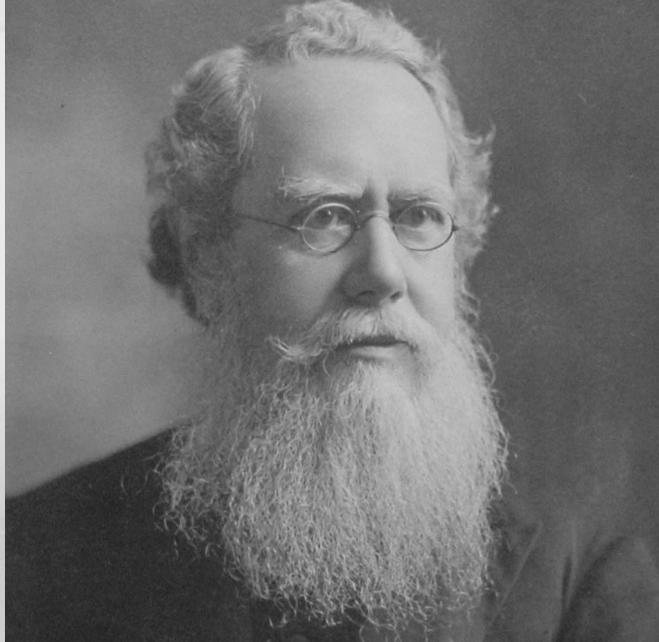


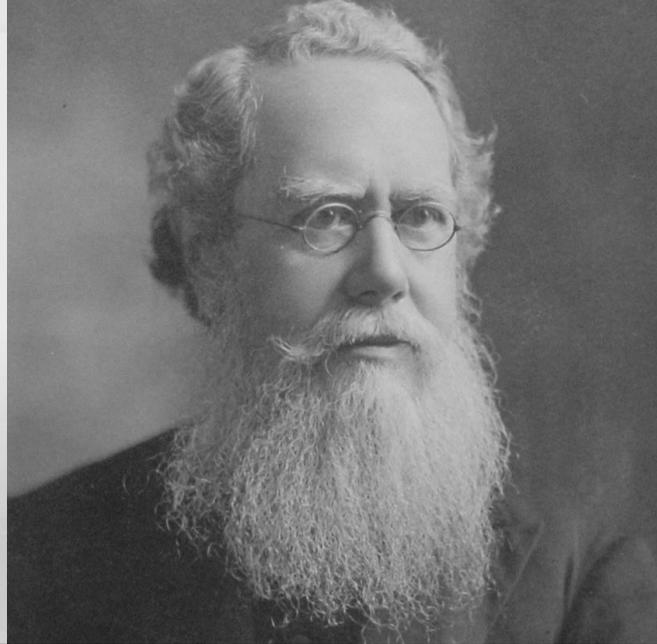
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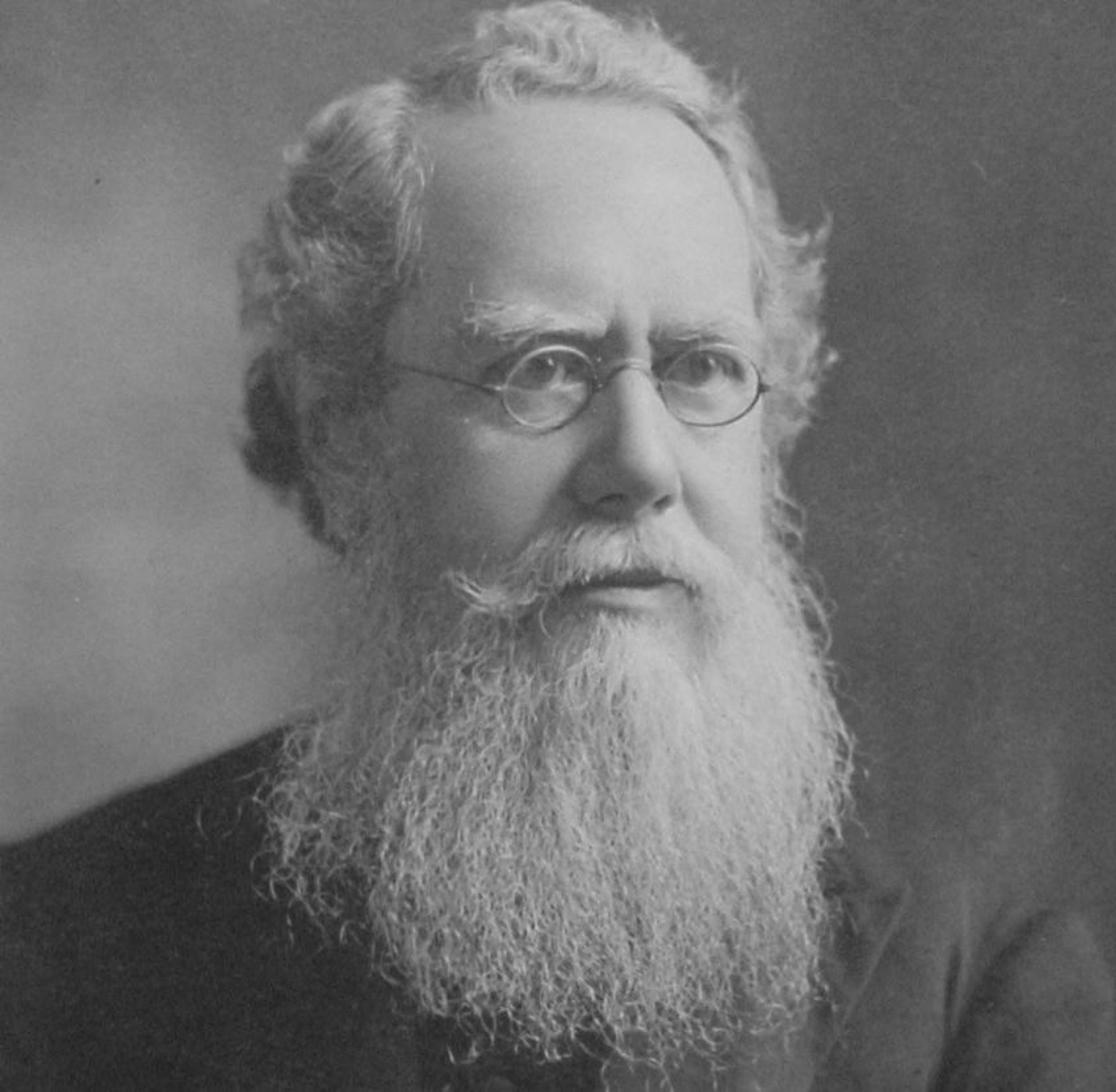
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(1805-1898)

“Pray” - God provides

No Information,  
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10,000 Orphans  
cared for

120,000 children  
educated



Hudson Taylor  
(1832-1905)

“Pray and Share Needs”

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825 Missionaries/CIM  
1,100 Chinese workers  
18,500 New Believers  
418 Churches  
150 Schools



