

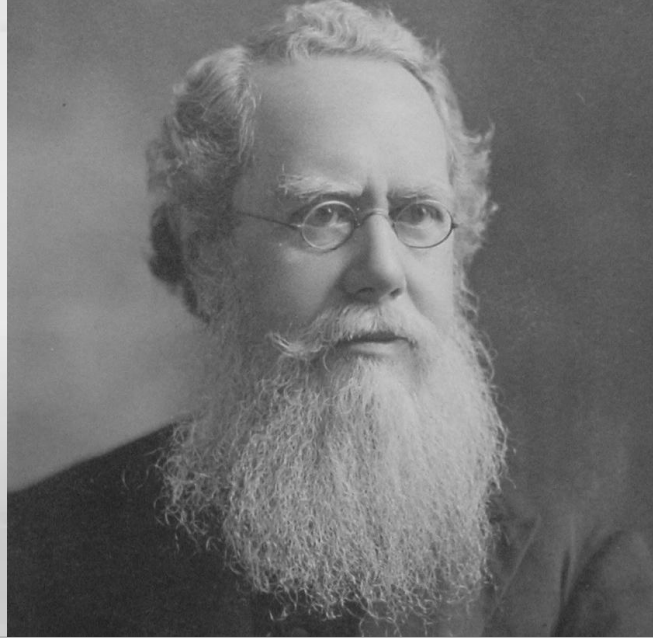
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George Müller
(1805-1898)

“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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(1834-1892)

“Pray, Share, Ask”

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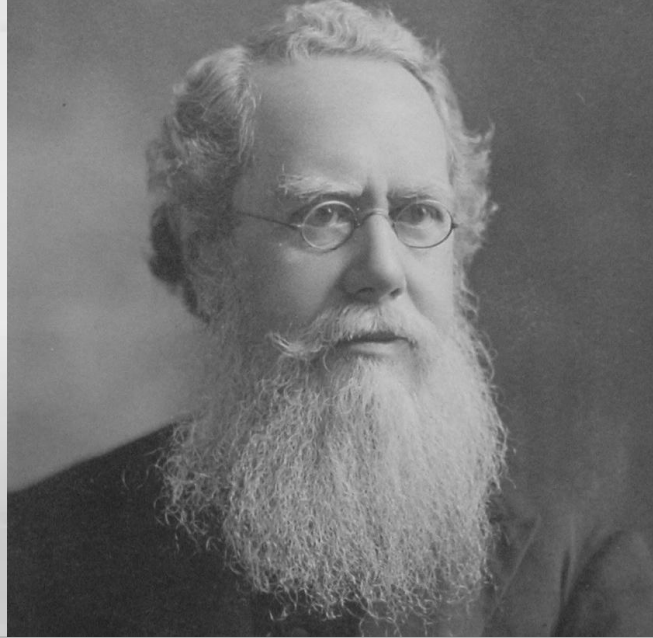
Preached to 10 Million+

“Prince of Preachers”

