



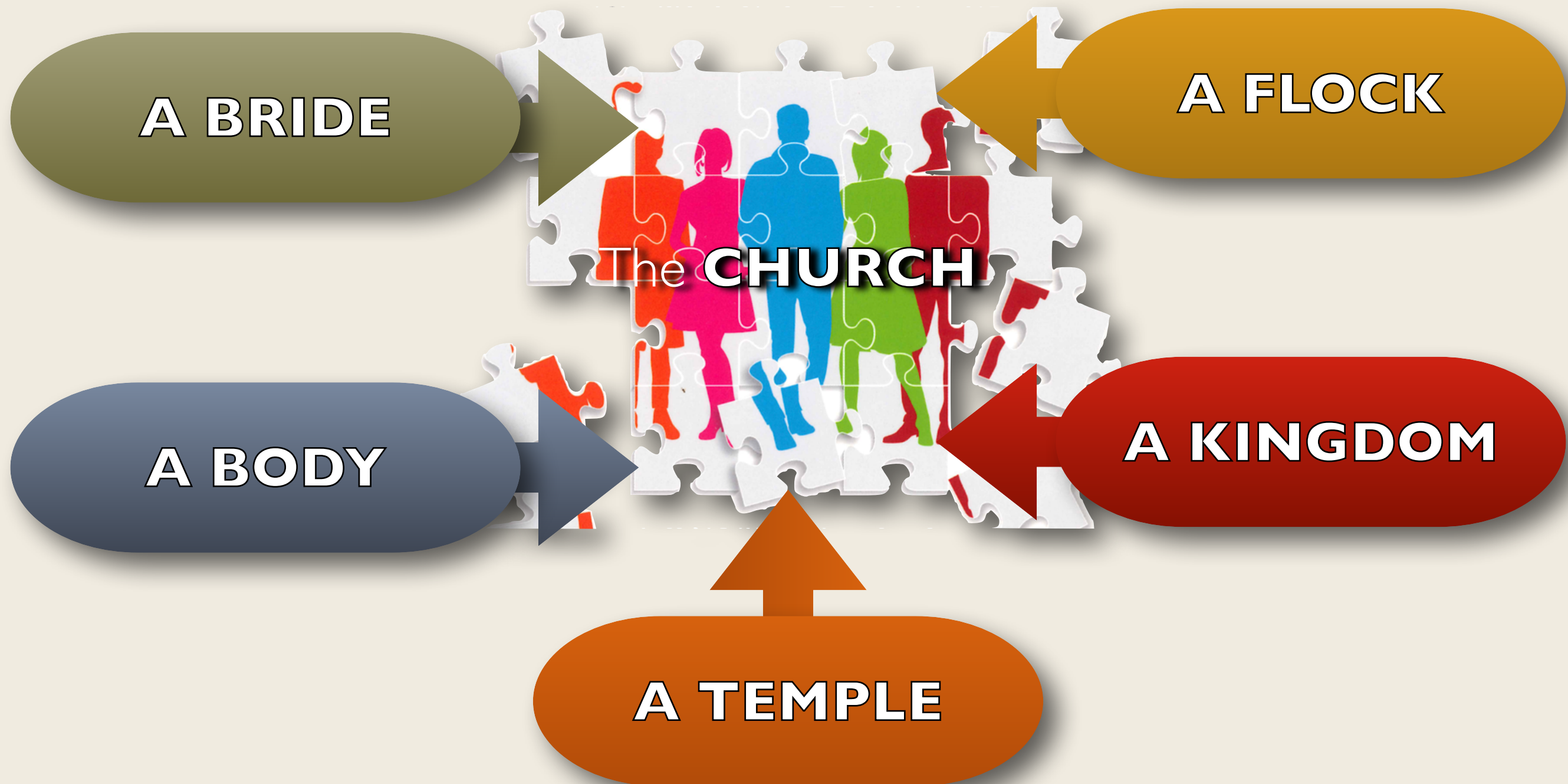
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Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And I also say to you that ⁿyou are Peter, and ^oon this rock I will build My church, and ^pthe gates of Hades shall not ⁷prevail against it. ¹⁹ ^qAnd I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth ⁸will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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- I. ekklesia (ἐκκλησία, 1577), from ek, “out of,” and klesis, “a calling” (kaleo, “to call”), ... In Acts 7:38 it is used of Israel; in 19:32, 41, of a riotous mob.