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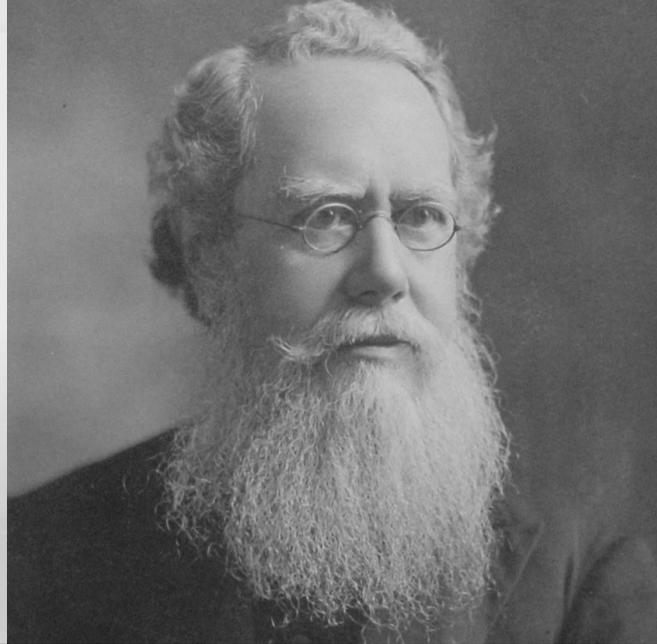
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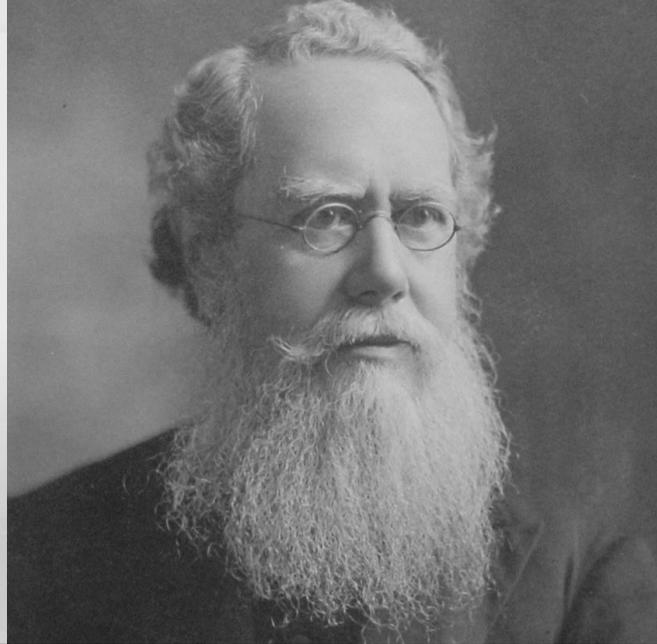
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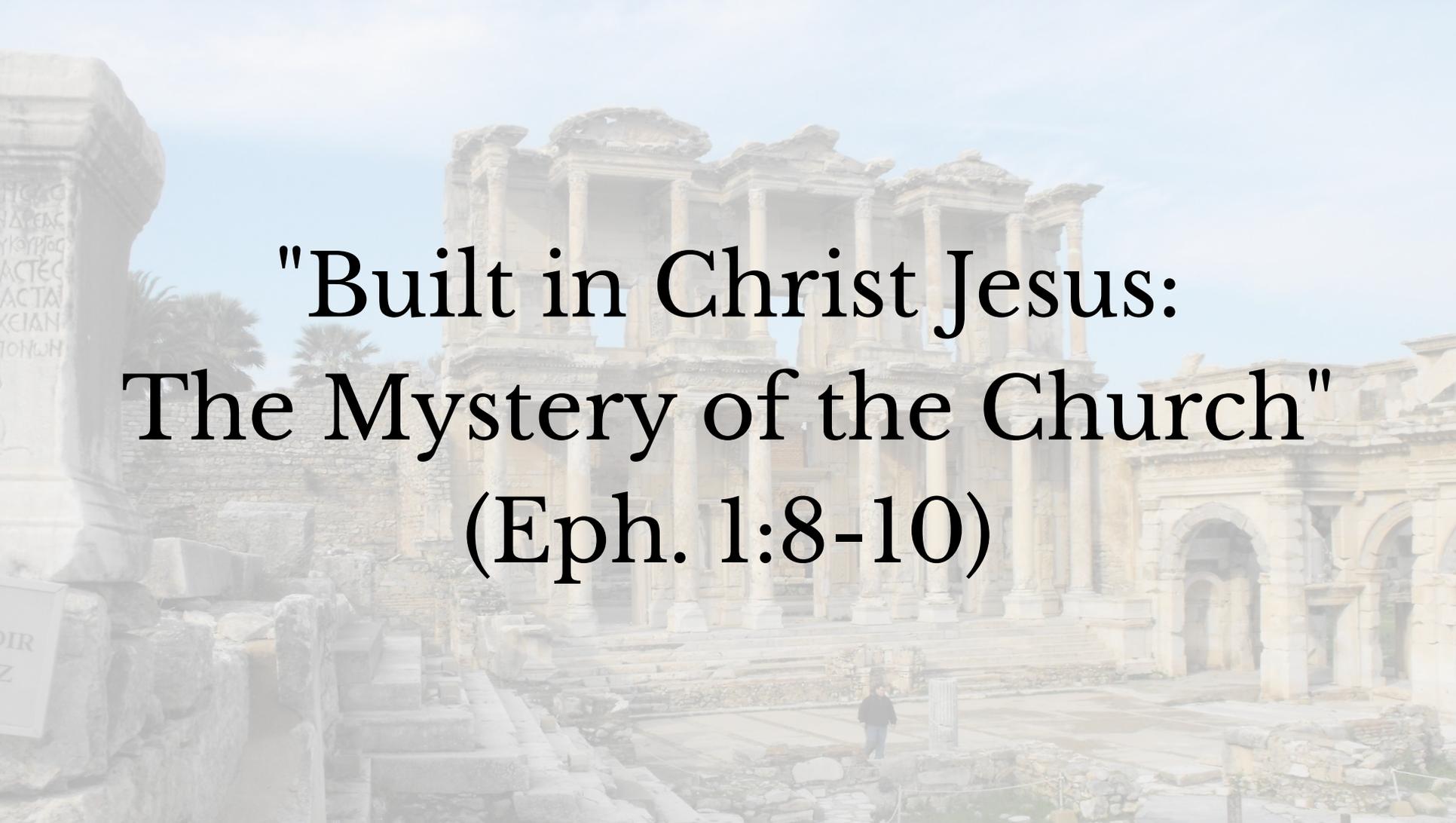


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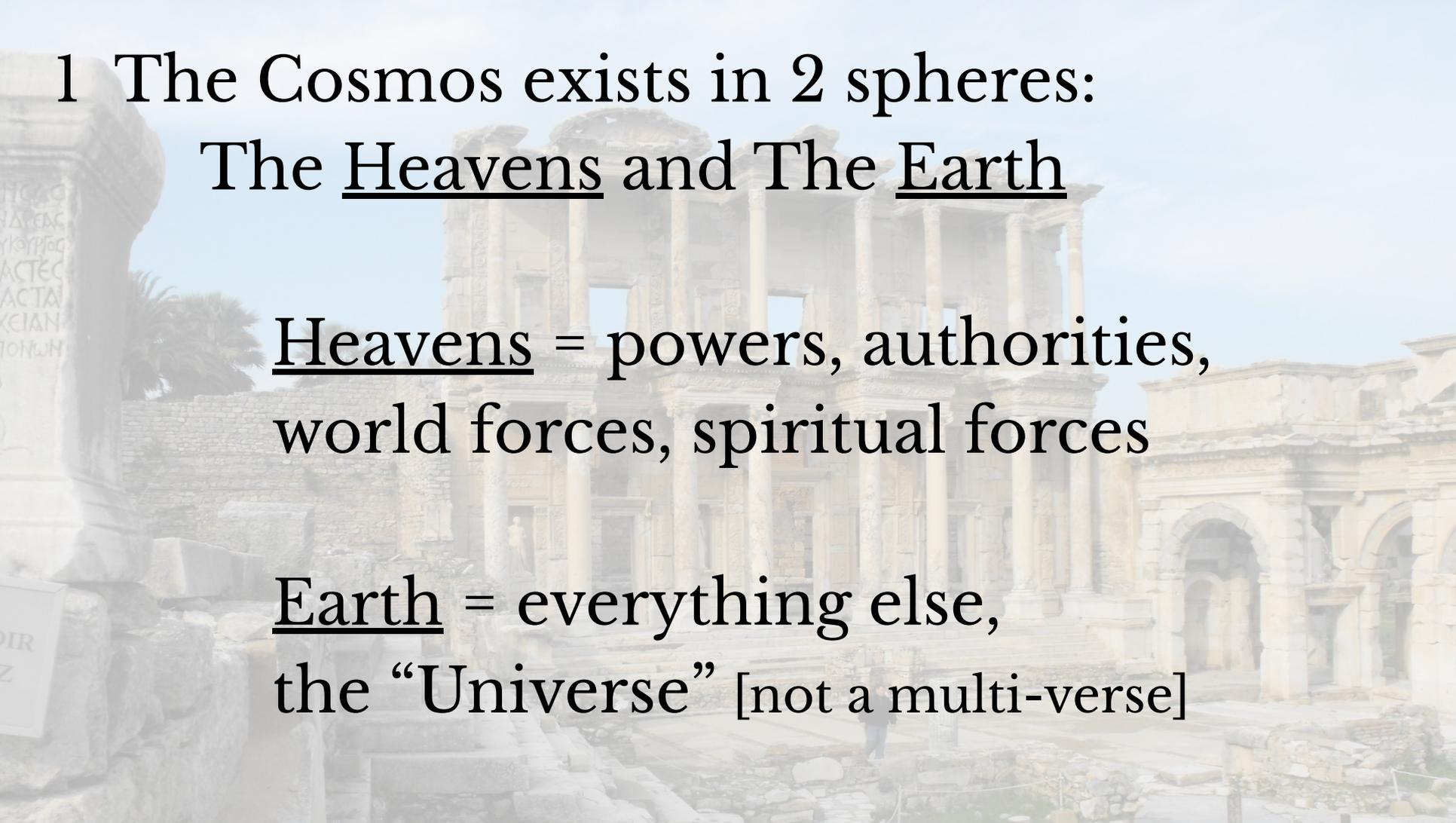


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Who was “RIGHT”???



"Built in Christ Jesus:  
The Mystery of the Church"  
(Eph. 1:8-10)



1 The Cosmos exists in 2 spheres:  
The Heavens and The Earth

Heavens = powers, authorities,  
world forces, spiritual forces

Earth = everything else,  
the “Universe” [not a multi-verse]

2 ALL of creation will be summed up in Christ

Christ is the focal point of all that exists.