Largest church in London



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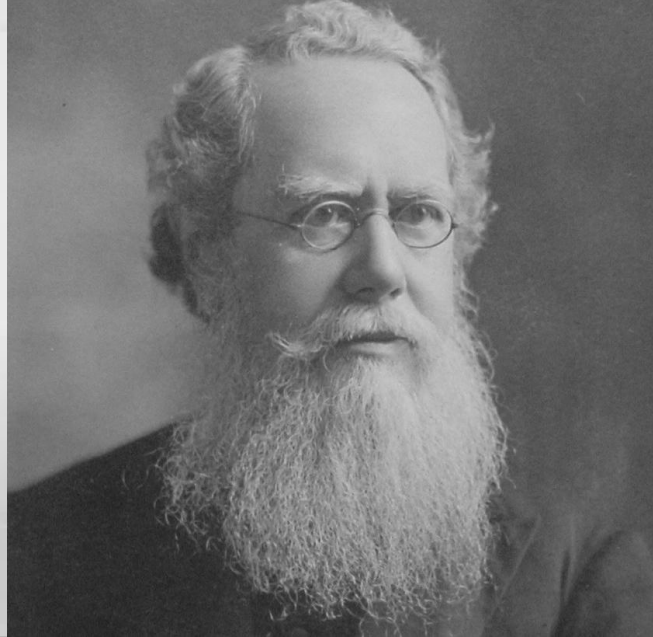
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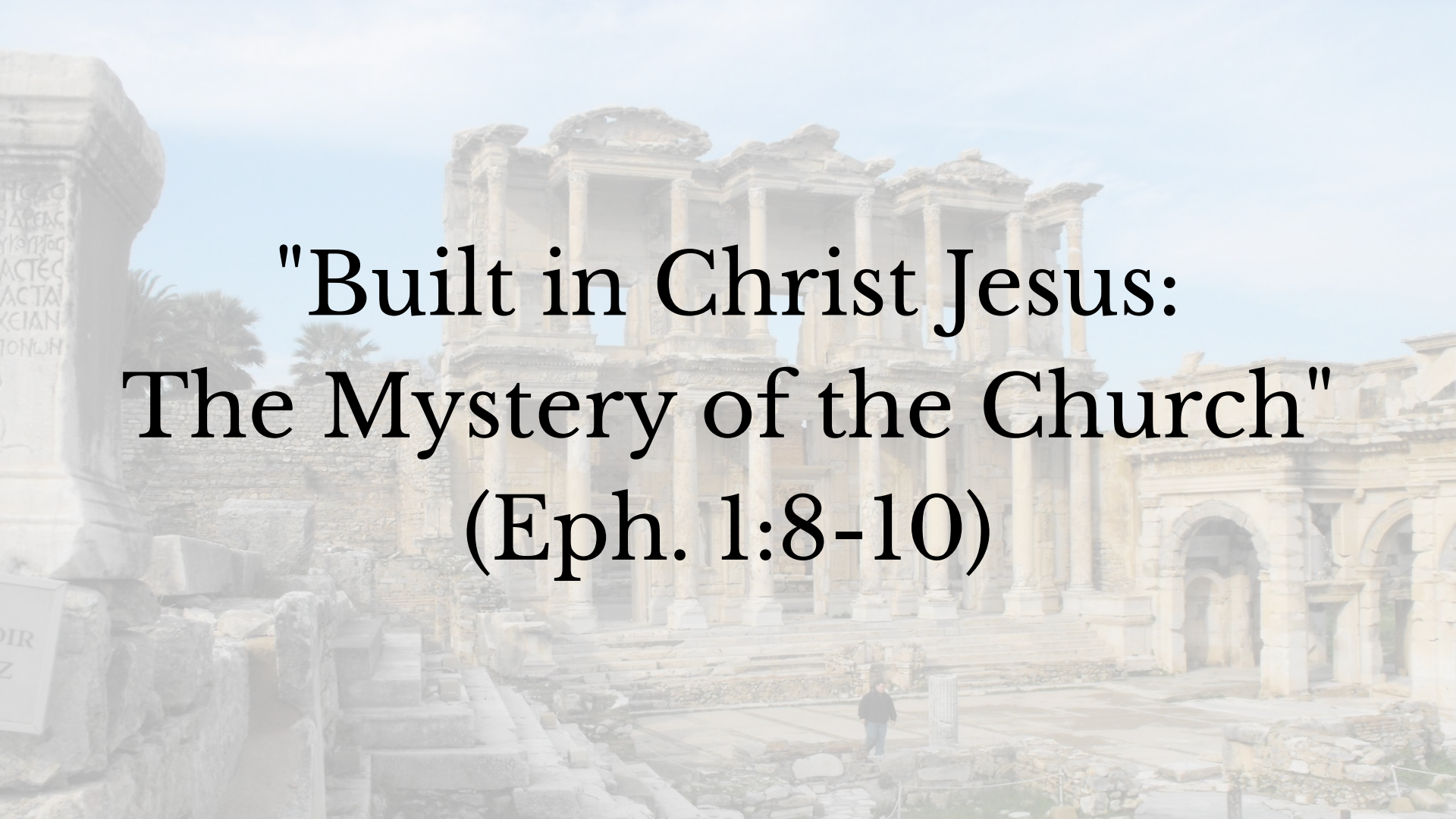


