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An open Bible lies on a dark wooden surface. The background is a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and water. The Bible is open to two pages, with text visible on both. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

JESUS AS A DIVINE BEING

JOHN 1:1-3 AND 14 ; JOHN 20:28

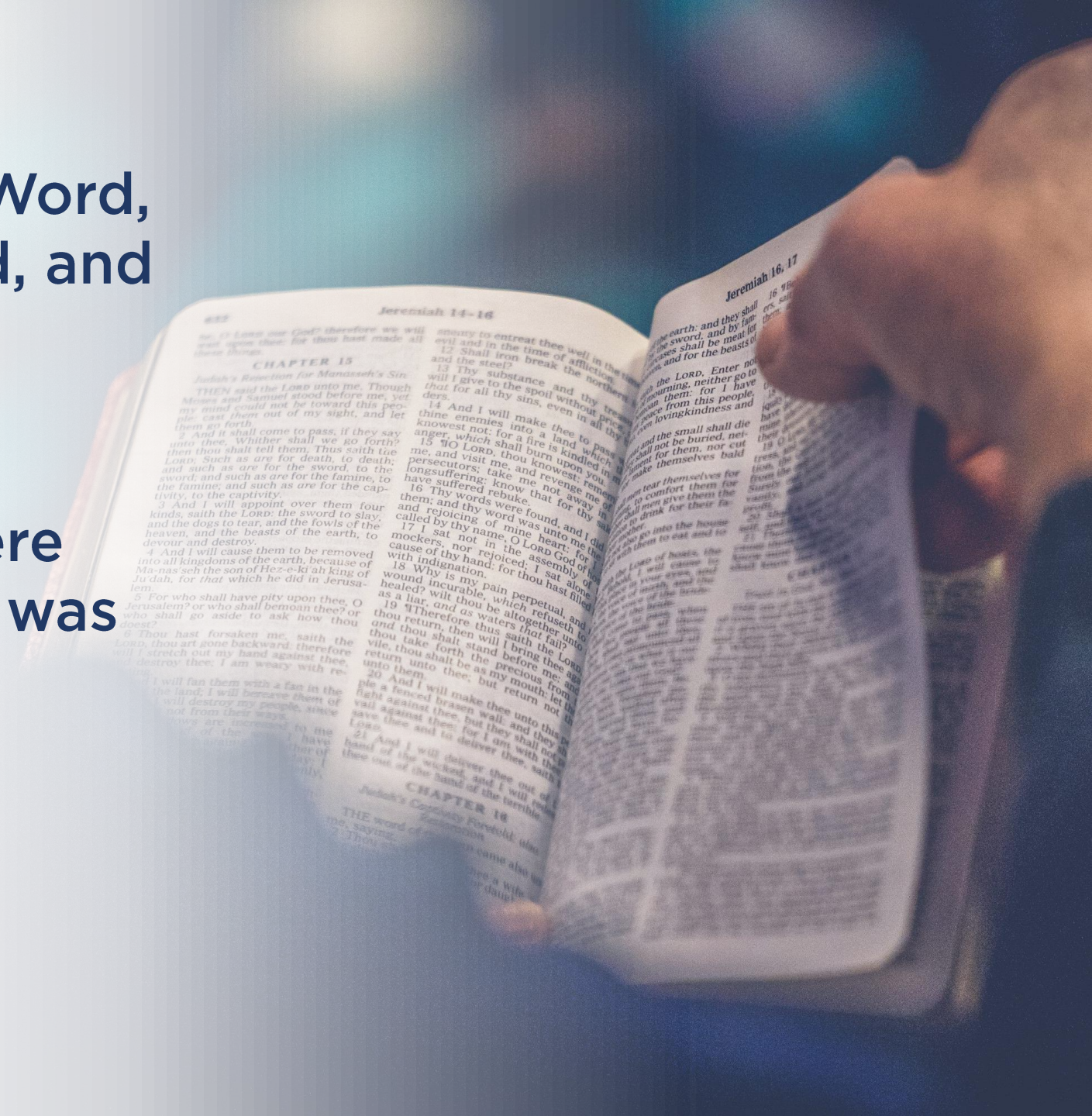
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1 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.