In the Heavens =

He is seated above all rule and authority

On the Earth =

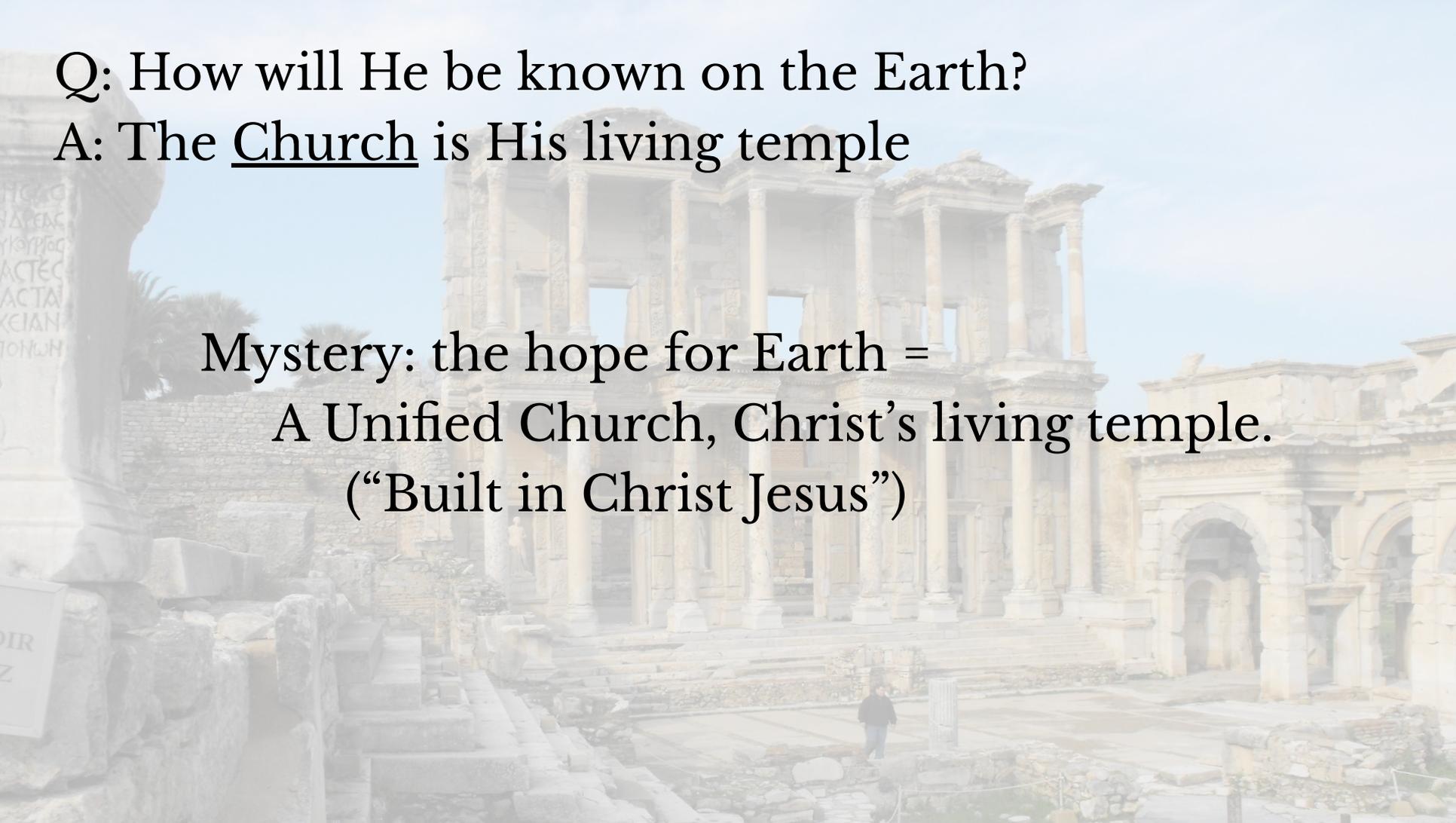
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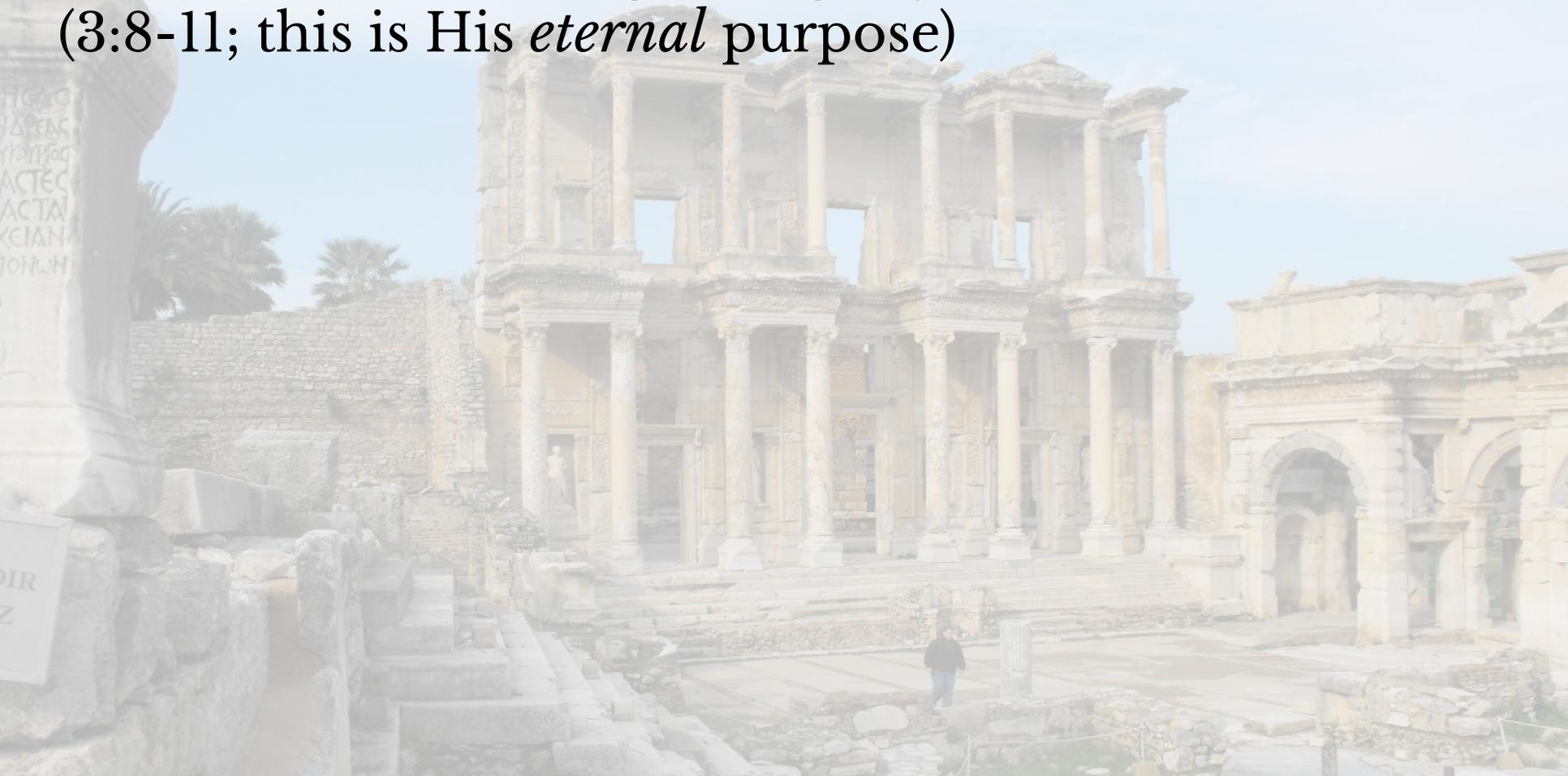
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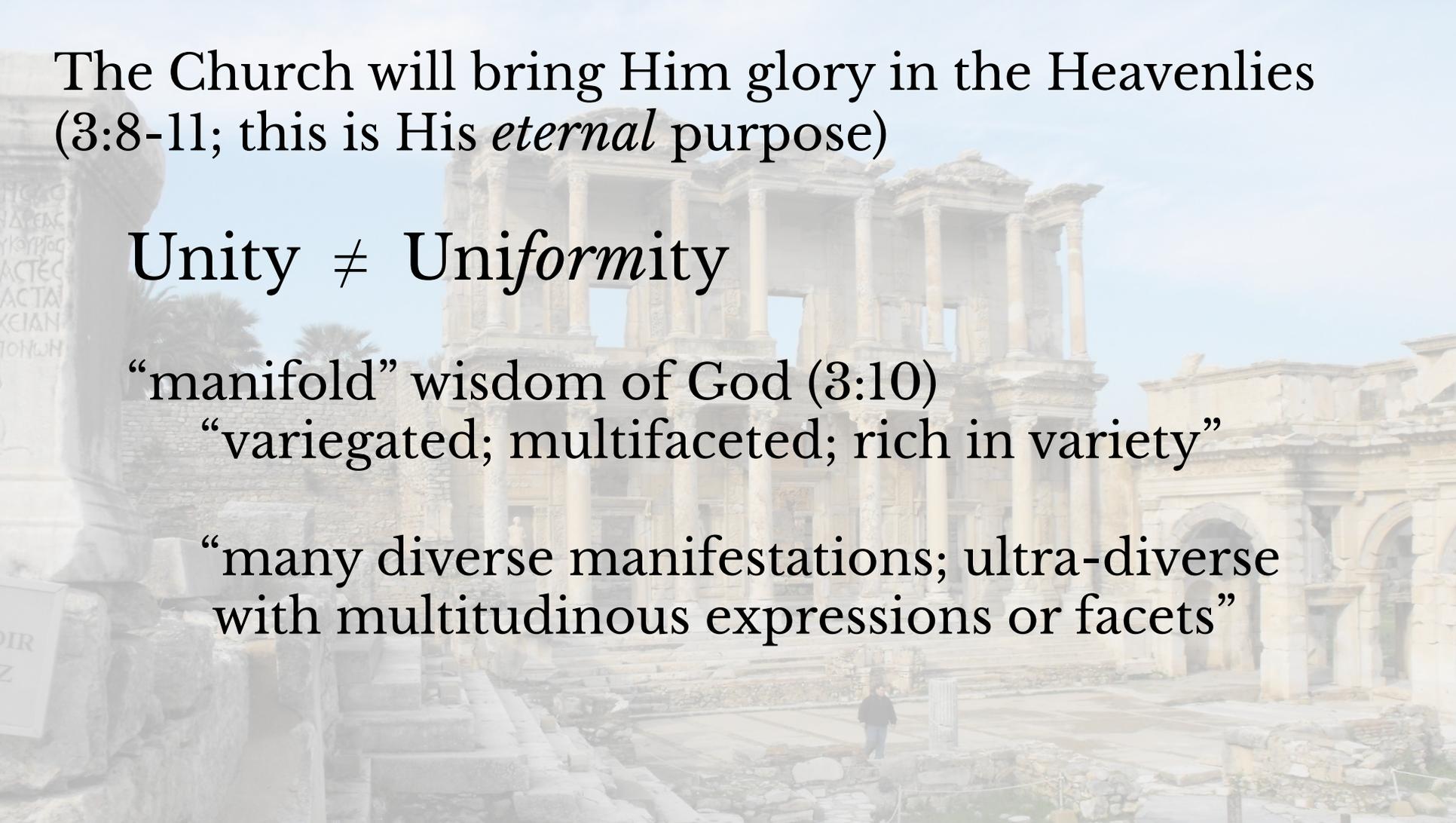
A: The Church is His living temple