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Who was “RIGHT”???



"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 =

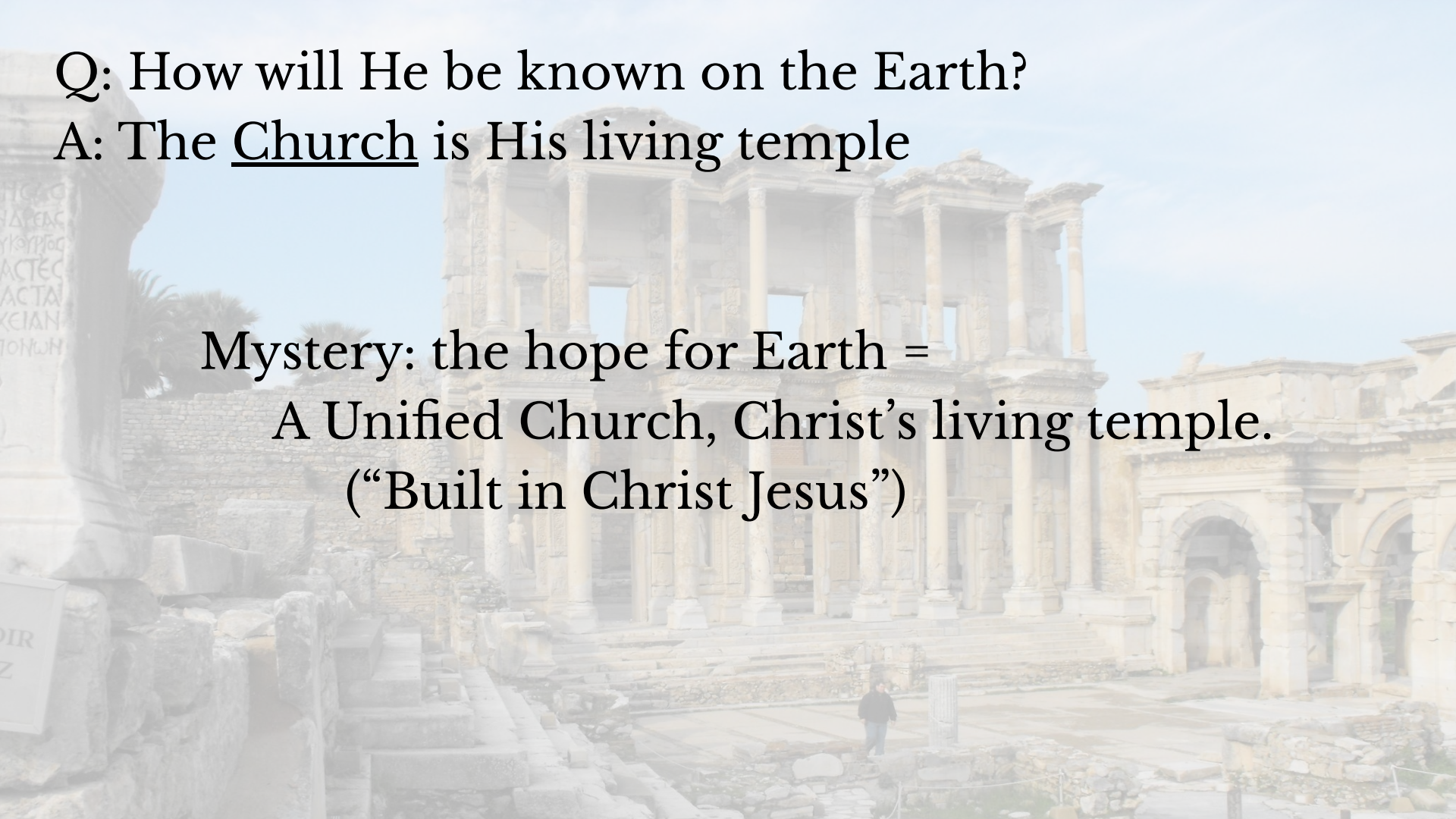
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(Ephesians 1:9, 3:3-9)