2 He was with God in the
beginning.

3 Through him all things were
made; without him nothing was
made that has been made.

John 1:1-3



The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14



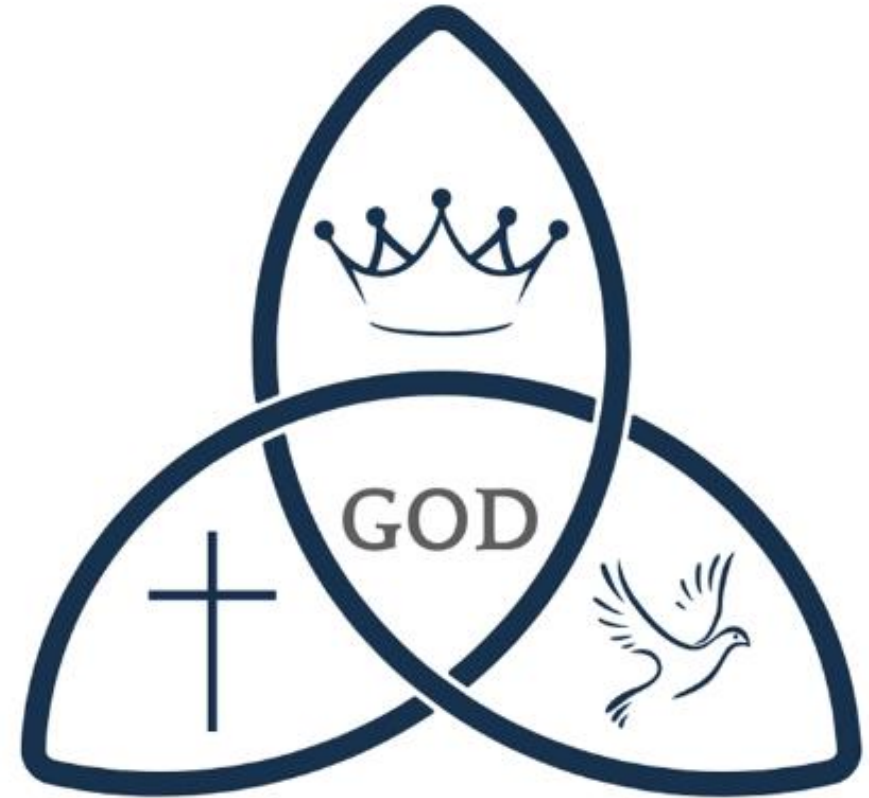
Thomas said
to him,
“My Lord and
my God!”

John 20:28



What we believe

As Christians, we believe in the holy Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God the Son speaks of Jesus Christ's deity – His Divine nature.



1. The nature of Jesus Christ – fully God and fully human

- a) He is not created, He is the Creator - a picture of a powerful and creative God

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:3

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Colossians 1:16

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and ***through whom also he made the universe***. but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and ***through whom also he made the universe***.

i. He is infinite/eternal

- **John 8:58** - “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”
- **Revelations 1:8** - I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”
- **Psalms 90:2** - Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.



ii. Supremacy, Omnipotence and authority of God

- **Ephesians 1:21-22** - far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church
- **Matthew 28:18** - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



ii. Supremacy, Omnipotence and authority of God

- **Colossians 1:15-17** - The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



1. The nature of Jesus Christ – fully God and fully human

- a) He is not created, He is the Creator - a picture of a powerful and creative God
- b) He came from the Father, full of grace and truth. He became flesh and made a dwelling among us and is Omnipresent – a picture of a Person and a personal God