Mystery: the hope for Earth =  
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“Repent!”

Nazirite ascetic -  
“self-denial”

Camel Hair and Locusts

Ministry in the wilderness



Jesus

“Love, Mercy, Grace, Peace”

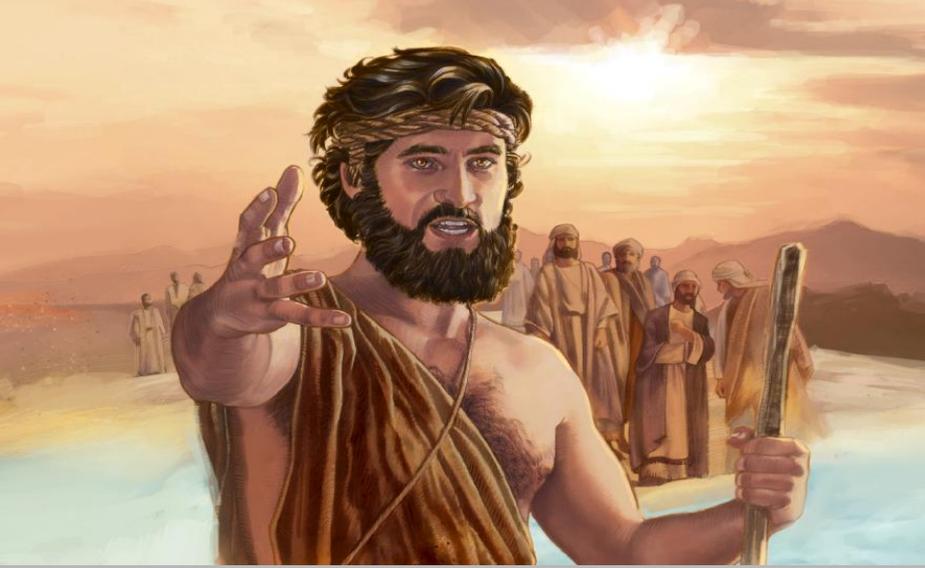
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Ministered in the homes of  
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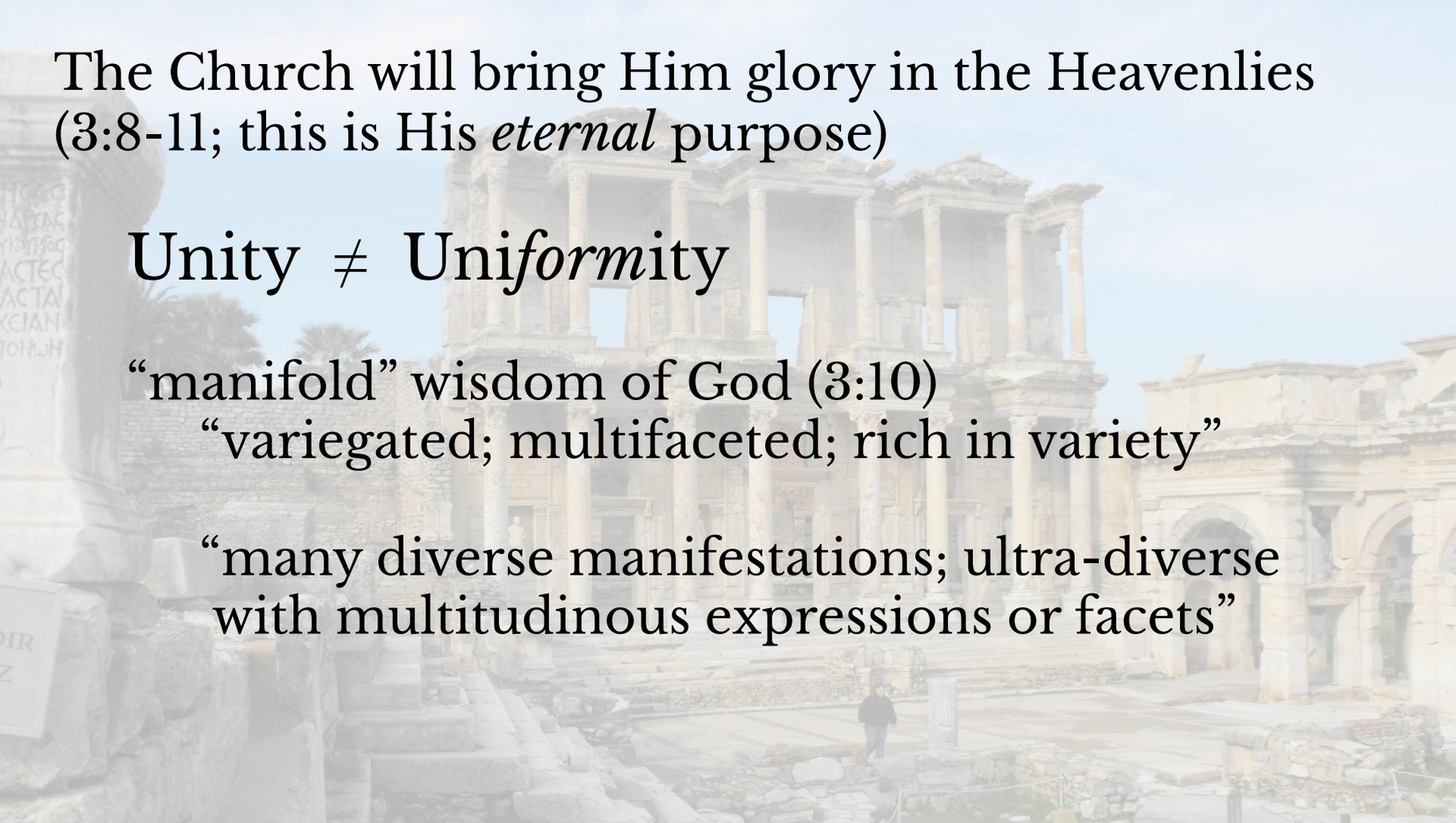
Disciples did not fast or  
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John the Baptist questioned Jesus - Luke 7:18



