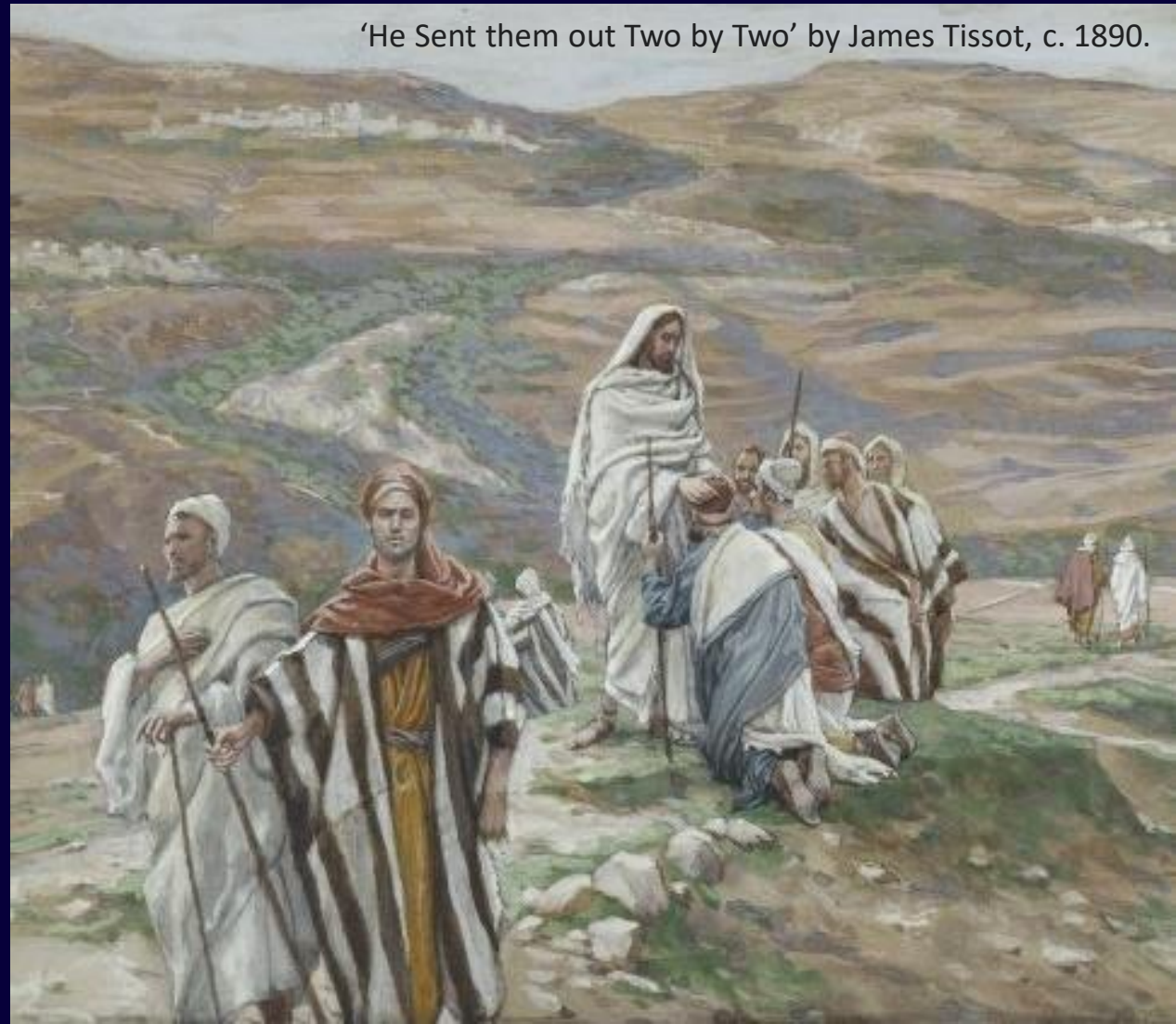