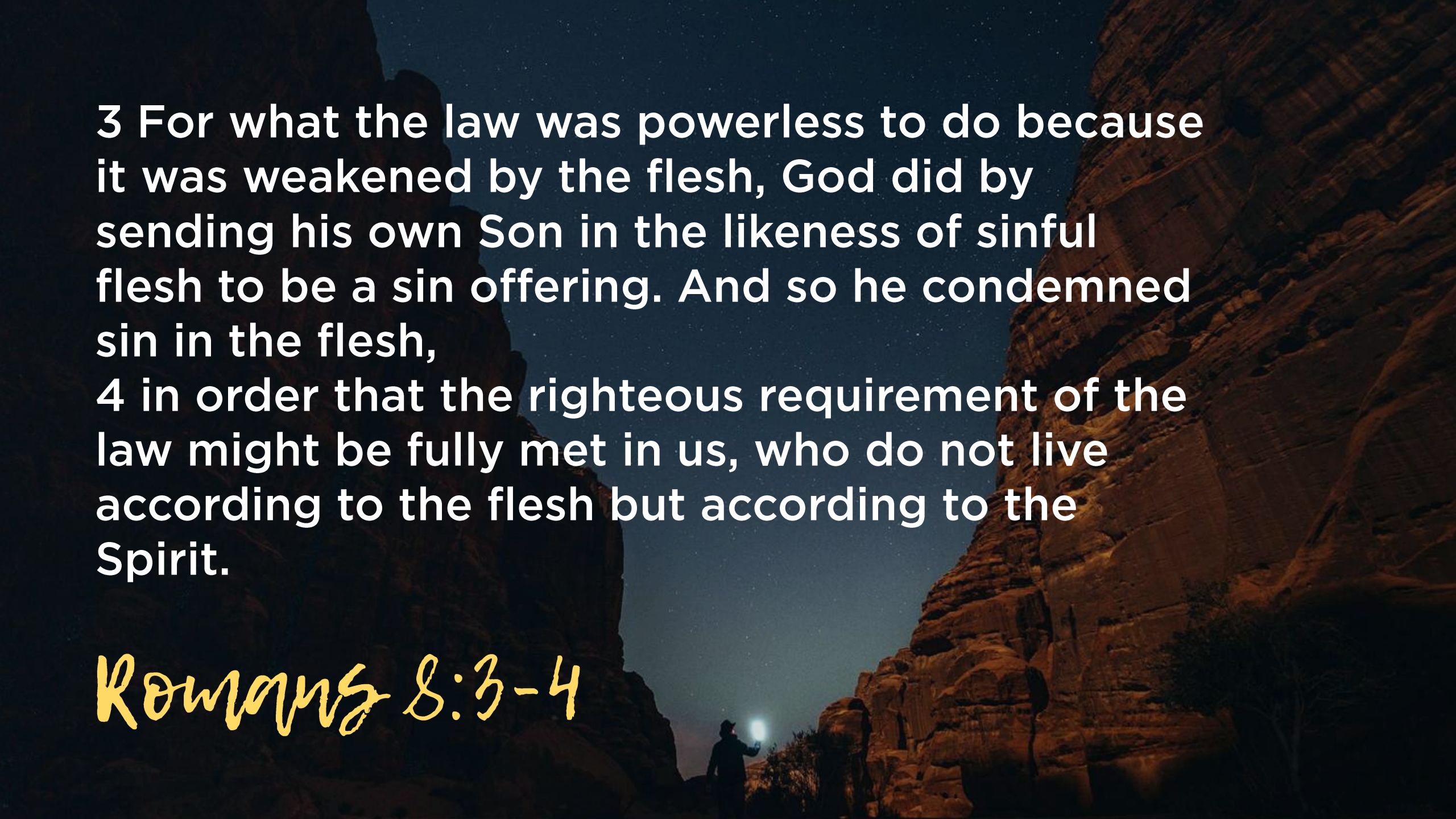
- **John 1:14** - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- **1 Timothy 1:15-16** - Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.
- **John 3:13** - No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man

2. The significance of His divinity for believers

- a) **Redemption is made possible
through Jesus Christ - holy and
sinless**



- **Luke 1:35**
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God
- **Ephesians 1:7**
- **Hebrews 4:15** - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

A night scene of a canyon with a person in the distance holding a flashlight. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:3-4

9 For in Christ all the fullness of
the Deity lives in bodily form,
10 and in Christ you have been
brought to fullness. He is the head
over every power and authority.

2 Corinthians 2:9-10

2. The significance of His divinity for believers

- a) Redemption is made possible through Jesus Christ - holy and sinless
- b) **Our worship belongs to Christ**

- **John 5:23** - that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father, who sent him.
- **Exodus 34:14** - Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.
- **Matthew 2:2,11**

2. The significance of His divinity for believers

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- b) Our worship belongs to Christ
- c) **Our prayers are addressed to Him**

