

One Body in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

Where is my home?

How do I find
peace?

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11 Therefore, remember that formerly
you who are Gentiles by birth
and called “uncircumcised” by those
who call themselves “the circumcision”
(which is done in the body by human hands)

Ephesians 2:11 (NIV) (p.1/8)

12 remember that at that time
you were separate from Christ,

excluded from citizenship in Israel
and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,
without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV) (p.2/8)

13 But now in Christ Jesus
you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV) (p.3/8)

14 For he himself is our peace,
who has made the two groups one

and has destroyed the barrier,
the dividing wall of hostility,

15 by setting aside in his flesh
the law with its commands and regulations.

Ephesians 2:14-15 (NIV) (p.4/8)

His purpose was to create in himself
one new humanity out of the two,
thus making peace,

16 and in one body to reconcile both of them
to God through the cross,
by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:15-16 (NIV) (p.5/8)

17 He came and preached
peace to you who were far away
and peace to those who were near.

18 For through him we both have
access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-18 (NIV) (p.6/8)

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers,

but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

21 In him the whole building is joined together
and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

22 And in him you too are being built together
to become a dwelling
in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV) (p.8/8)

One Body in Christ (Eph2)

- Without Christ:
Former Enemies (v11-13)
- What Christ did:
****Made at Peace** (v14-18)
- Life in Christ:
Growing Together (v19-22)



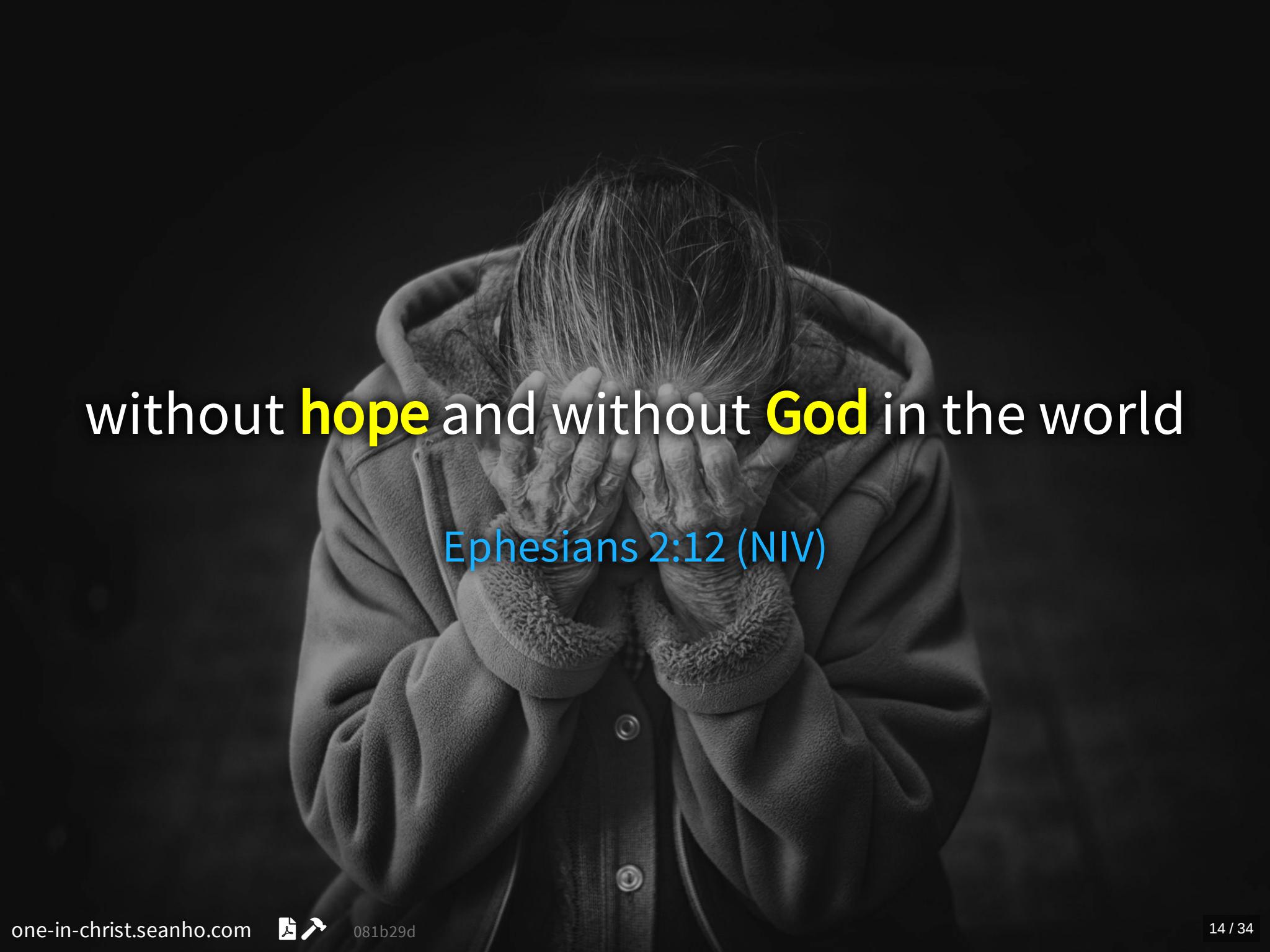
Remember that at that time
you were **separate** from Christ