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2. It has two applications to companies of Christians, (a) to the whole company of the redeemed throughout the present era, ... Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22; 5:23, (b) in the singular number ... to a company consisting of professed believers, e.g., Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:5, and in the plural, with reference to churches in a district.

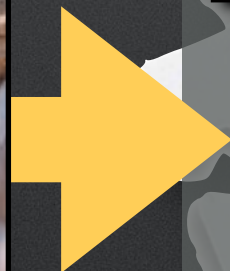
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THOSE ACCEPTING HIS CALL
Acts 2:37-47;
Hebrews 12:22-24;
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

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- **The purchased –**
(*Acts 28:20, Ep. 5:25*)
- **The saved –** (*Acts 2:47; 1 Pet 2:5*)
- **Those who submit to Jesus as Head –** (*Ep. 5:23,24; Col. 1:18*)
- **Those whom Jesus will save –**
(*Eph. 5:23; 1 Thes 1:10*)

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UNIVERSAL - SINGULAR -

Mt 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph 1:22,23

LOCAL - SINGULAR or PLURAL

A specific local congregation /

Local congregations in a region

Ep. 1:1; Phil 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2 / Gal 1:2; Rev 1:20

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- “the church of God which is at Corinth” - (1 Cor. 1:2)
- “the church of the Thessalonians in God” - (1 Thess. 1:1).
- “the churches of Galatia” - (1 Cor. 16:1).
- “the churches of the saints” - (1 Cor. 14:33).
- “the churches of Christ” - (Rom. 16:16).
- “the churches” - (Acts 8:3; 15:41, etc., etc.).
- “The Seven churches of Asia” - (Rev 2,3)

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Distinction Between Universal church & Local church

- Only one
- Individual Christians
- All the saved
- No earthly organization

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Christians who
join together in
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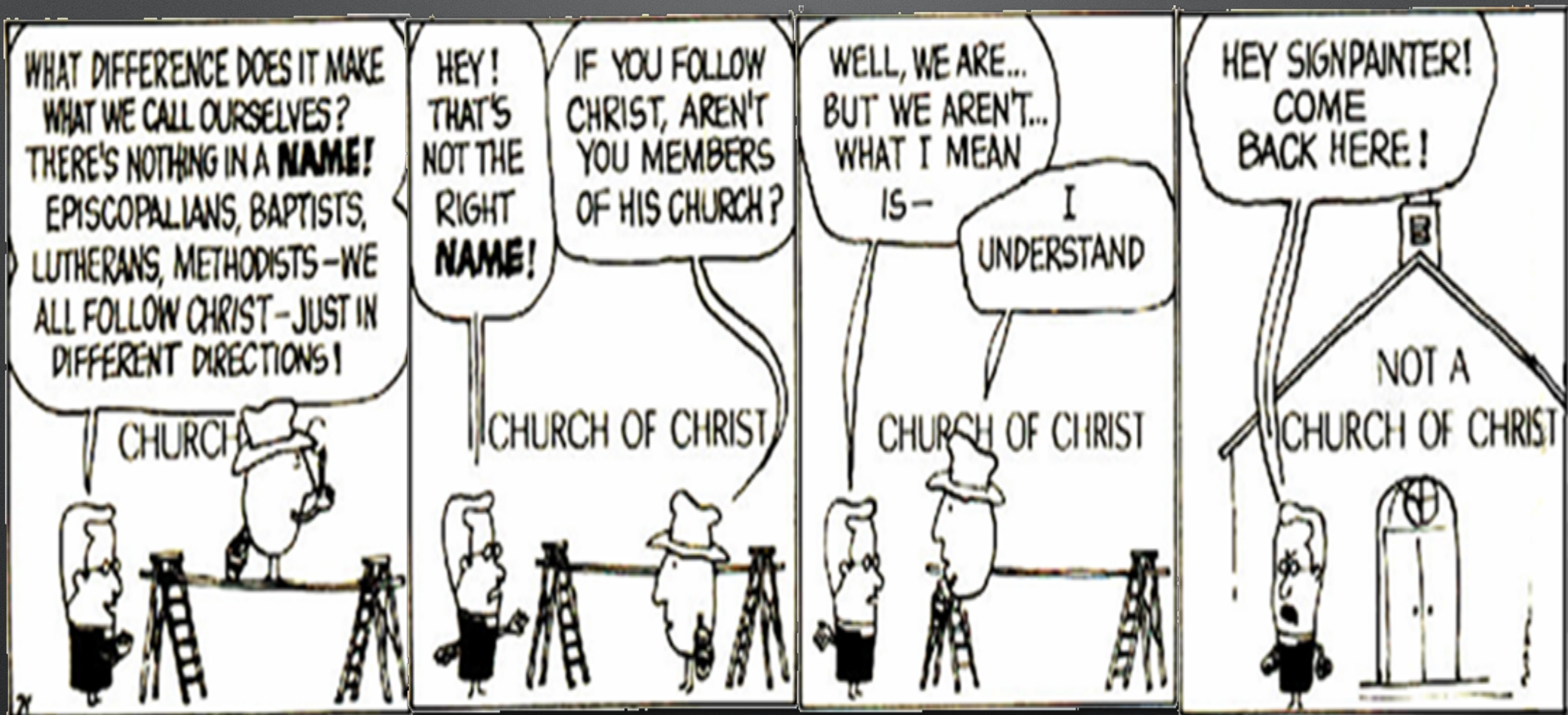
- ORIGIN (Eph 3:10; Acts 2)
- FOUNDATION (1 Cor 3:11)
- BUILDER (Mat 16:18; Acts 2:47)
- HEAD (Eph 1:22; Col 1:18)
- STANDARD (2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Pet 4:11)
- DOCTRINE – (Acts 2:42; 1 John 9)
- ORGANIZATION (Acts 20:28; Phil 1:1)
- WORSHIP (John 4:24; Acts 2:42)
- WORK (Ephesians 4:11-16)