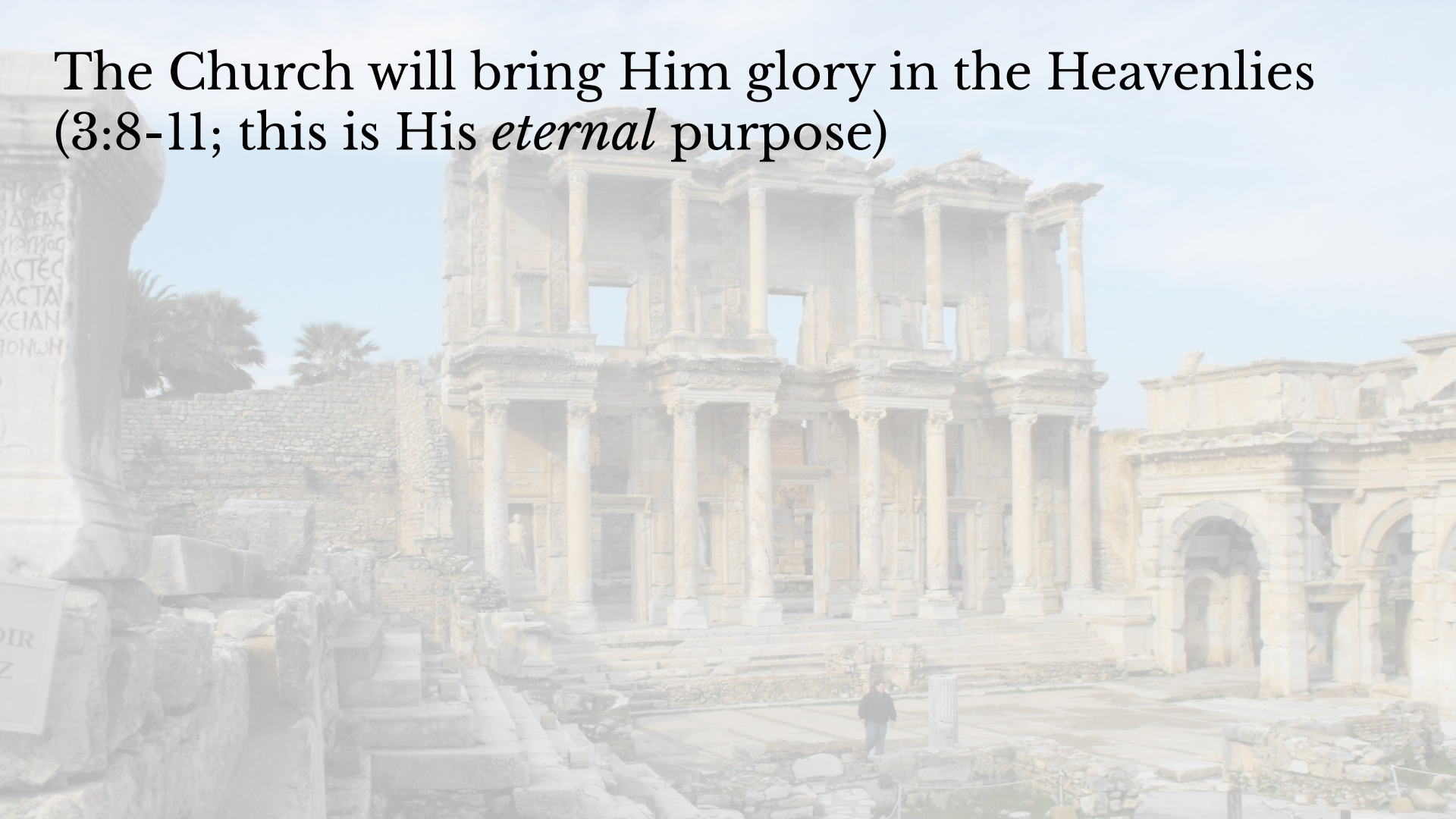
Q: How will He be known on the Earth?

A: The Church is His living temple

Mystery: the hope for Earth =
A Unified Church, Christ's living temple.
("Built in Christ Jesus")



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John the Baptist



Jesus



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“Repent!”