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

A photograph showing silhouettes of several people standing outdoors at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, and the figures are dark against the bright background.

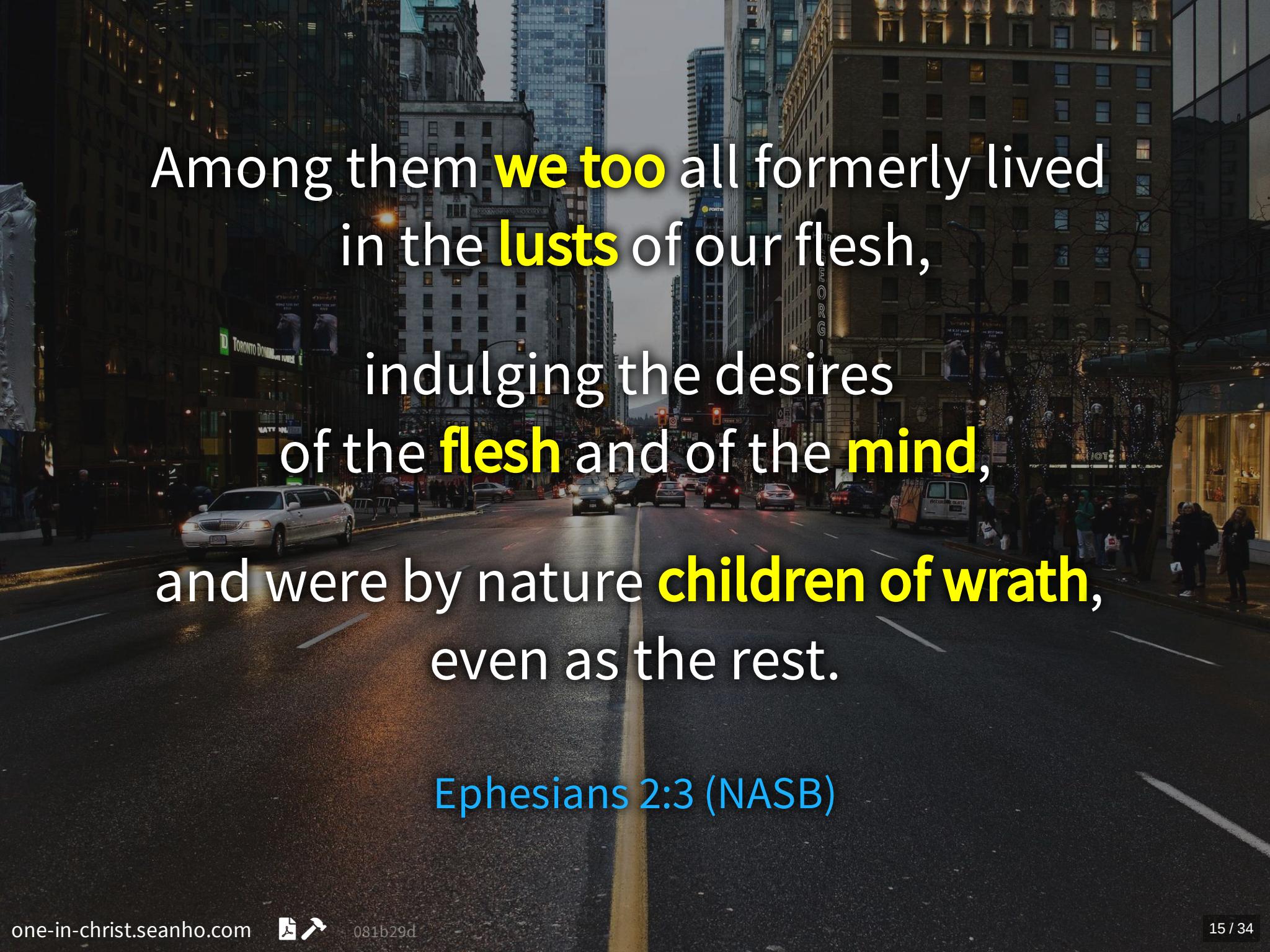
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Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)