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Any Church, (*assembly, congregation, group of people*)
Called by Anything Other
Than Jesus & The Truth He
Has Revealed Is Not HIS!

Matthew 15:13,14

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2 Thessalonians 2:13-15 (NKJV)

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ε**ν**: a marker of close personal association—“in, one with, in union with, joined closely to” (Lou-Nida) 1 Pet 1:2

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hagiasmos (ἁγιασμός, 38)

“Holiness - Set apart for God”

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καλέω^d; κλη̃σις^a, εως^f; προσκαλέομαι^b: to urgently invite someone to accept responsibilities for a particular task, implying a new relationship to the one who does the calling—‘to call, to call to a task.’ — (Lou-Nida)

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The gospel is God's power to save
Romans 1:16,17; 10:9-17; Eph. 1:13

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by you

Eternal salvation through Christ when He comes again

v Ephe. 1:14; Rom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 4:16-5:4; 1 Thes. 4:13-16

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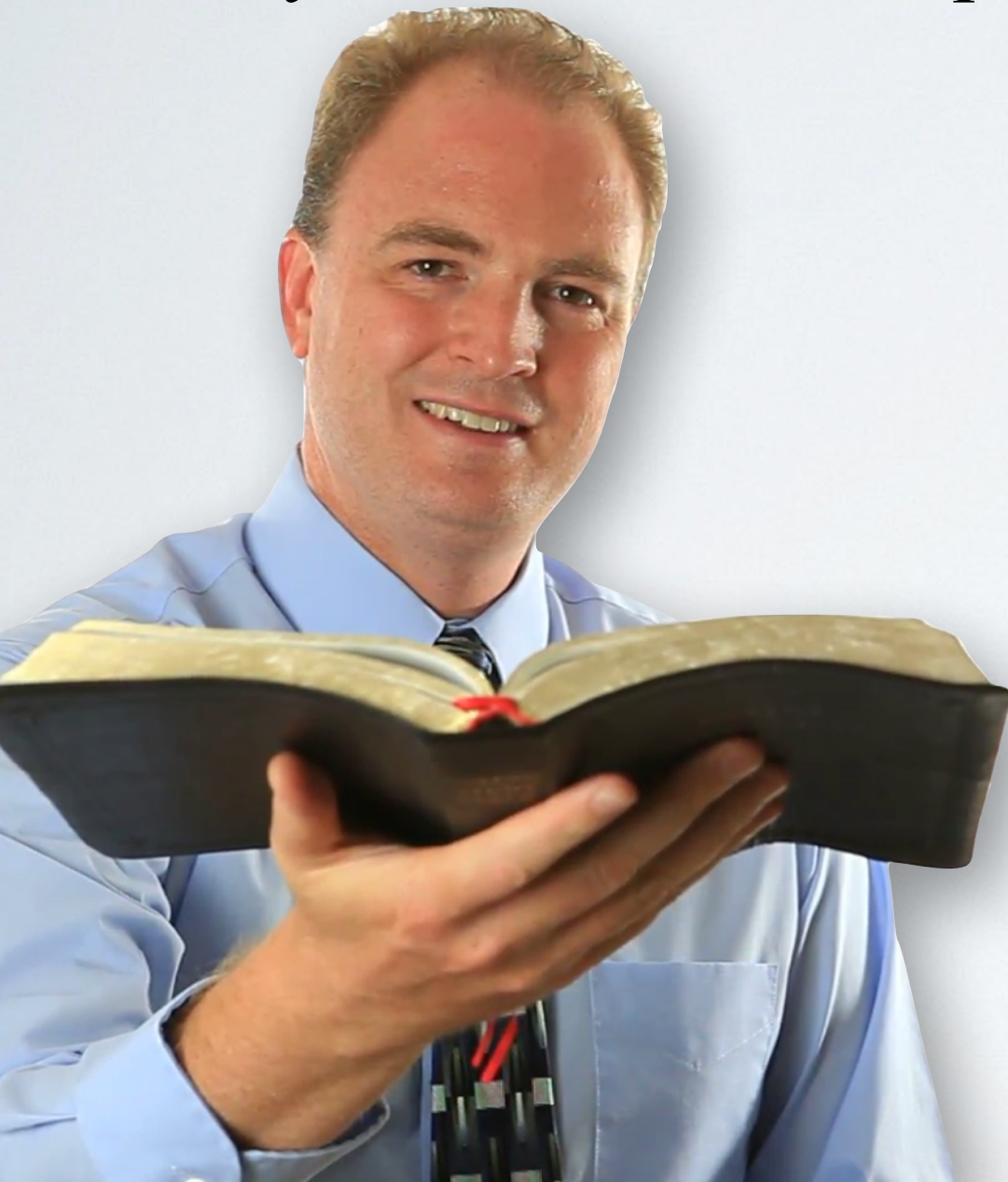
We MUST continue to be faithful
John 15:9-11; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:23; Heb. 10:35-39; 12:1-2; 13:7-8; 14:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:5-11; 2:20-22; 3:10-18; Rev. 2:10
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CALLED OUT OF THE WORLD TO BE DIFFERENT