Nazirite ascetic -
“self-denial”

Camel Hair and Locusts

Ministry in the wilderness



Jesus

“Love, Mercy, Grace, Peace”

Made great wine at a wedding

Ministered in the homes of
sinners

Disciples did not fast or
observe various rituals



John the Baptist questioned Jesus - Luke 7:18



Jesus' response - Luke 7:24-29



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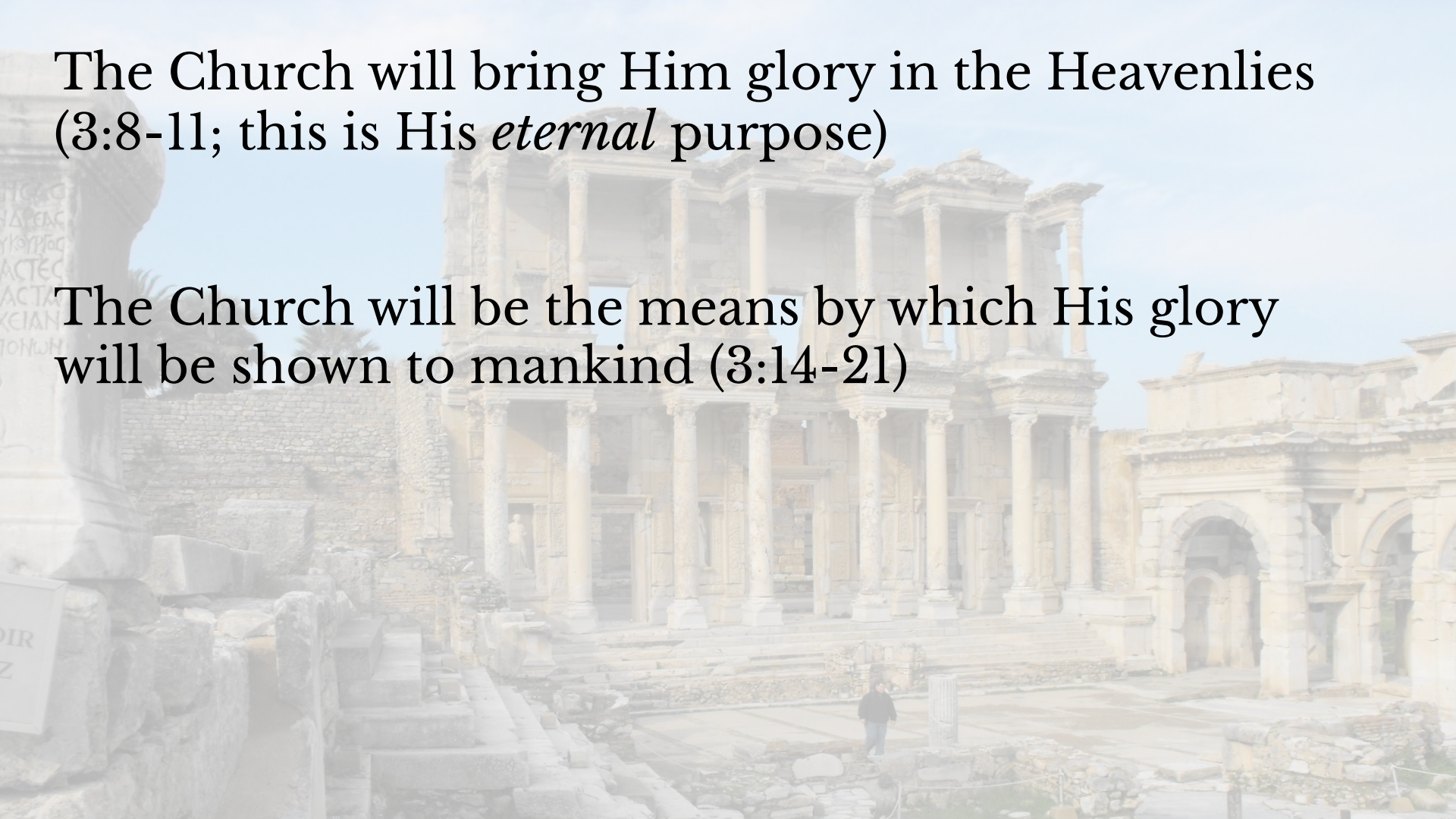
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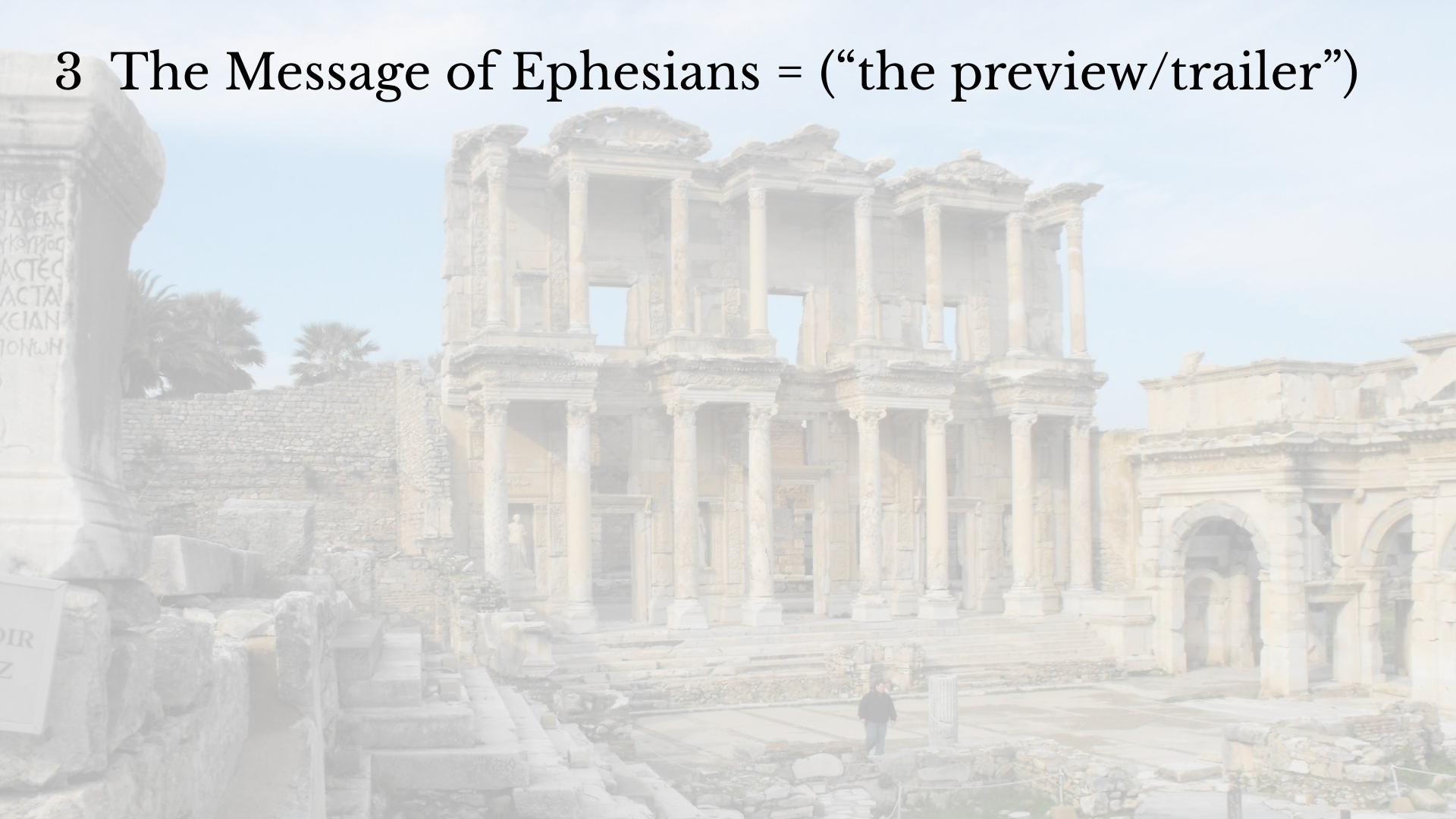
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[If “the Church” is God’s answer, then it’s NOT the
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Temple Rituals. Those “boundaries” are gone!]