Jesus' response - Luke 7:24-29



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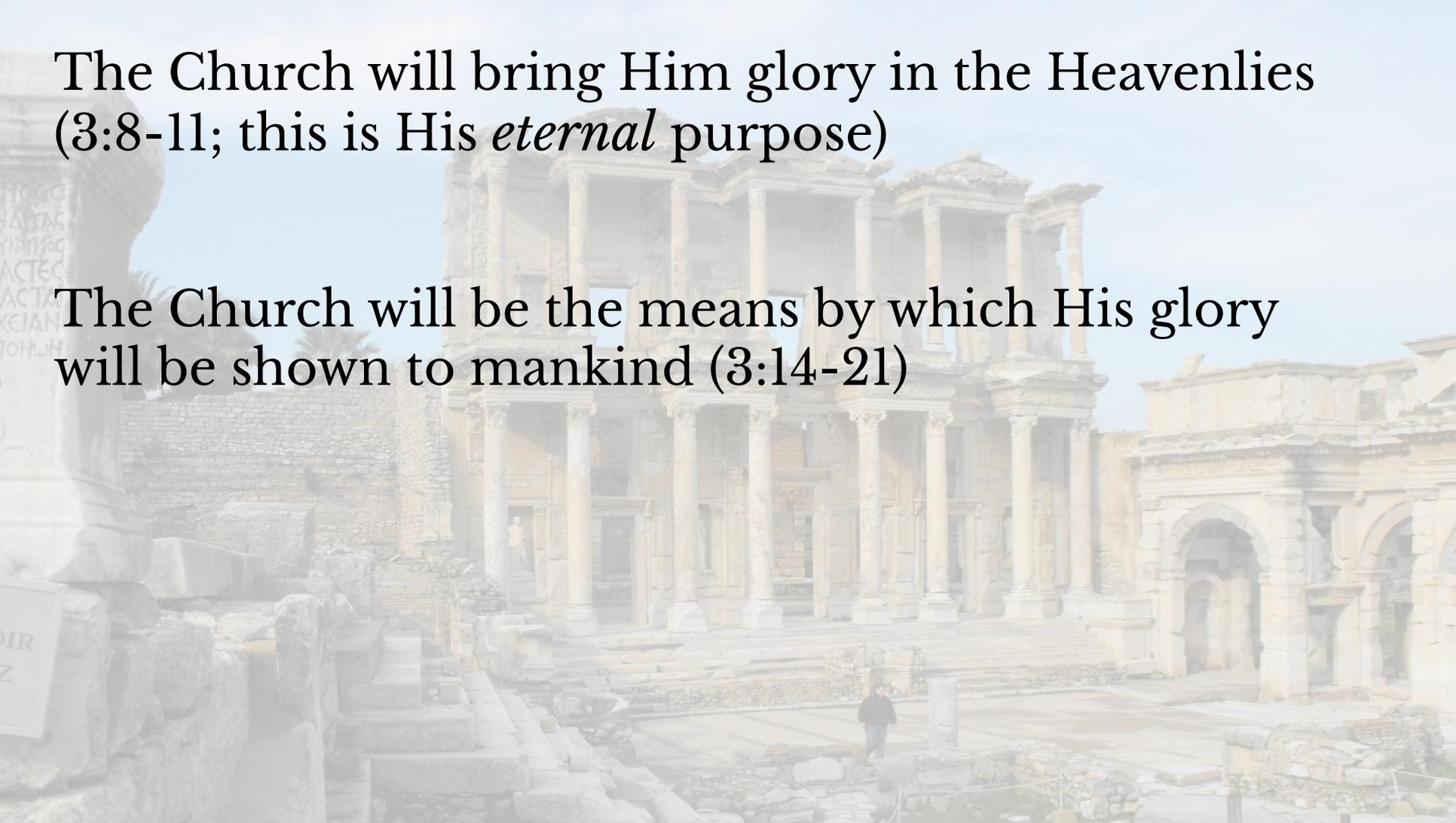
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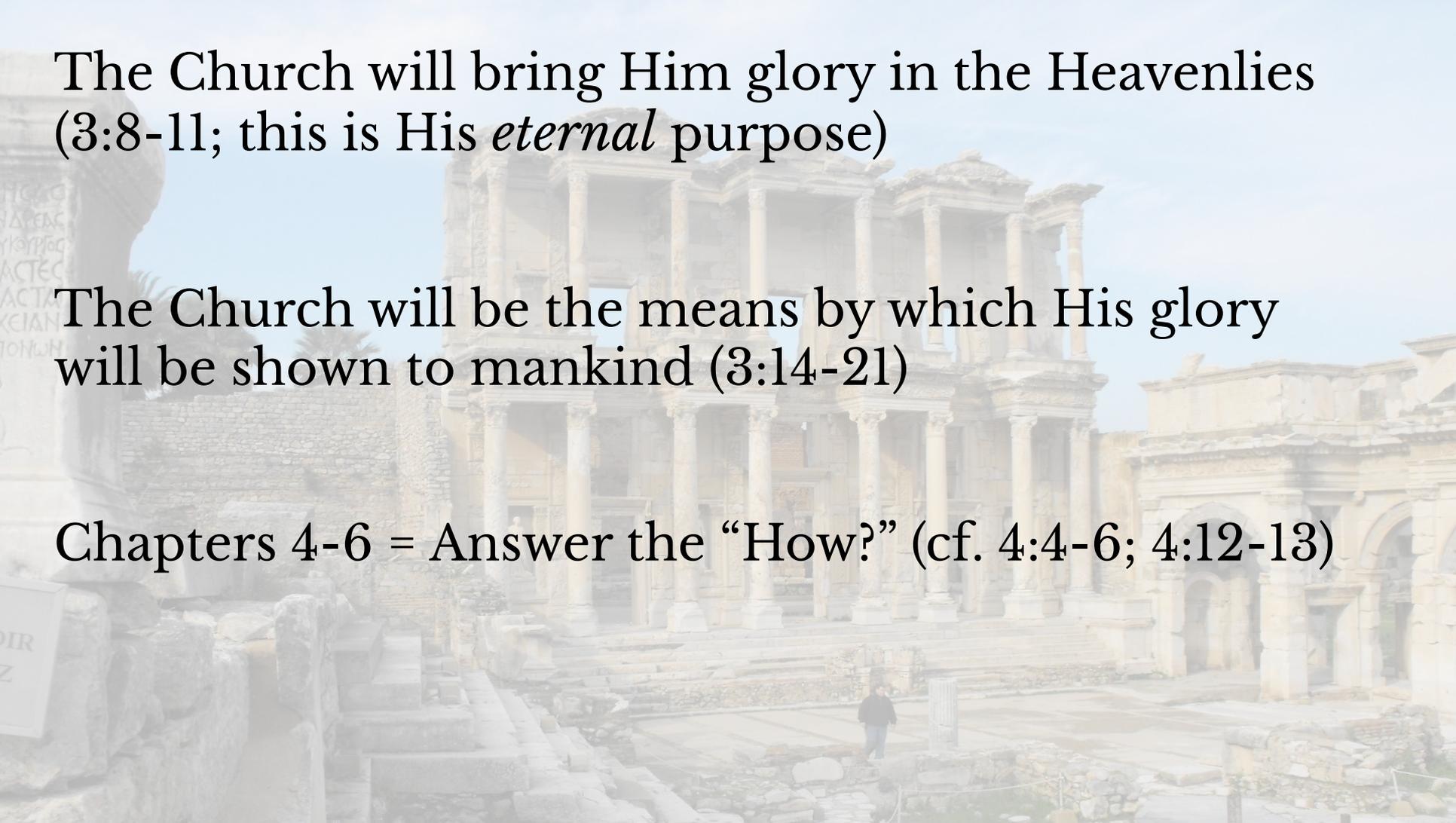
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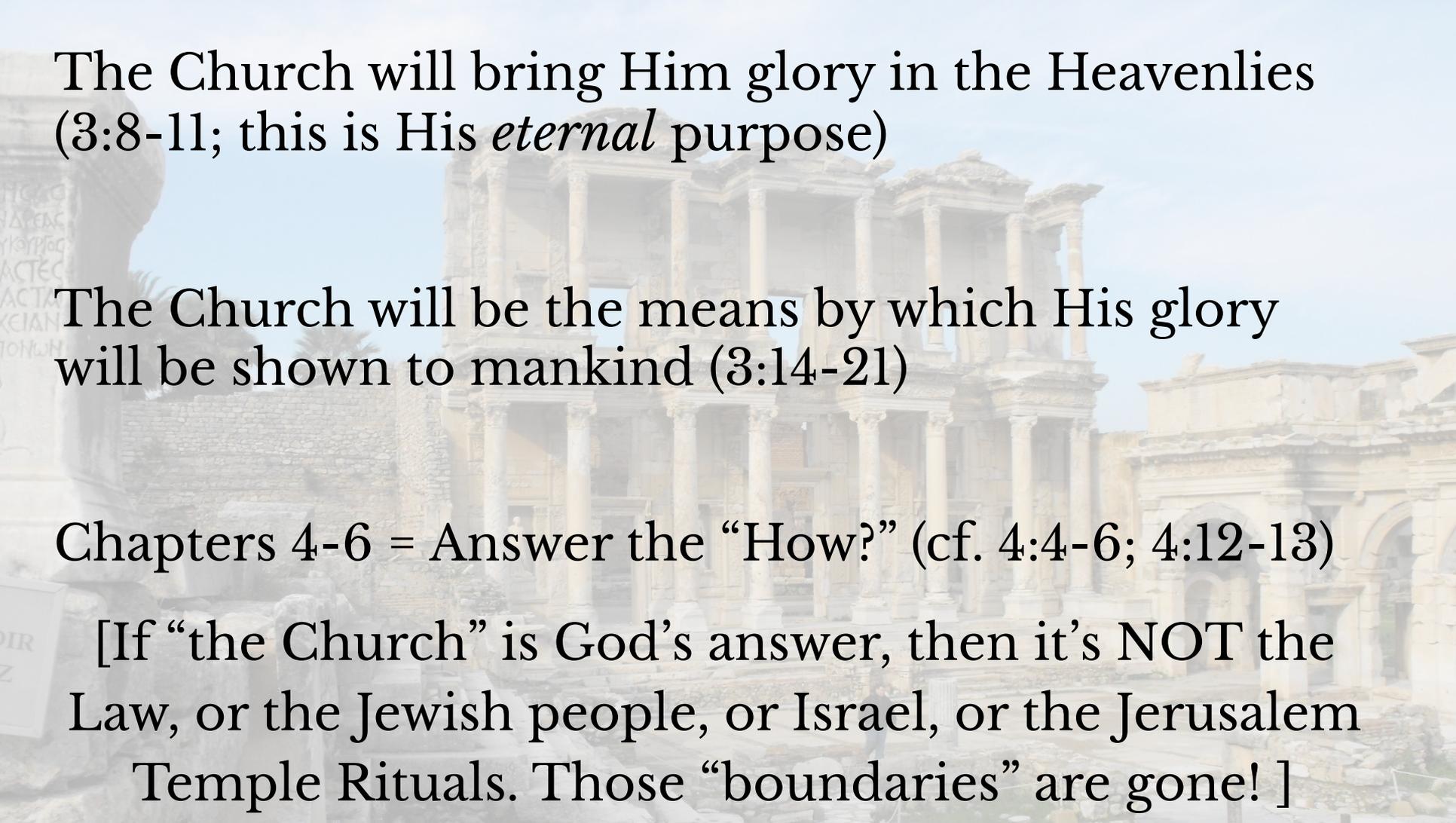