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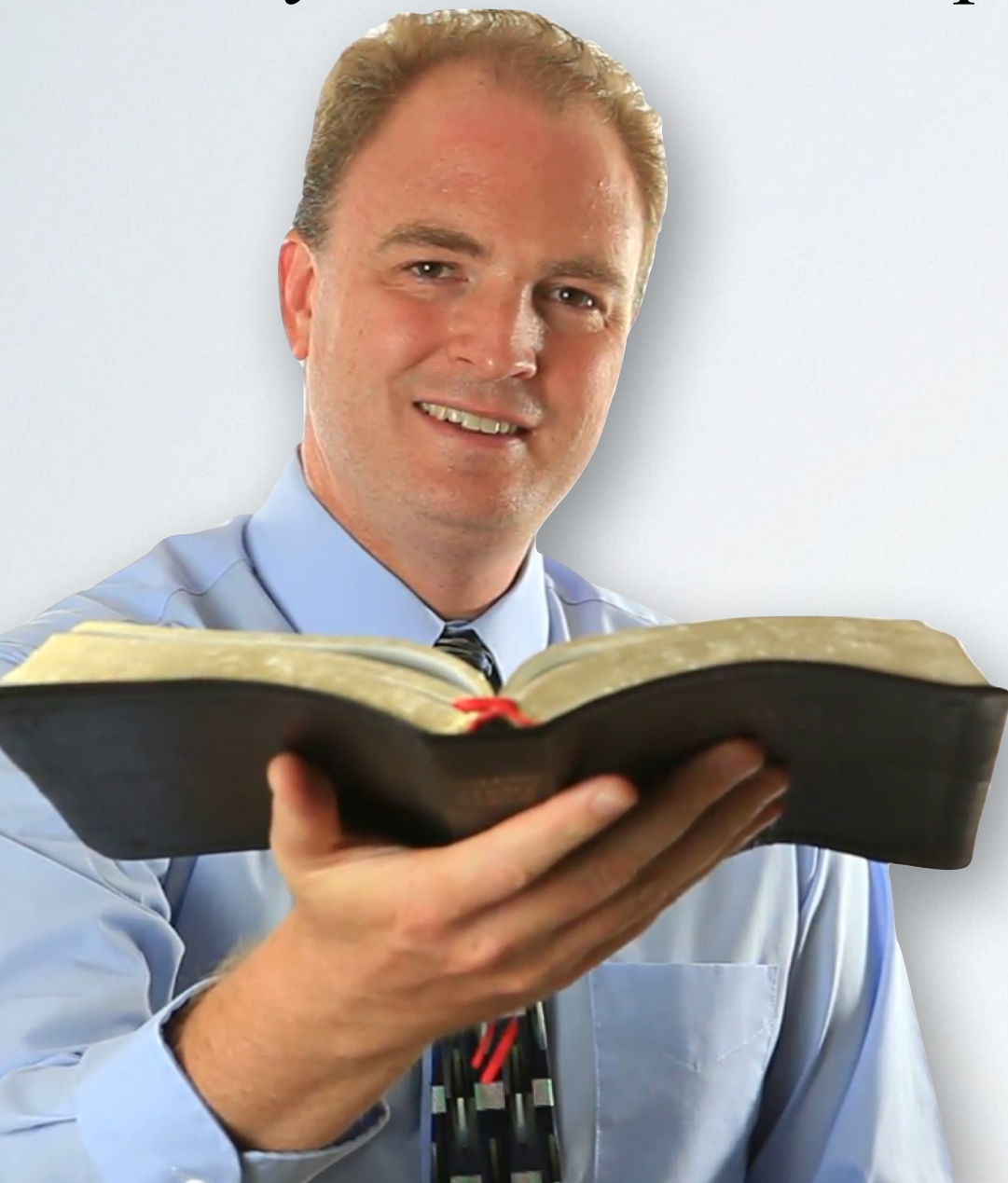
- ▶ **A different Master** (Jesus)
Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9-16; Col. 3:17
- ▶ **A different name** (Christian, a follower of Christ) Acts 11:26
- ▶ **A different family** (God's family) Gal. 3:26-29; 1 Tim. 3:15
- ▶ **A different Purpose** (serve God) Eccl. 12:13; Rom 12:1,2

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- ▶ **Different Values** (Spiritual, not material) Mat. 6:19-24; 1 Jn 2:15-17
- ▶ **Different Attitude** (godly, not worldly) Mat. 5:3-10; Gal. 5:22,23; 1 Thes. 4:1
- ▶ **Different Motivations** (Faith / Hope / Love) Phil 1:27; 1 Cor. 13
- ▶ **Different Character** (Humility / Love / Patience / Zeal) Gal. 5:22,23; Col. 3:12-15; Rom. 12:1-21; Eph. 5:1-21
- ▶ **Different Destination** (Heaven) Mat 7:13,14; 1 John 5:19