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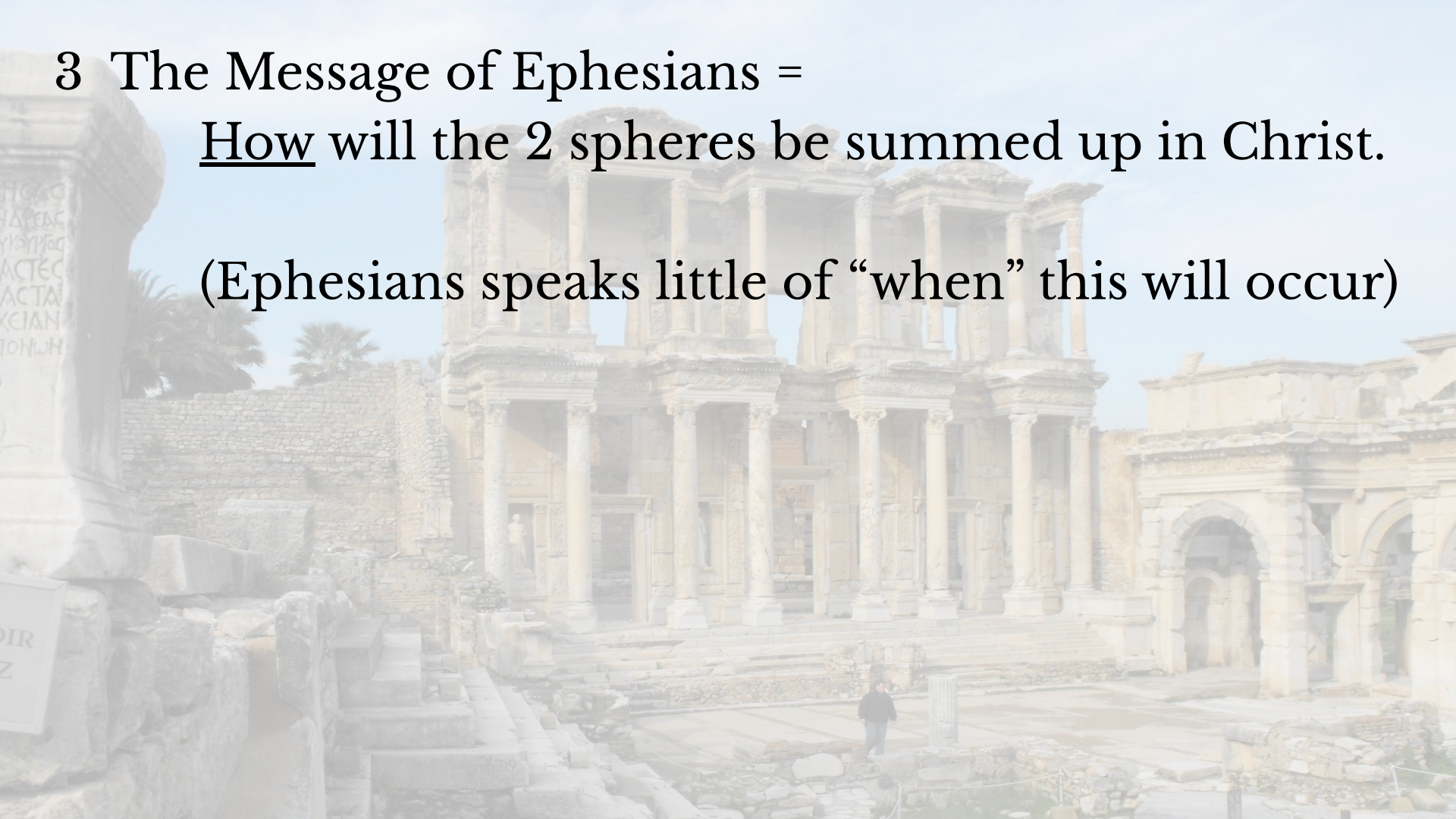
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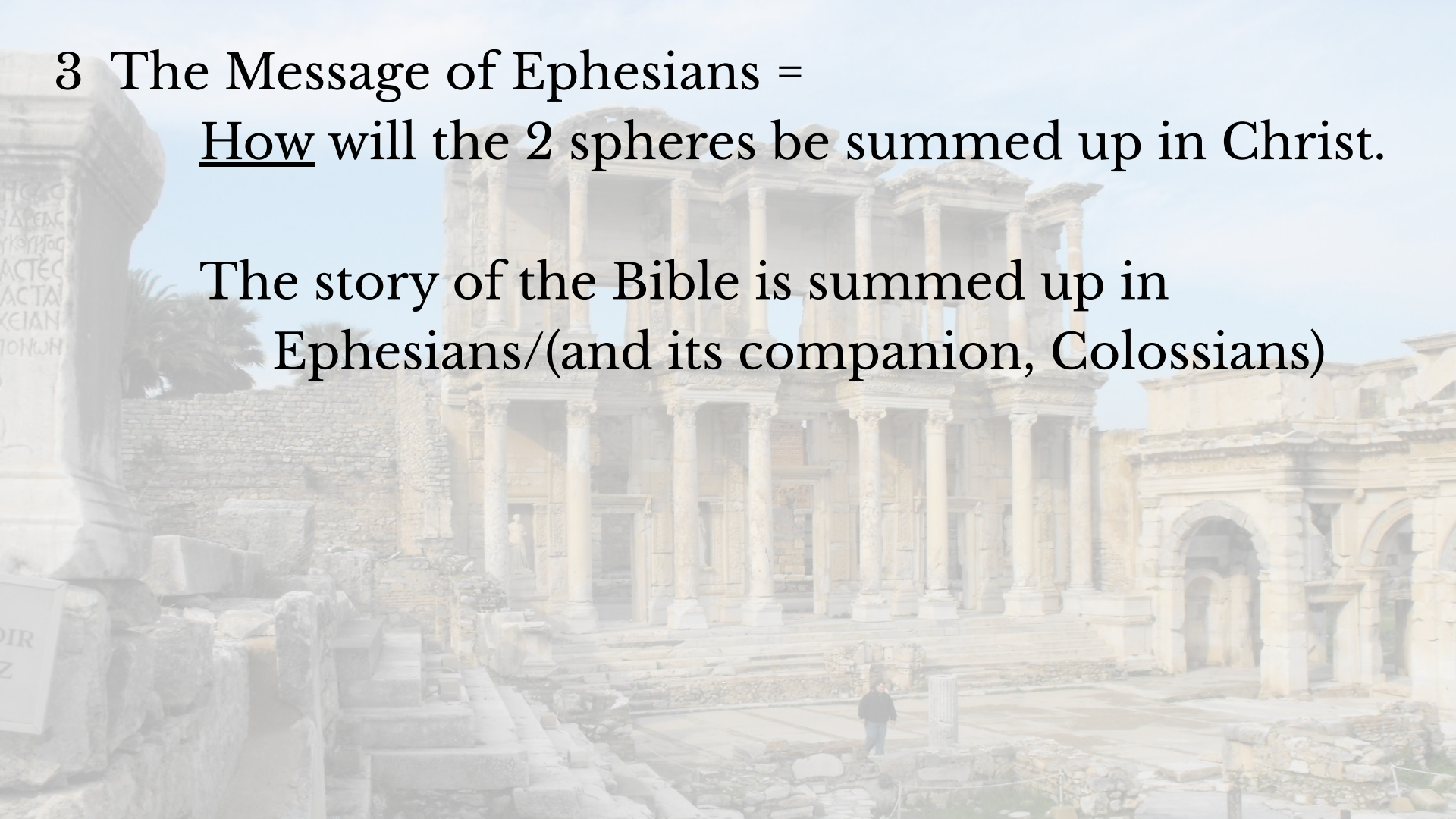
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This restoration HAS BEEN and WILL BE effected in Christ (Col. 1:19-22; Eph. 1:10) [“already” *and* “not yet”]