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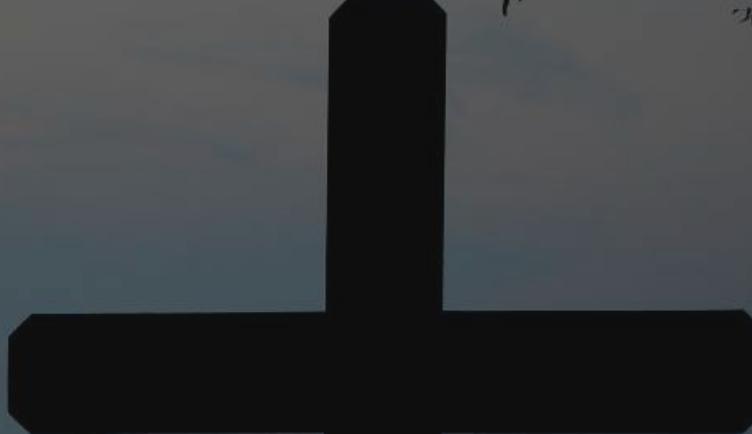
Among them **we too** all formerly lived
in the **lusts** of our flesh,
indulging the desires
of the **flesh** and of the **mind**,
and were by nature **children of wrath**,
even as the rest.

Ephesians 2:3 (NASB)

**What has Christ
saved me from?**

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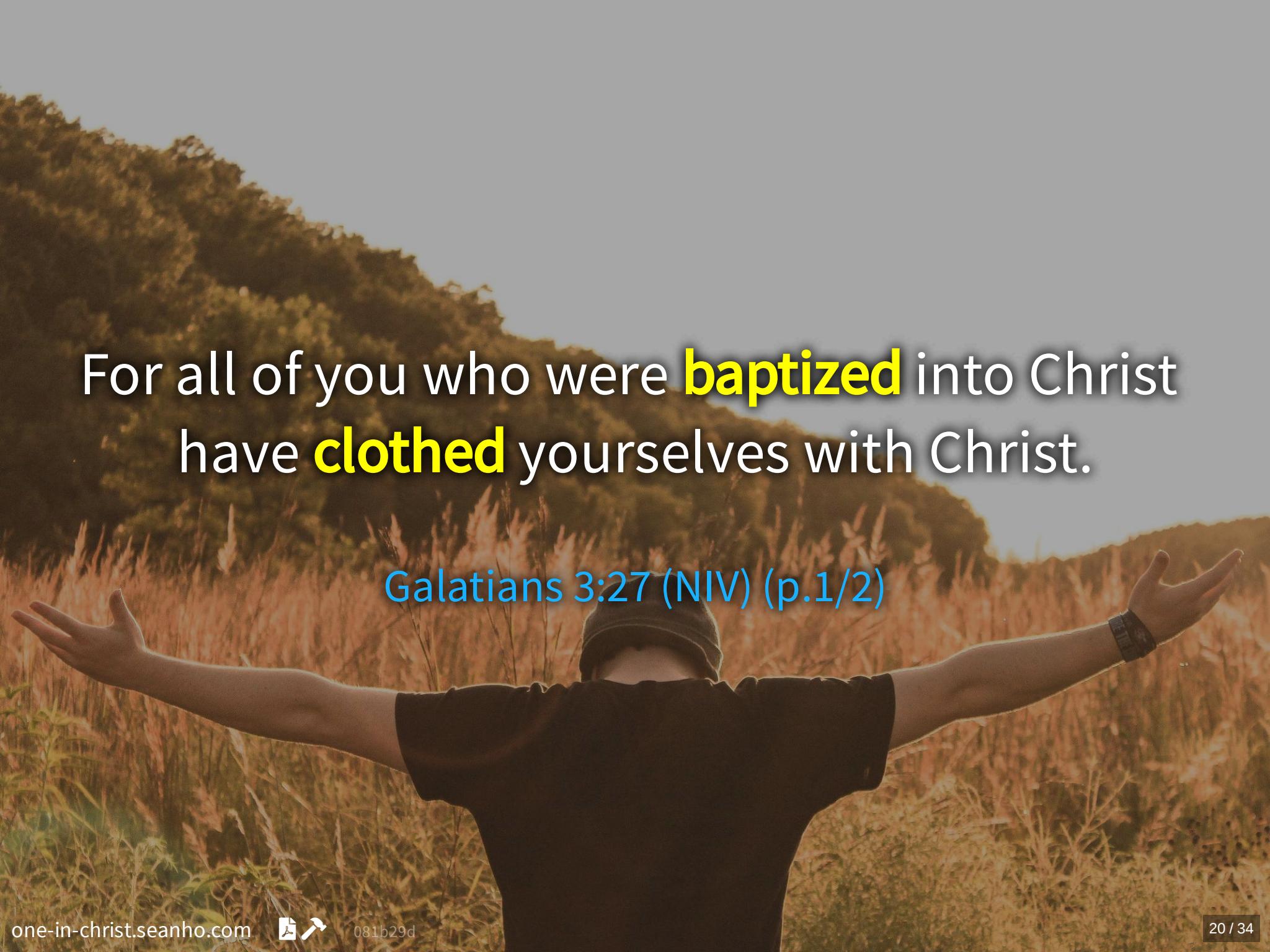
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Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)