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A BRIDE

Cherished / Purity /
Faithfulness

A FLOCK

Dependency /
Followers

A BODY

Unity / Submission /
Interdependent

A KINGDOM

Citizenship / Loyal
Obedience

A TEMPLE

Holy / Worship

The **CHURCH**
Set apart for God
in Christ our Lord

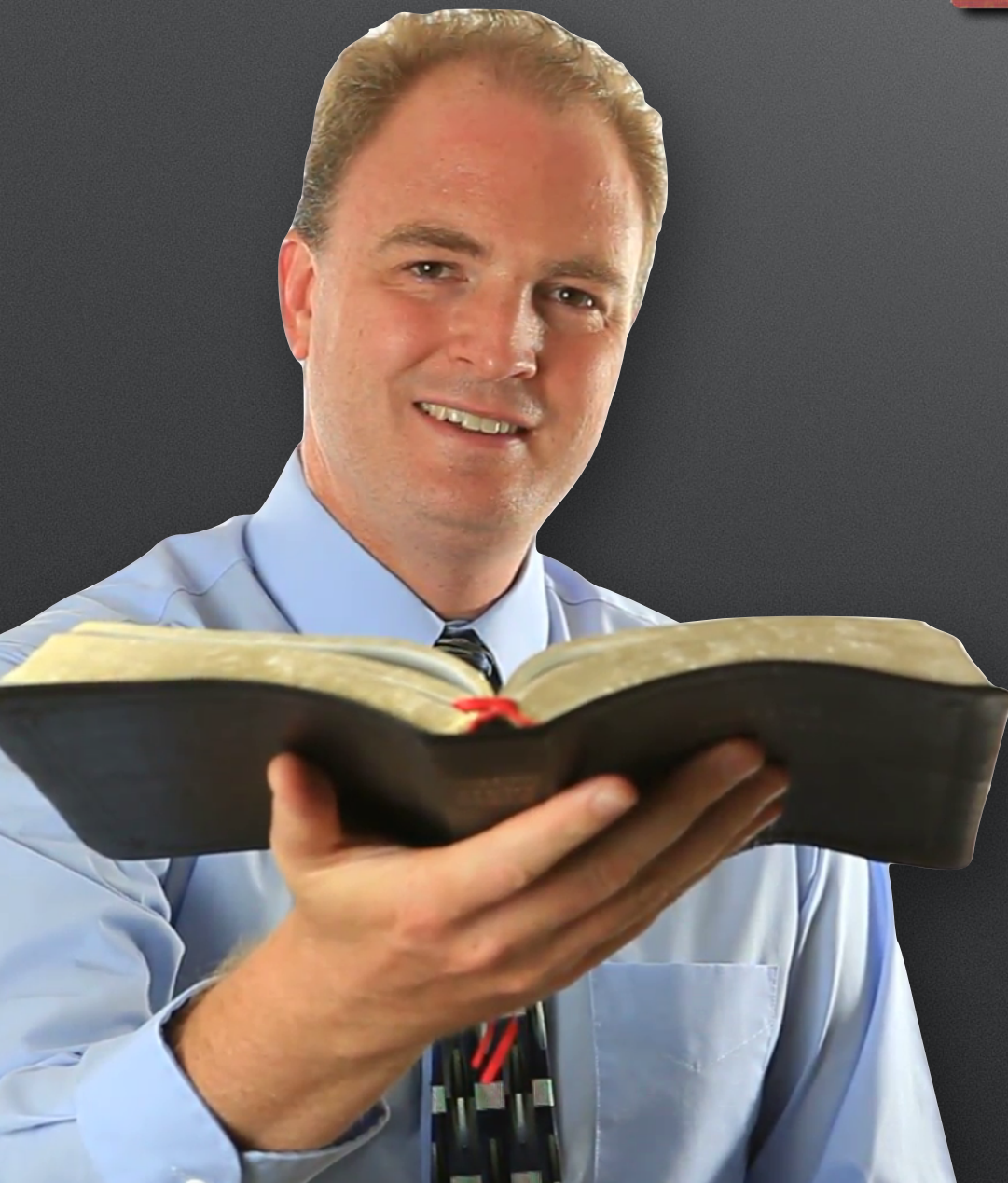
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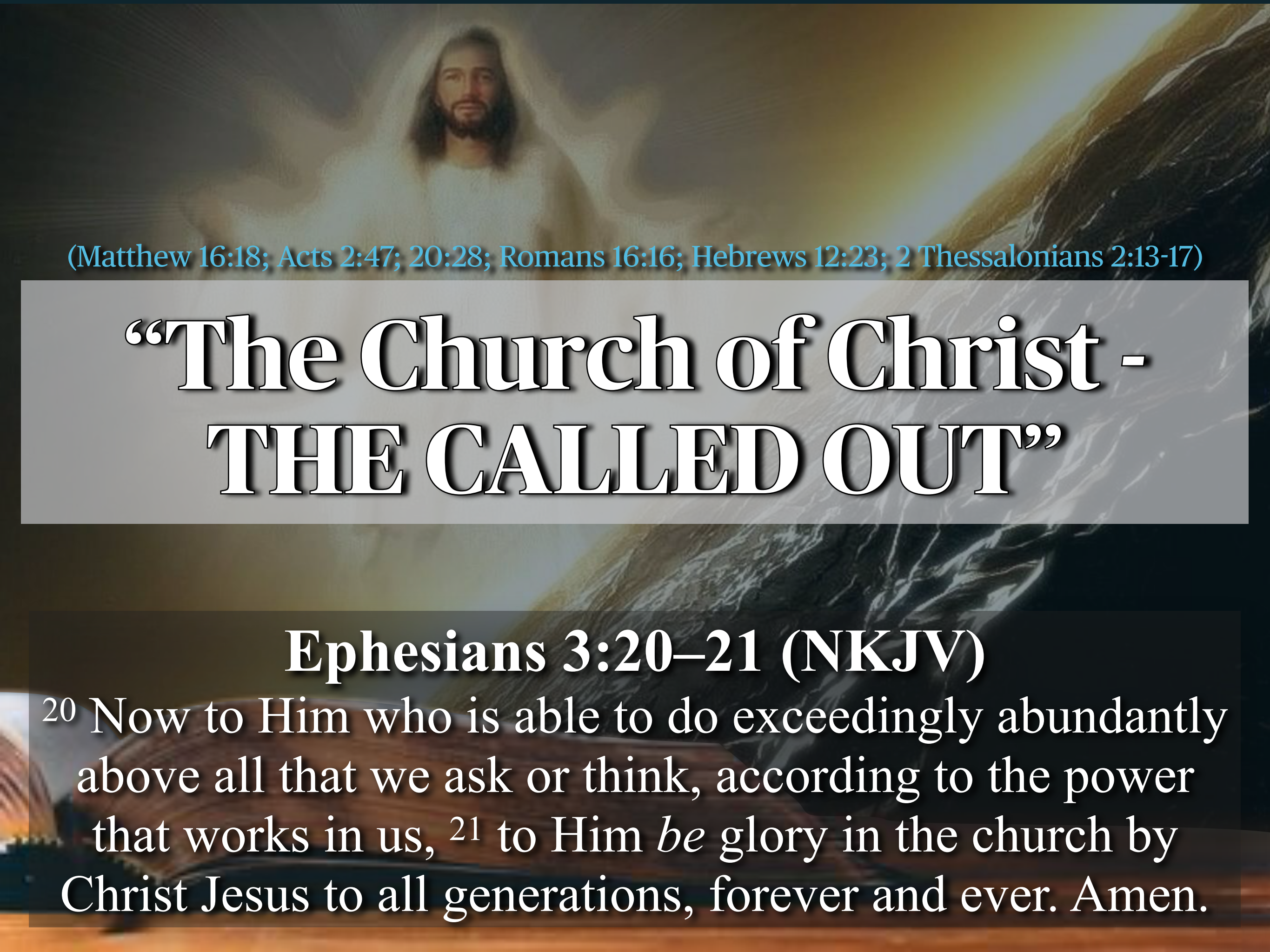
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Jesus calls you - (Mat. 11:28-30)

■ **Will you come to Him TODAY?
(2 Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:12-15)**

- ▶ Believe in Him (Rom. 10:9,10)
- ▶ Confess Him (Rom. 10:9,10)
- ▶ Repent (Acts 17:30)
- ▶ Be baptized in His name
unto the remission of sins
(Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.
6:3-6; 1 Cor. 12:13)





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Ephesians 3:20–21 (NKJV)

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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