APPLICATION:

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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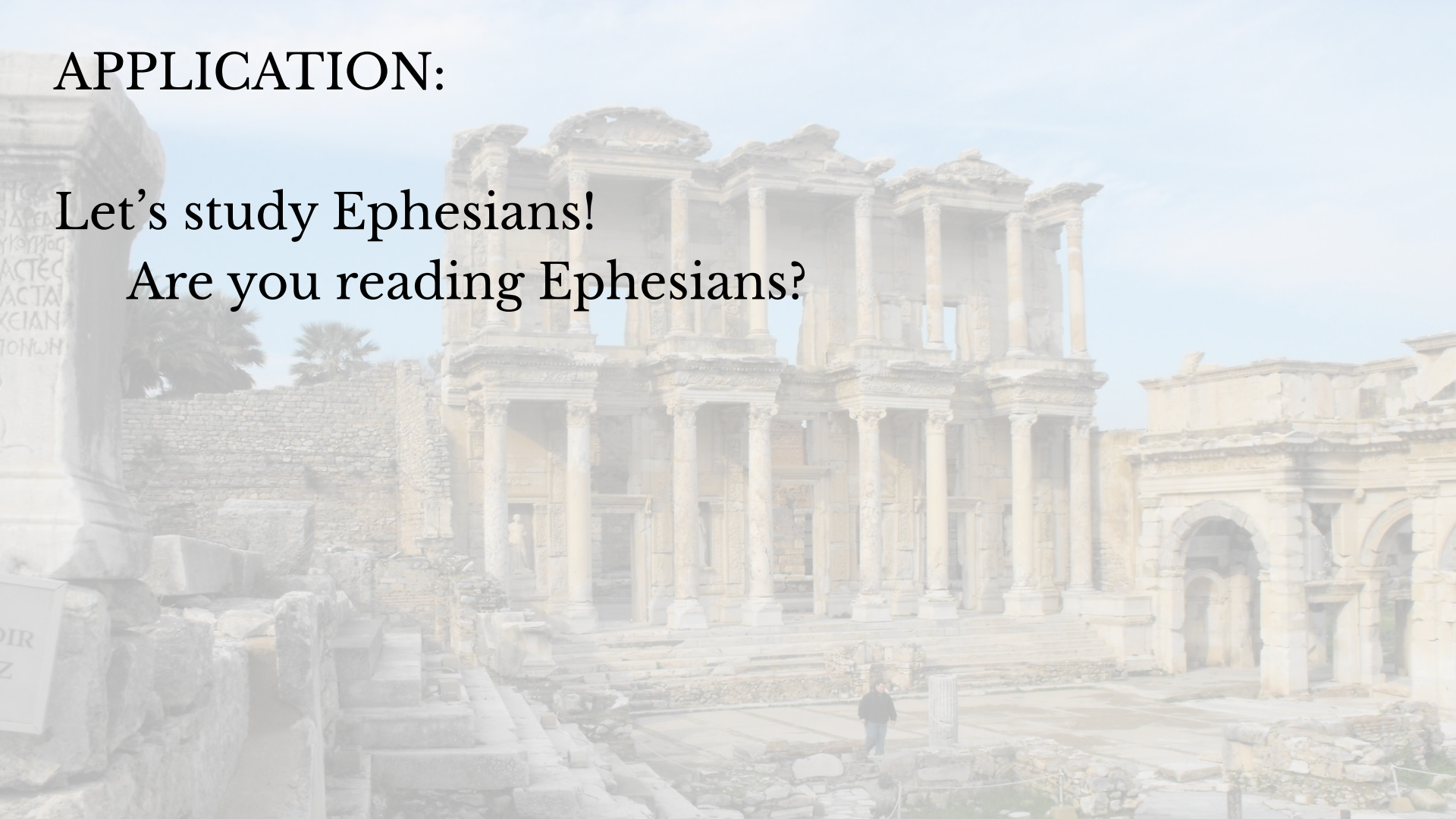
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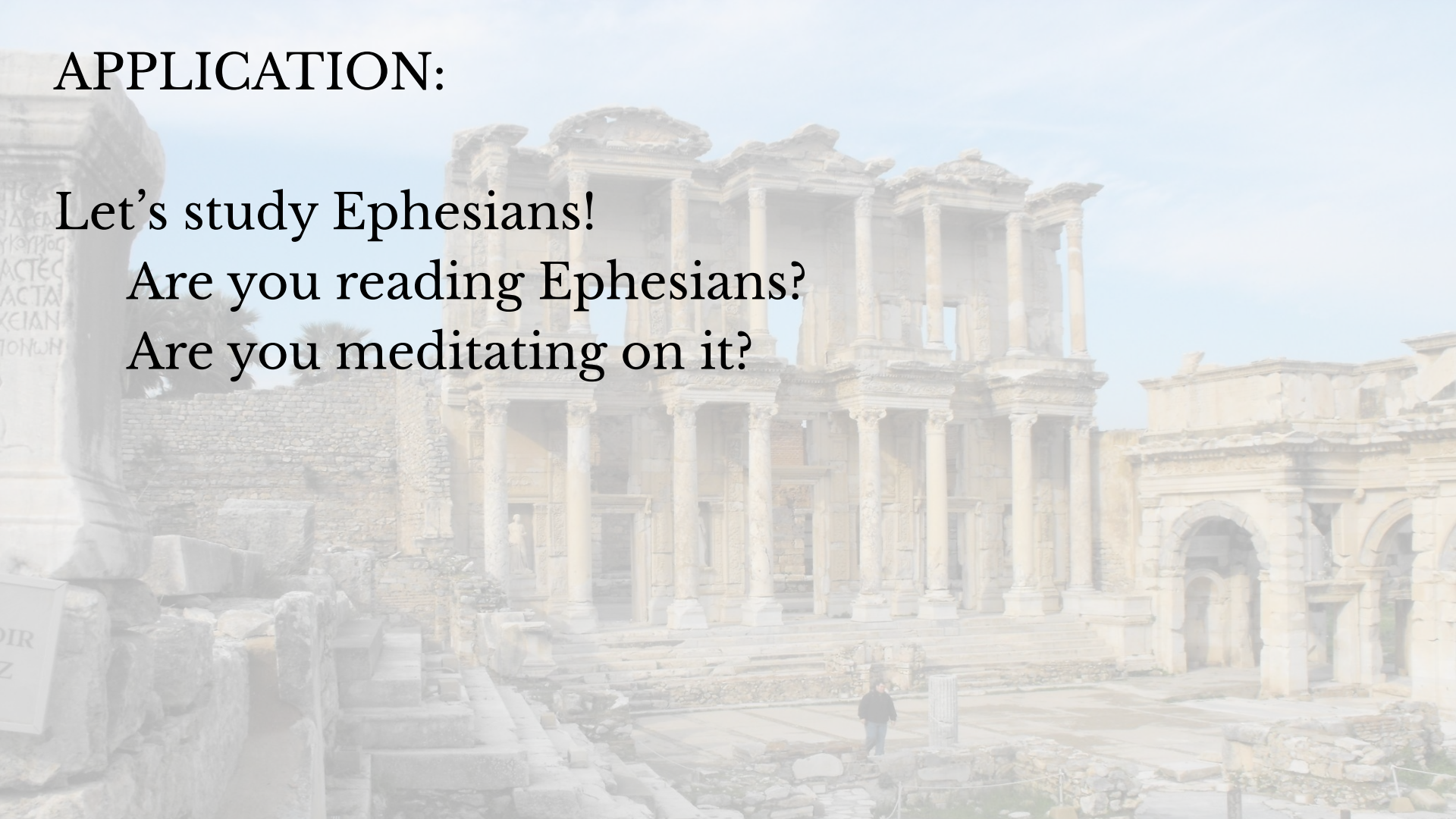