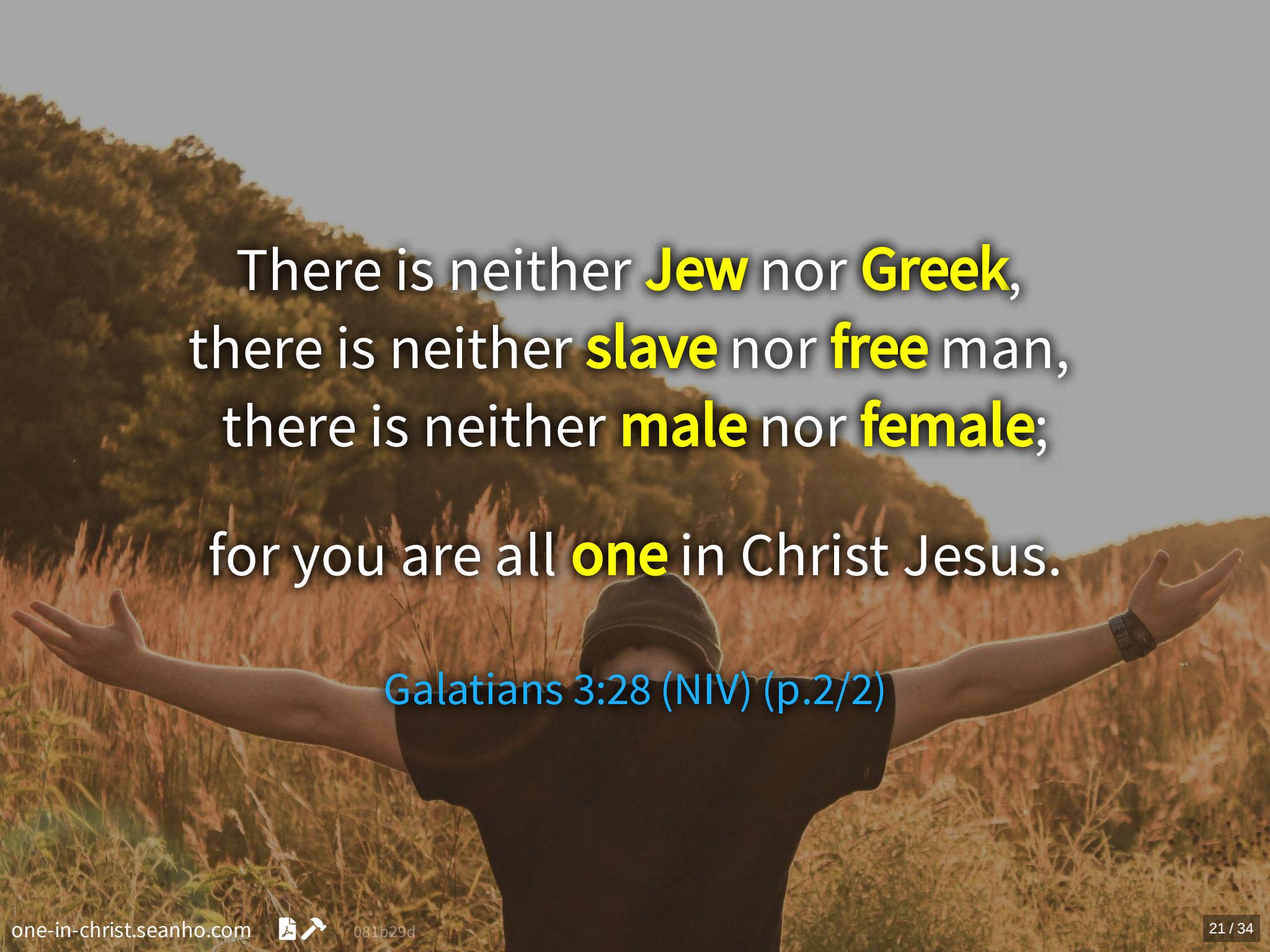
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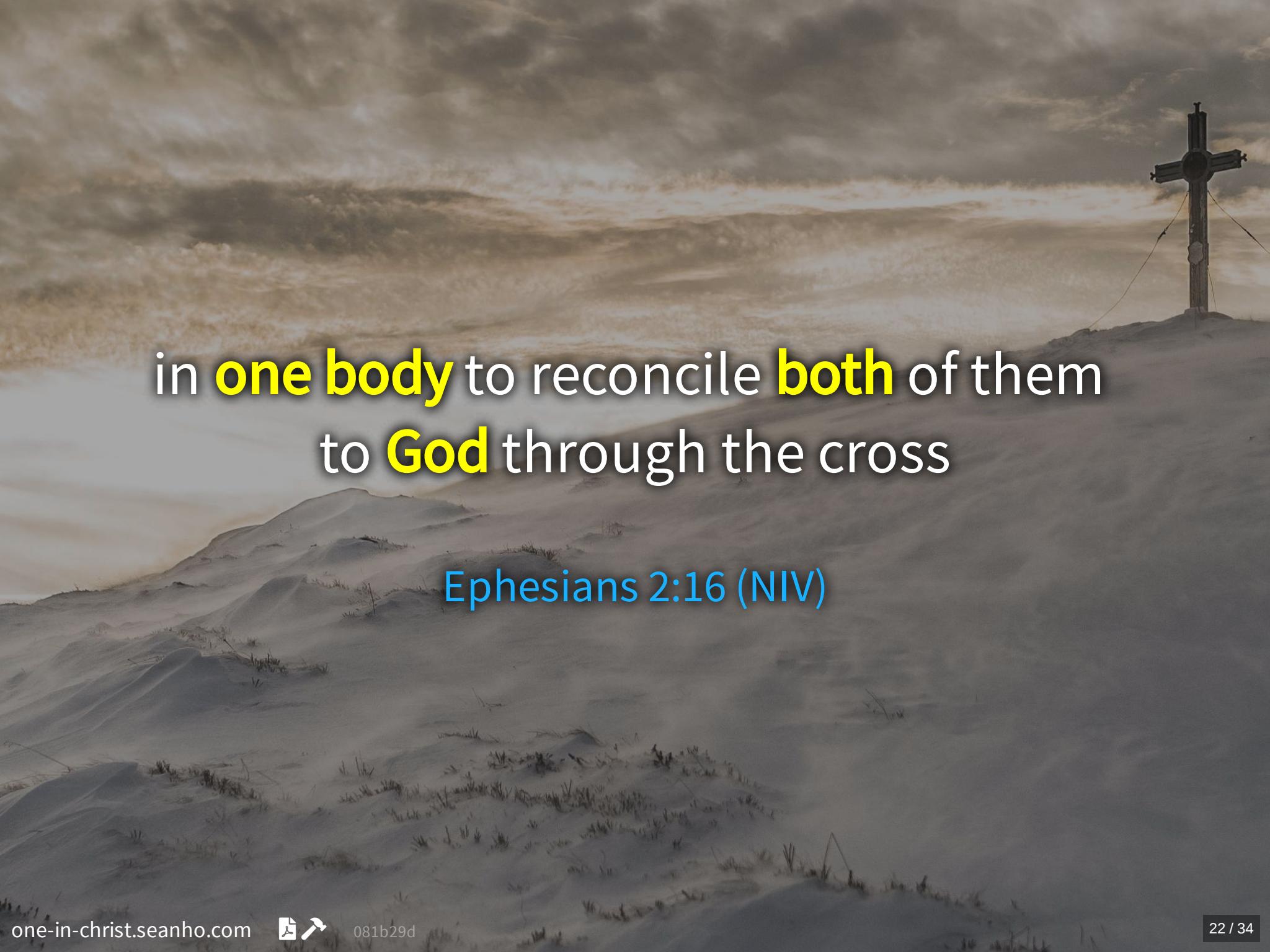
For all of you who were **baptized** into Christ
have **clothed** yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A photograph of a person from the waist up, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and has their arms raised wide open towards the sky. The background shows more of the same field under a clear, light blue sky.