- **1 Corinthians 1:2**

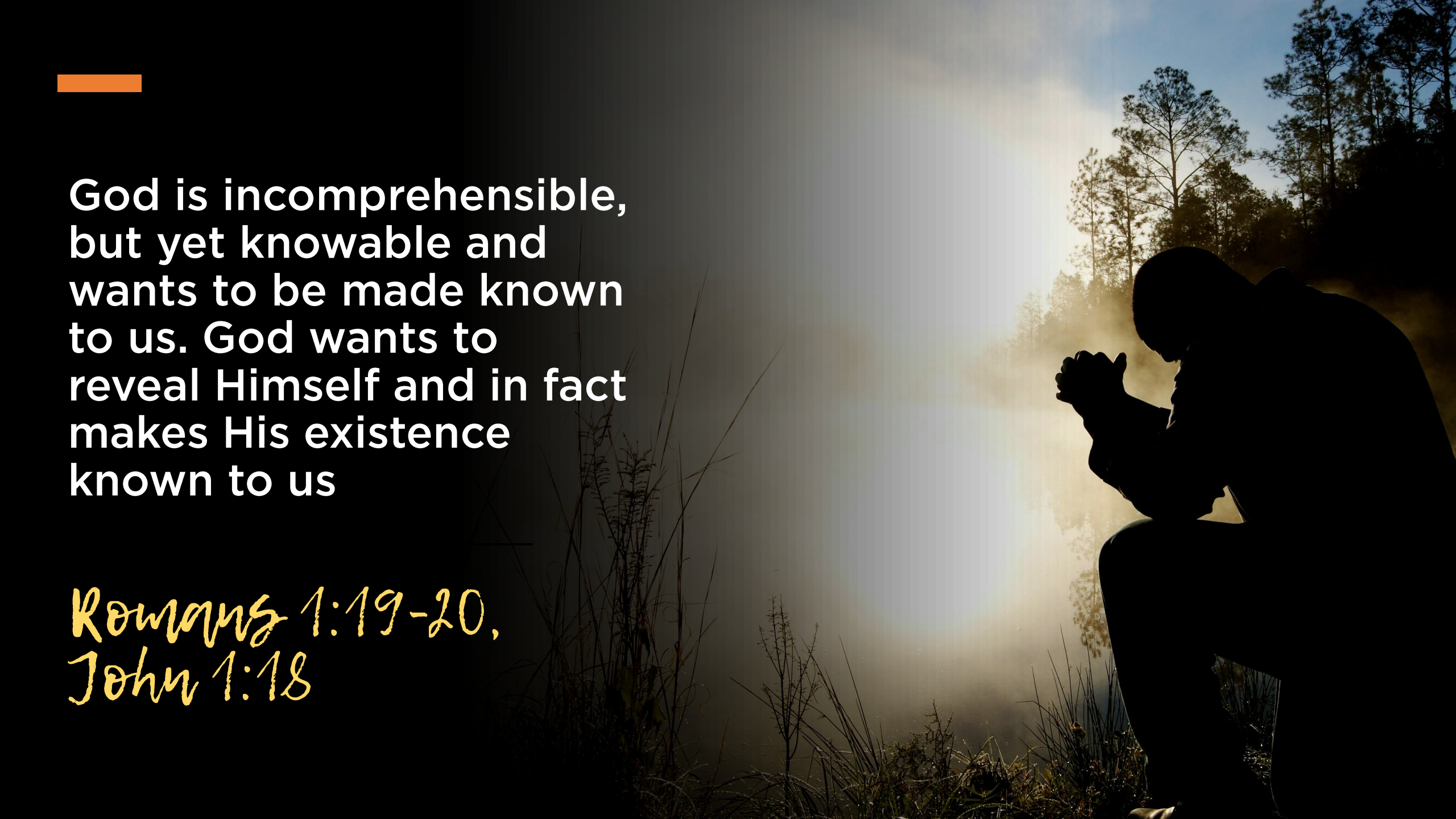
- **Zechariah 13:9 -**

“...They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

- **Psalms 116:4**

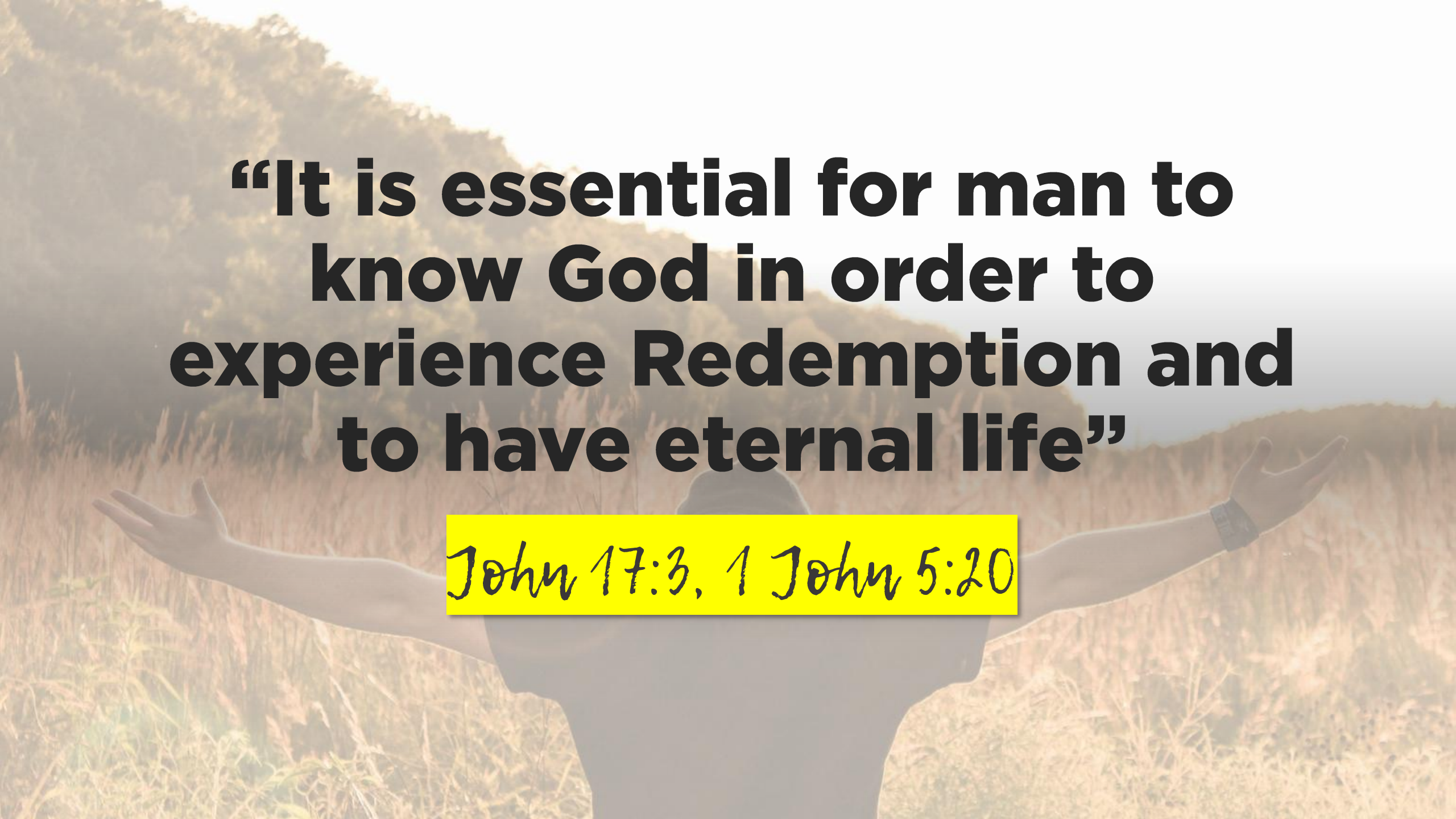


**3. Partakers and Beneficiary of His
divine nature - Colossians 1:27**

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer by a lake at sunrise. The person is on the right side of the frame, with their hands clasped in front of their face. The background shows a calm lake reflecting the bright, hazy light of the rising sun, with tall trees and grasses silhouetted against the sky. An orange horizontal bar is located in the top left corner.

God is incomprehensible,
but yet knowable and
wants to be made known
to us. God wants to
reveal Himself and in fact
makes His existence
known to us

*Romans 1:19-20,
John 1:18*

A person is shown from the back, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background features rolling hills under a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and expansive.

“It is essential for man to know God in order to experience Redemption and to have eternal life”

John 17:3, 1 John 5:20

3. Partakers and Beneficiary of His divine nature – Colossians 1:27

a) He is our life and light

- **John 1:4** - In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind
- **John 11:25-26** - Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