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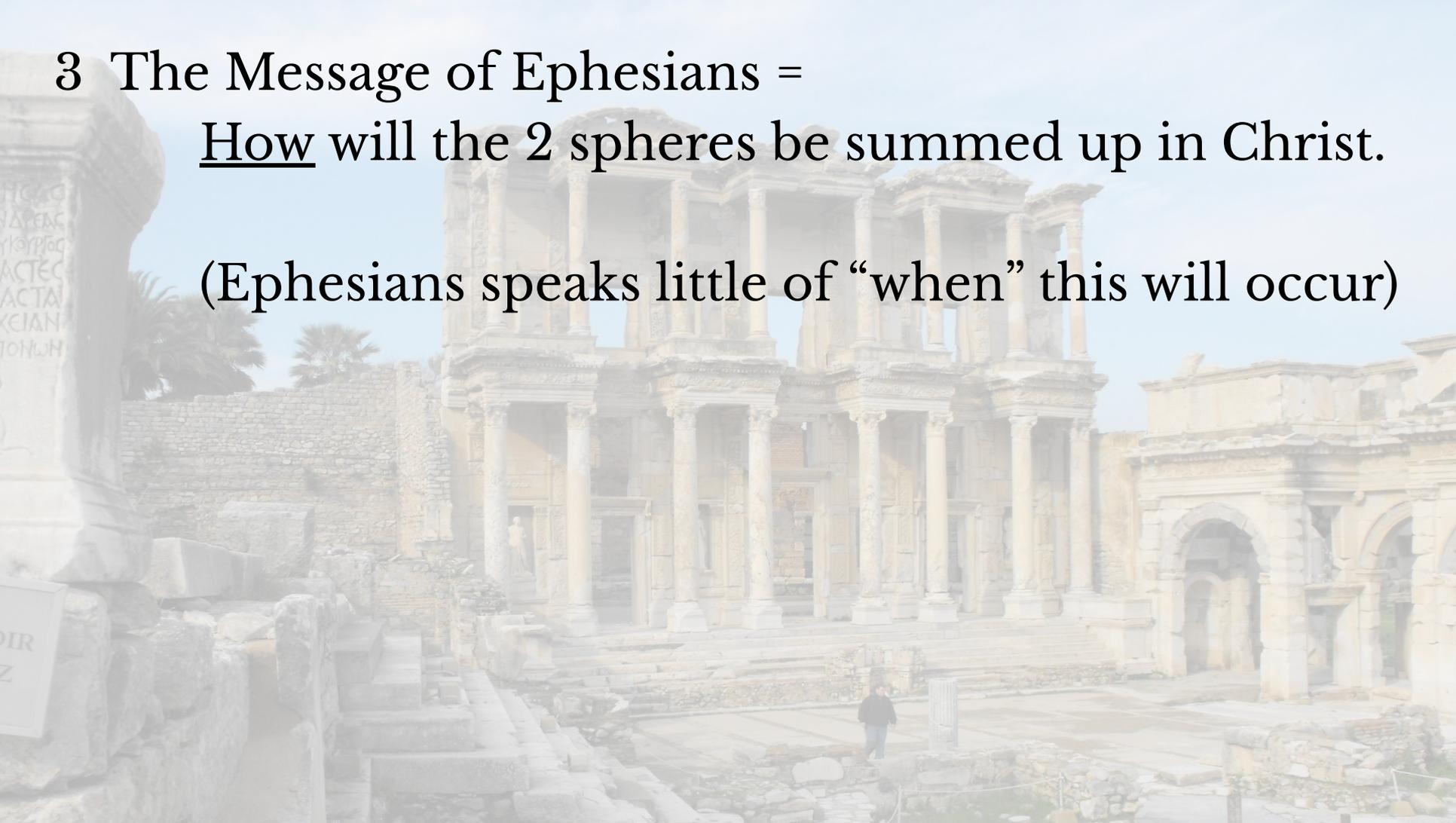


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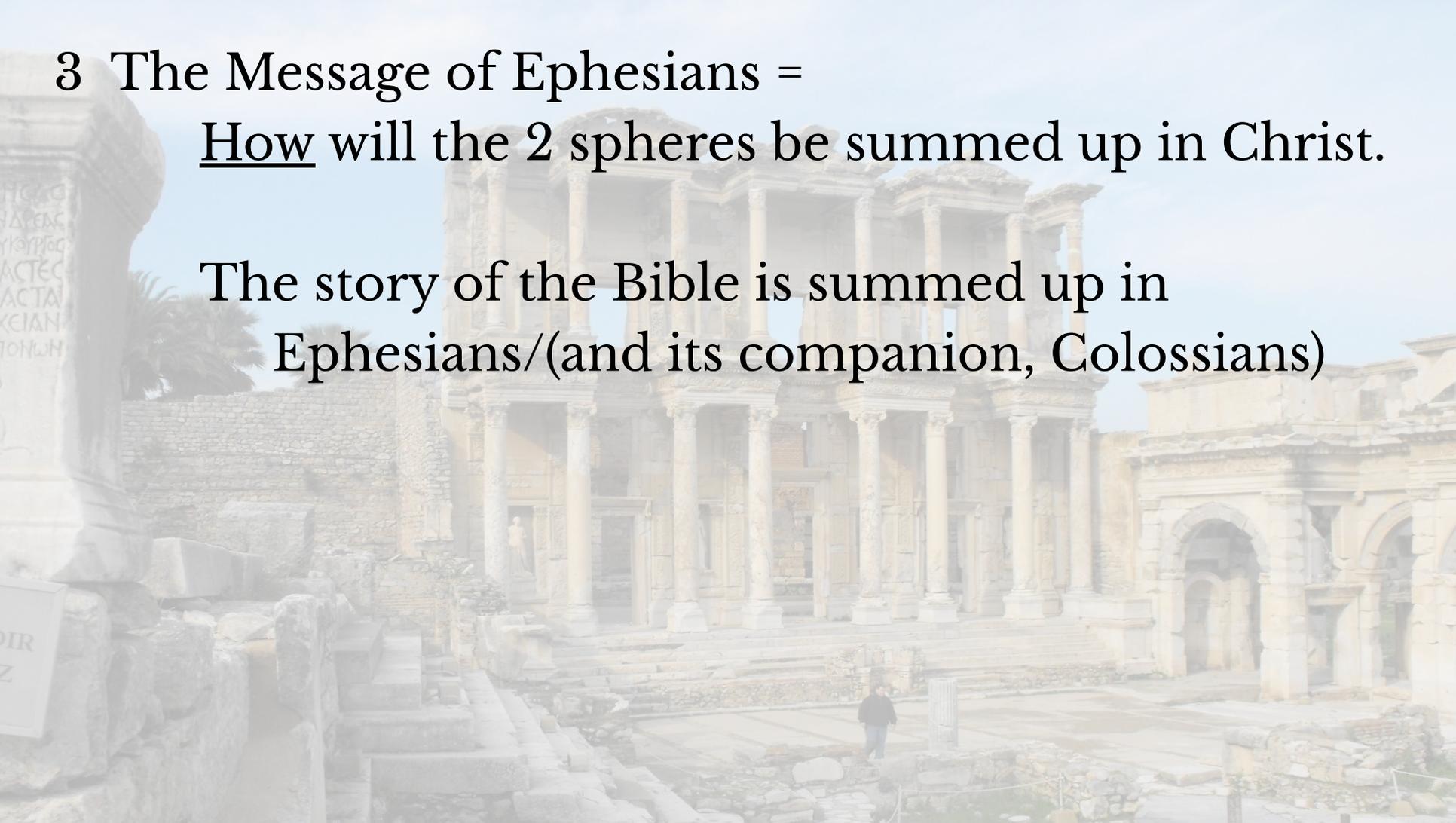
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This restoration HAS BEEN and WILL BE effected in Christ (Col. 1:19-22; Eph. 1:10) [“already” *and* “not yet”]