There is neither **Jew** nor **Greek**,
there is neither **slave** nor **free** man,
there is neither **male** nor **female**;
for you are all **one** in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NIV) (p.2/2)

A landscape photograph with a dark, cloudy sky. In the upper right corner, a large, dark wooden cross stands on a small hill. The foreground is filled with rolling hills and fields, with some sparse vegetation and small trees. The overall atmosphere is somber and spiritual.

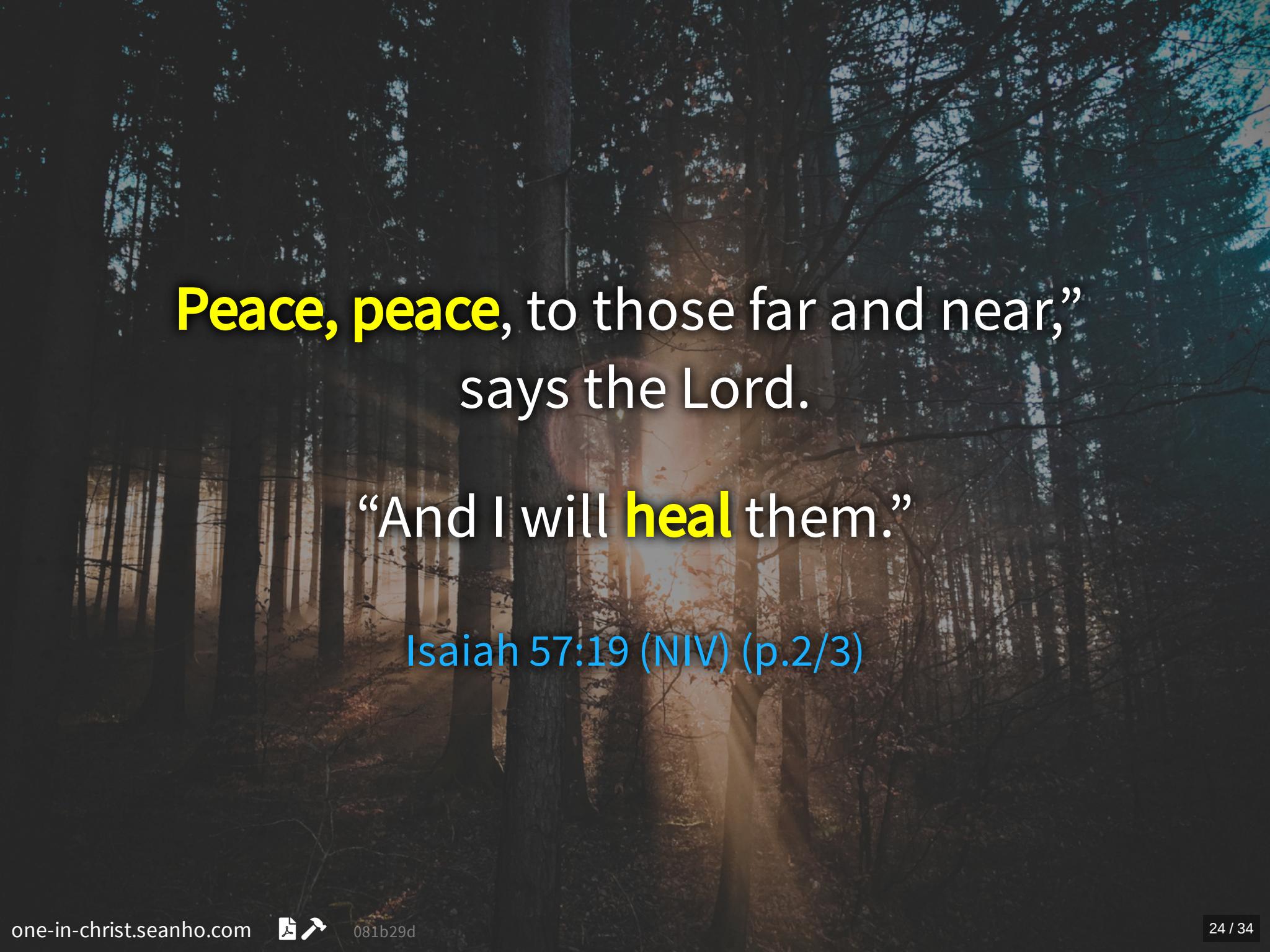
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to **God** through the cross

Ephesians 2:16 (NIV)



I live in a **high** and **holy** place,
but also with the **contrite**
and **lowly** in spirit,
to **revive the spirit** of the lowly
and to **revive the heart** of the contrite.