3. Partakers and Beneficiary of His divine nature – Colossians 1:27

a) He is our life and light

b) Right to be called children of God

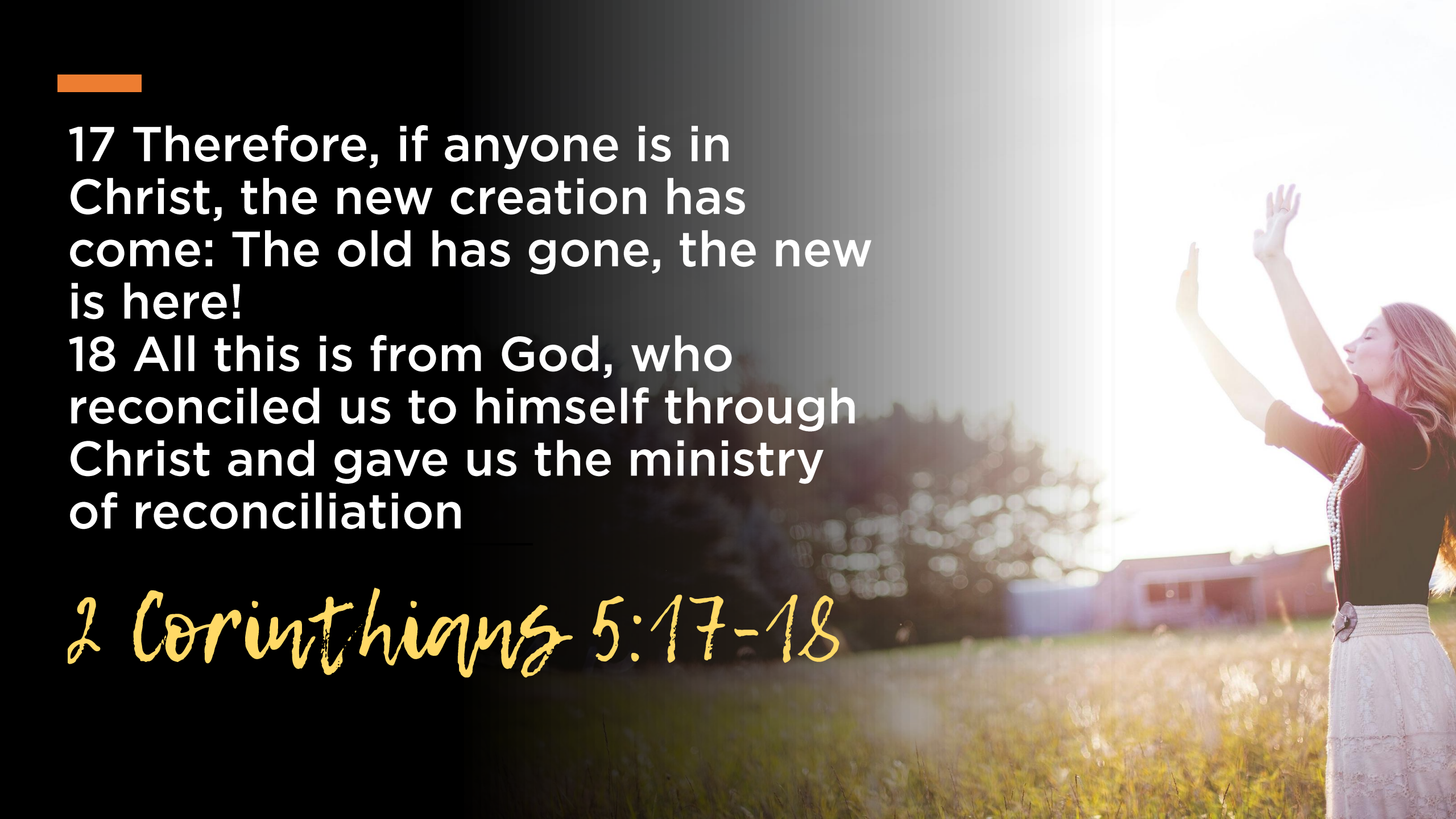
- **John 1:12-13** - Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- **Ephesians 1:5** - he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will

3. Partakers and Beneficiary of His divine nature – Colossians 1:27

a) He is our life and light

b) Right to be called children of God

c) **A new creation**

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a dark red top and a light-colored lace skirt, stands in a field of tall grass. She has her arms raised in prayer, with her hands open and fingers spread. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with trees and a building under a clear sky. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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d) Creative power and breath of life –
Genesis 1:3

3. Partakers and Beneficiary of His divine nature – Colossians 1:27

e) Even the demons recognise Him as God and trembles

- **Matthew 8:28-29** - When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. “What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”
- **Mark 5:9-10** - Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

4. Call to believe - John 20:28-29

- **Faith is required to please God (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **Faith from hearing the word about Christ (Romans 10:17)**
- **God can help you with your unbelief (Mark 9:23-25)**



Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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