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This helps us understand WHY the world is so opposed specifically to Christ, not to 'religion' in general. The powers and principalities and rulers of darkness in this world are adamantly opposed to Christ, for He will one day subject them to Himself.

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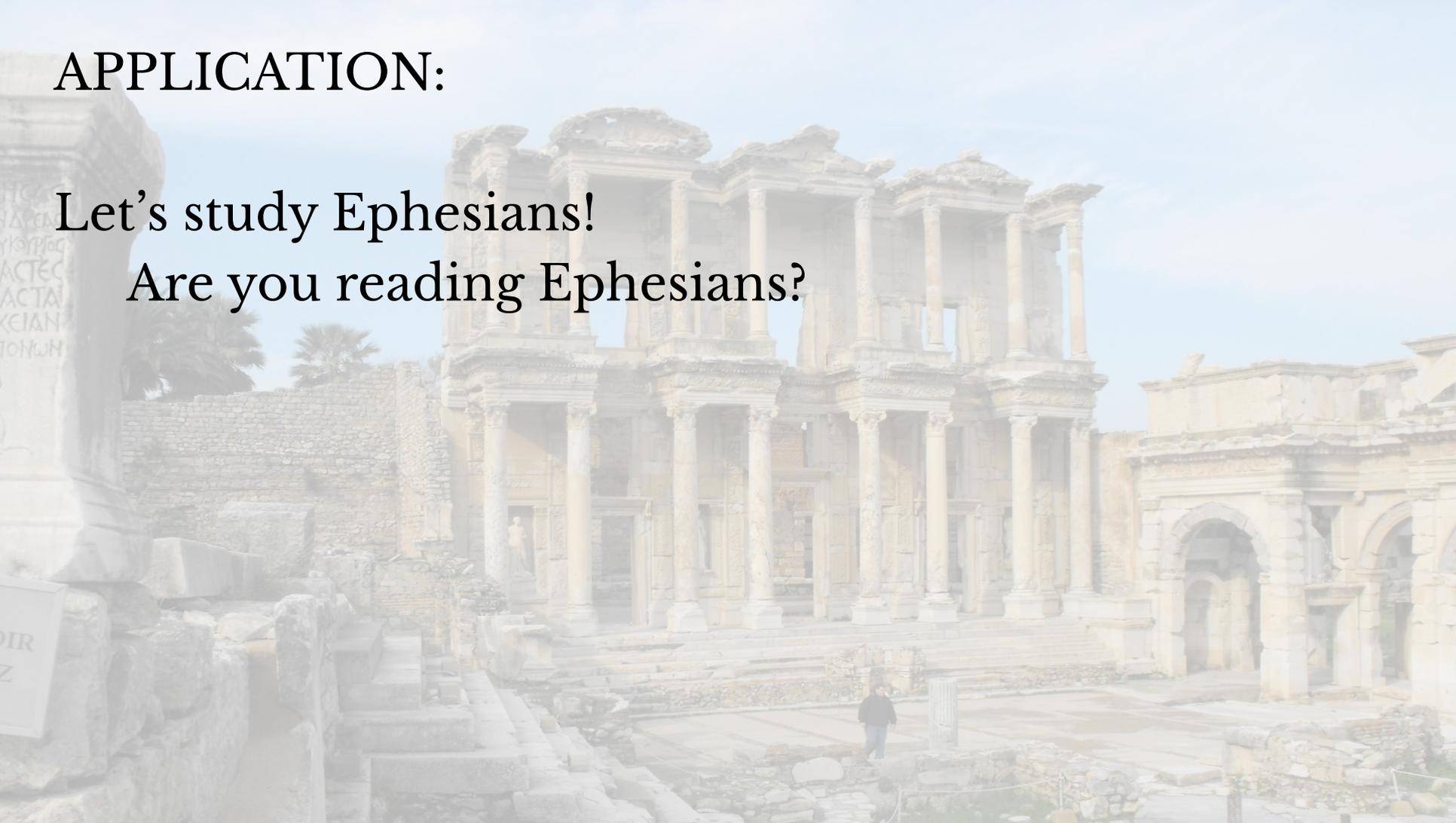
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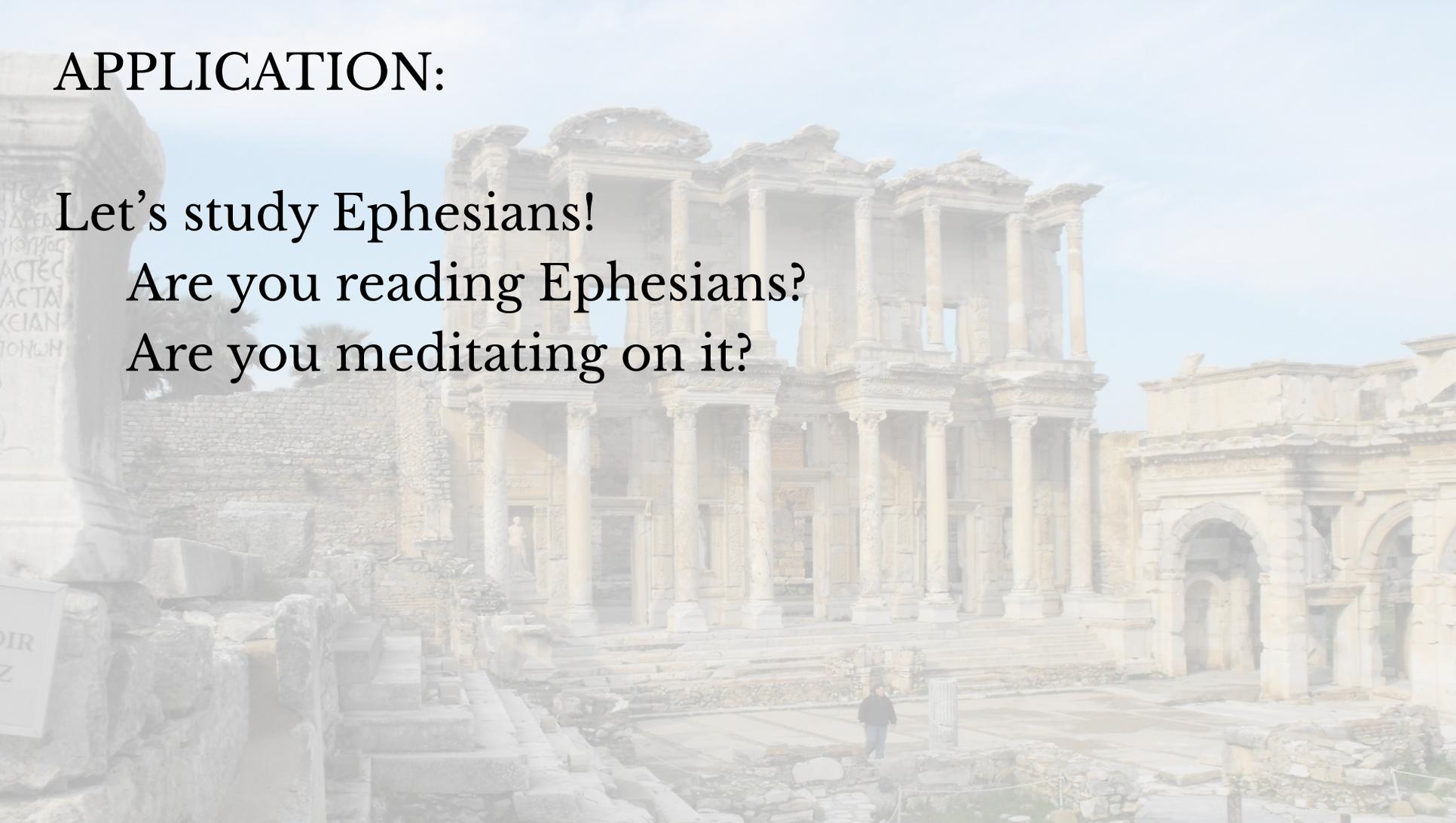