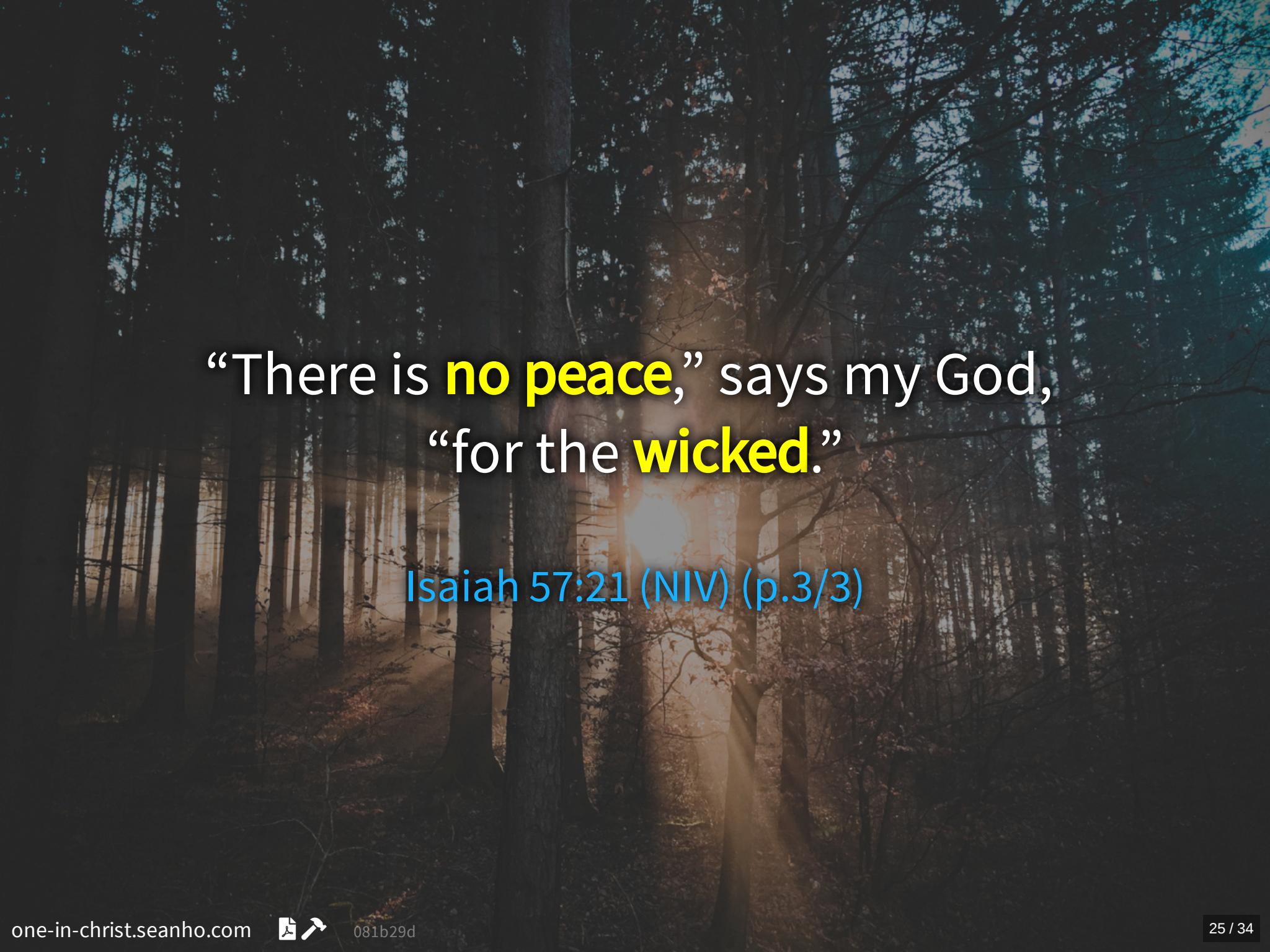
Isaiah 57:15 (NIV) (p.1/3)



Peace, peace, to those far and near,”
says the Lord.

“And I will **heal** them.”

Isaiah 57:19 (NIV) (p.2/3)



“There is **no peace**,” says my God,
“for the **wicked**.”

Isaiah 57:21 (NIV) (p.3/3)

Am I at peace?
With others, self,
and God?