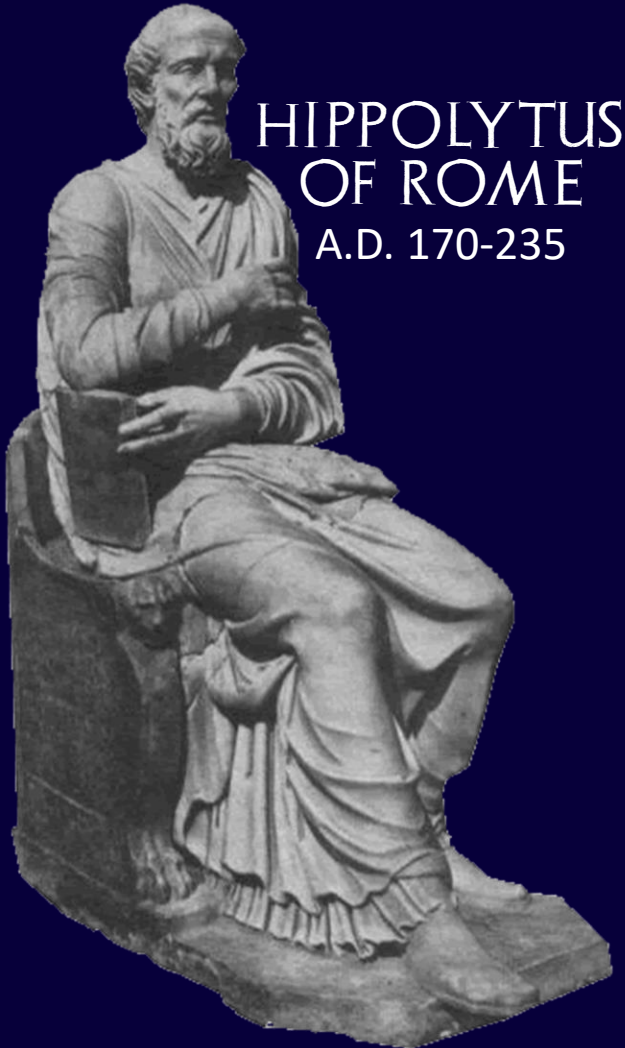