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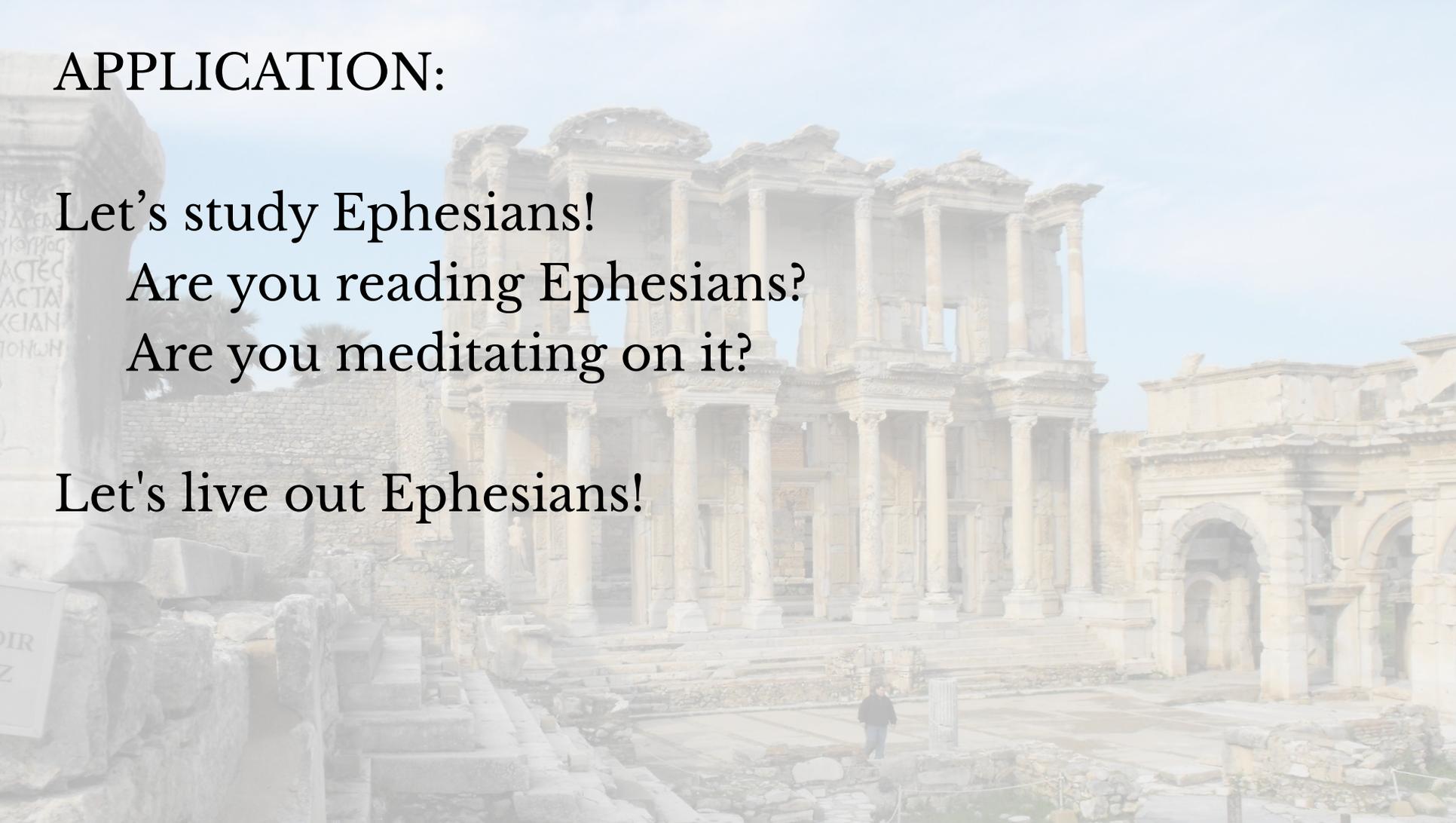
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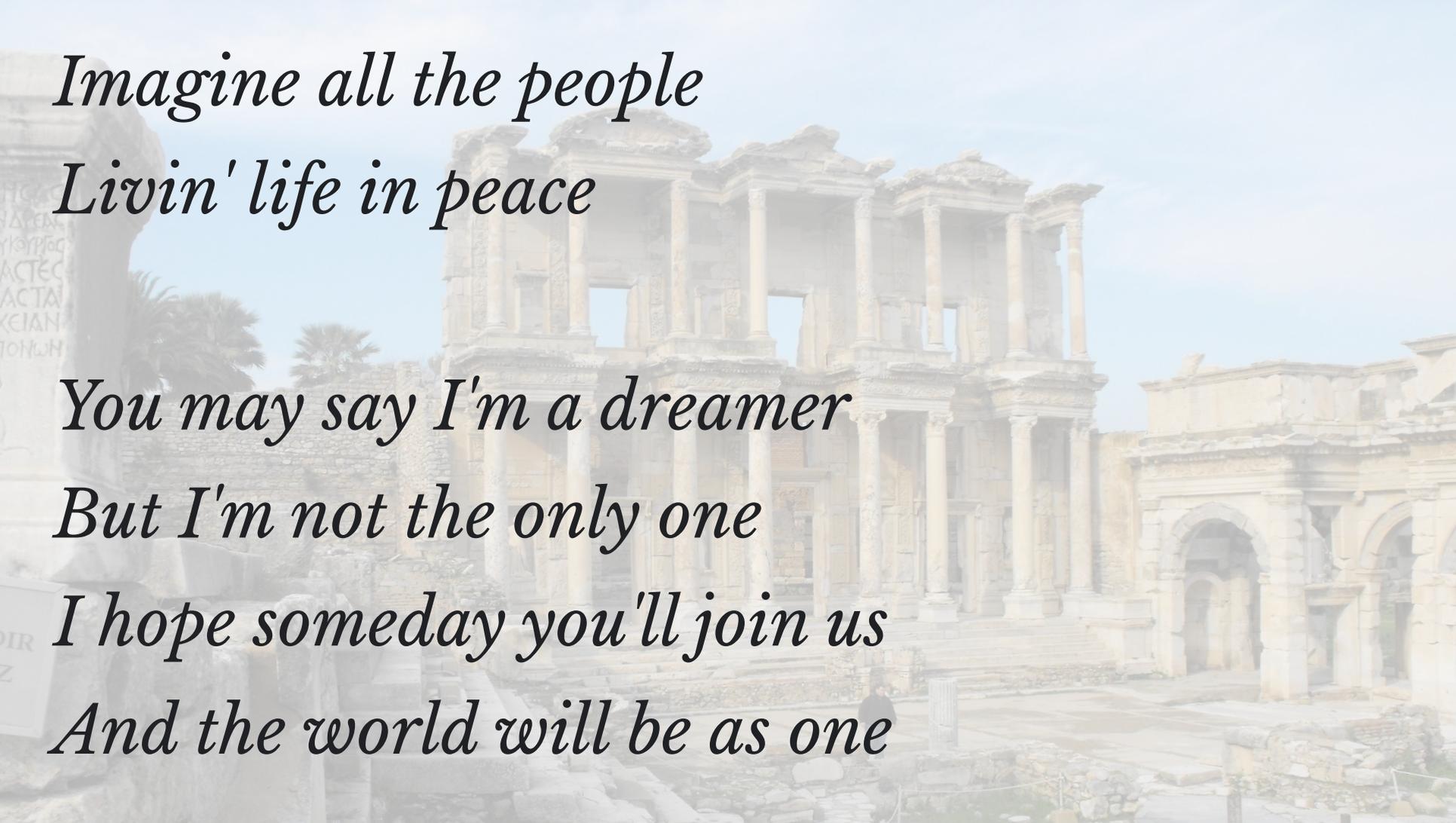
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Working for unity  $\neq$  avoiding conflict

Ask: How can I care for someone else this week?

## APPLICATION:

"When the world sees a unified people,  
reconciled to God and to each other,  
living as one body where the members serve each  
other and work for the good of each other,  
then Christ's intrinsic worth and value  
will be known  
in all the Cosmos."



*Imagine all the people  
Livin' life in peace*

*You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one*