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You are no longer **foreigners and strangers**,
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Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)



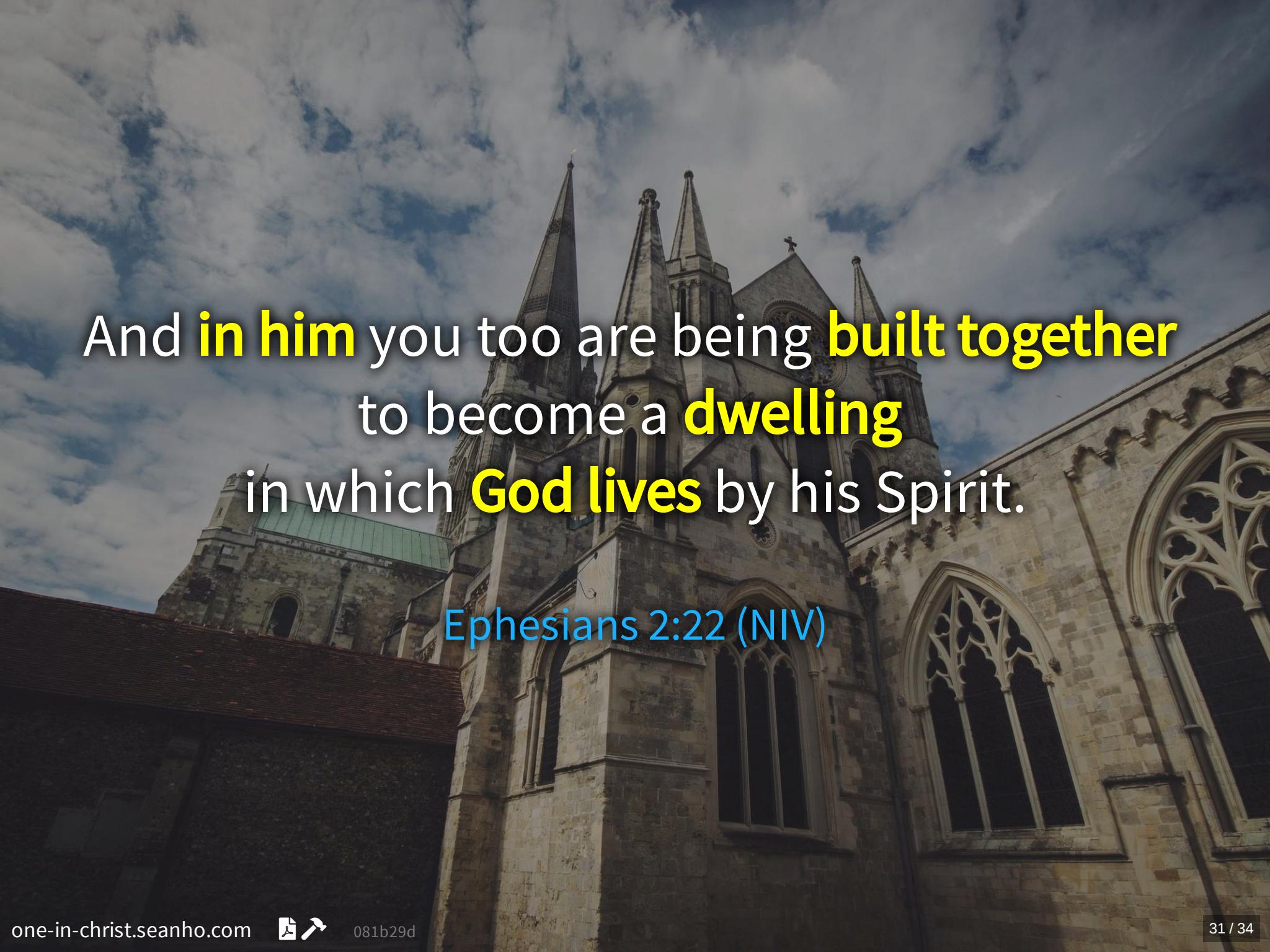
built on the **foundation**
of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself
as the **chief cornerstone.**

Ephesians 2:20 (NIV)

A close-up photograph of a young plant with green leaves growing from a weathered, textured tree stump. The background is dark and out of focus.

In him the whole **building** is **joined together**
and **rises** to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:20 (NIV)



And **in him** you too are being **built together**
to become a **dwelling**
in which **God lives** by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22 (NIV)

Are **we** growing into
a **Bethel?**

A dark background image showing several hands reaching out from different sides, each holding a single autumn leaf. The leaves are various shades of yellow, orange, and red. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hands and leaves against a dark background.

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in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)