⁶ Greet Mary, who labored much for us.

⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.



- 8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.
- 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ.



Greet those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus.

- 11 Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the *household* of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

'A Roman Lady's Dresser' by Juan Giménez Martín, c.1895.



- 12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord.
Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord.
- 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.
- 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and
the brethren who are with them.

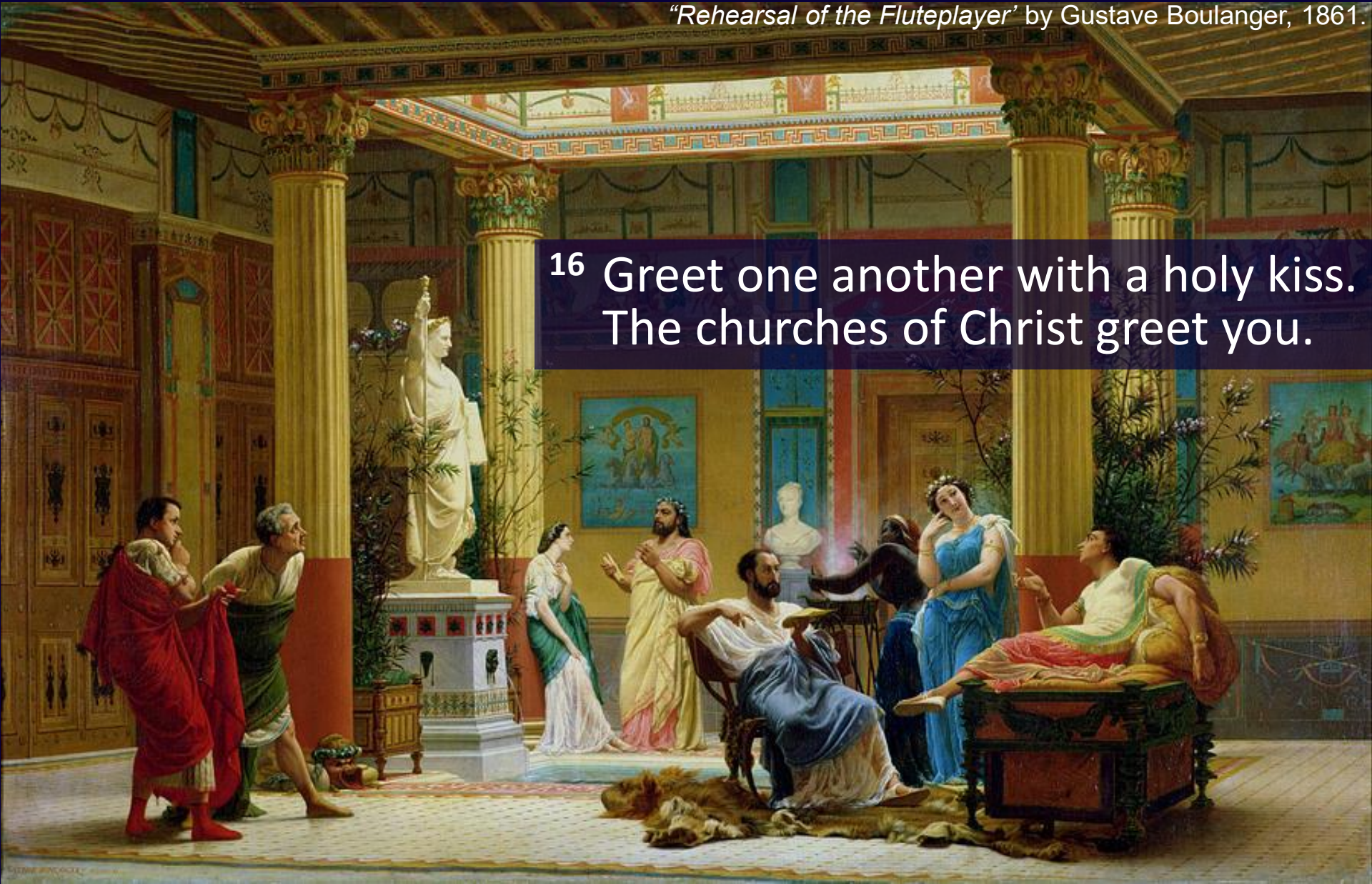


“Merchant in Pompeii” by Ettore Forti, c. 1890.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.

"Rehearsal of the Fluteplayer" by Gustave Boulanger, 1861.

16 Greet one another with a holy kiss.
The churches of Christ greet you.



17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. **18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.



Dispute From the Talmud' by Carl Schleicher, c. 1859.

¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple [innocent] concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.
Amen.



Greetings from Paul's Friends



²¹ Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

²² I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, greet you in the Lord.



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- ²³ Gaius, my host and *the host* of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother.
- ²⁴ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.




TO GOD BE THE GLORY

²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—

TO GOD ALONE WISE, BE
GLORY THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST FOR EVER. AMEN.

- ROMANS 16:27 (NKJV) -



A composite image featuring a sunset on the left and a moon in a starry night sky on the right. The sunset shows a bright yellow sun partially obscured by dark clouds, with a gradient of orange and red in the sky. The moon is a large, bright, crescent moon in the upper right quadrant, set against a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. The overall scene is a blend of day and night.

For in [the gospel of Christ] the
righteousness of God is revealed
from faith to faith; as it is written,
“The just shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:17



To God alone wise,
be glory through
Jesus Christ
for ever! Amen.



'Saint Paul' by Jusepe de Ribera, 1637.