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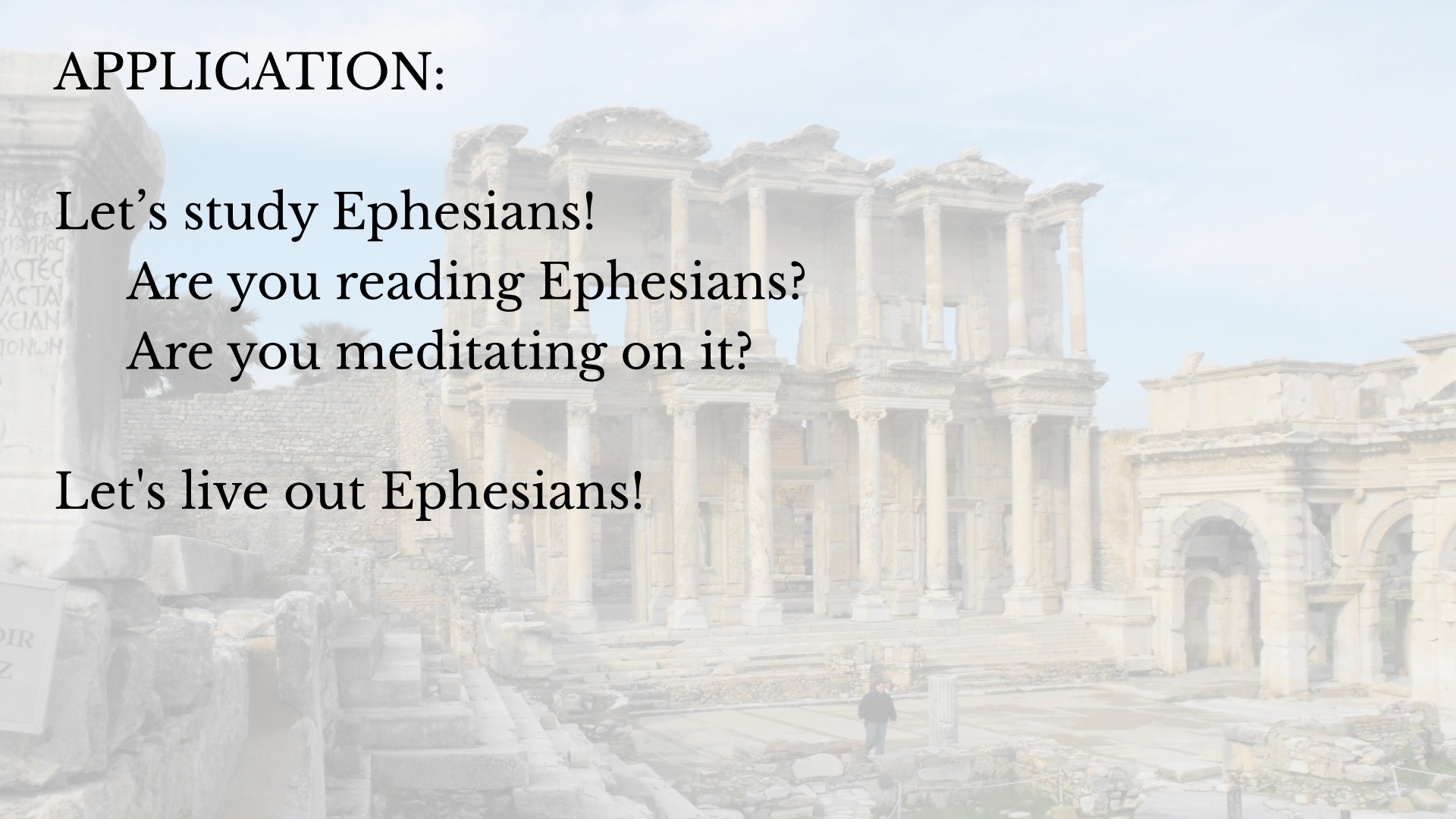
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Working for unity \neq avoiding conflict

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*