
Jesus. No more. No less.

Colossians 1:24-2:15





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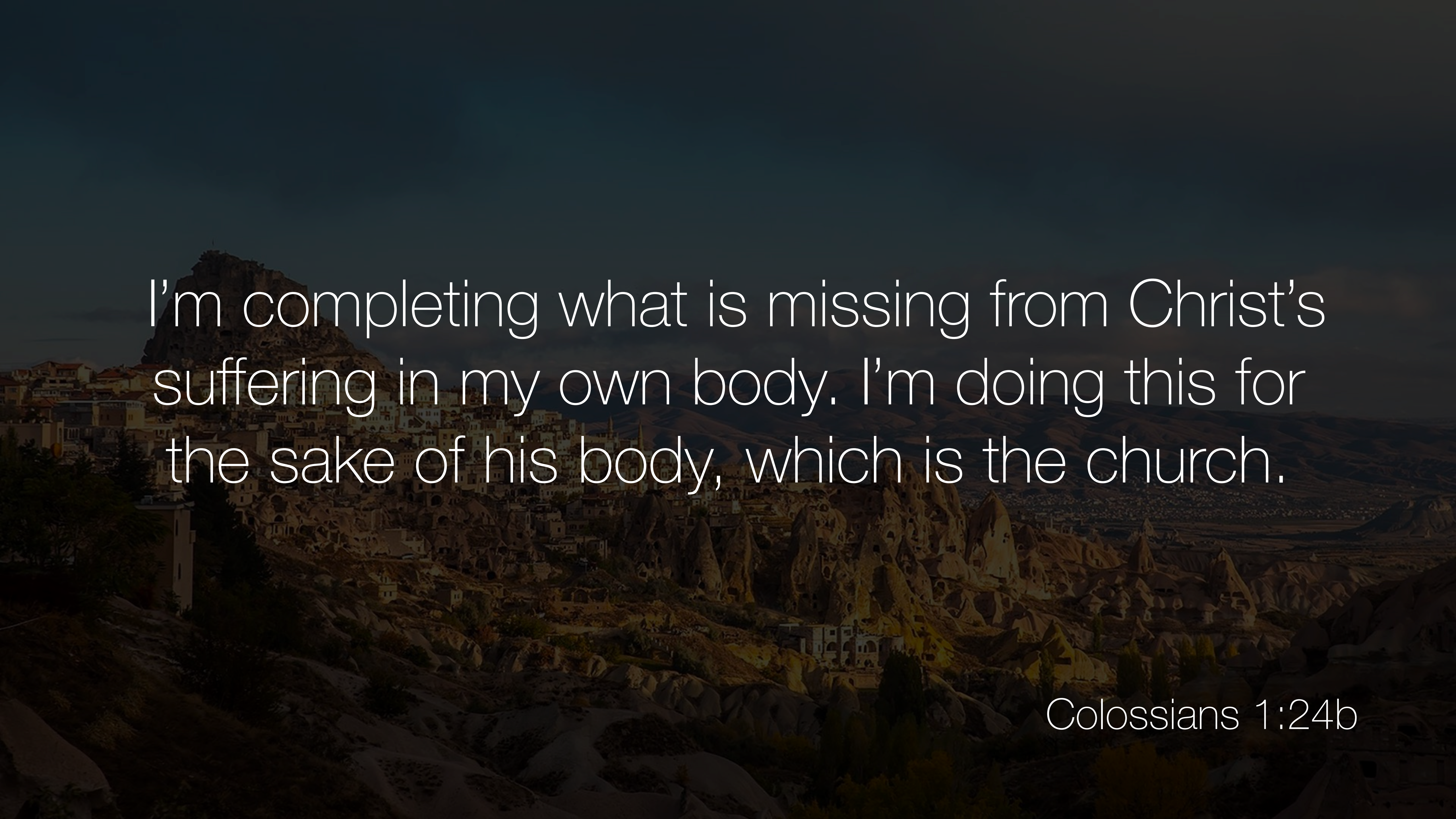
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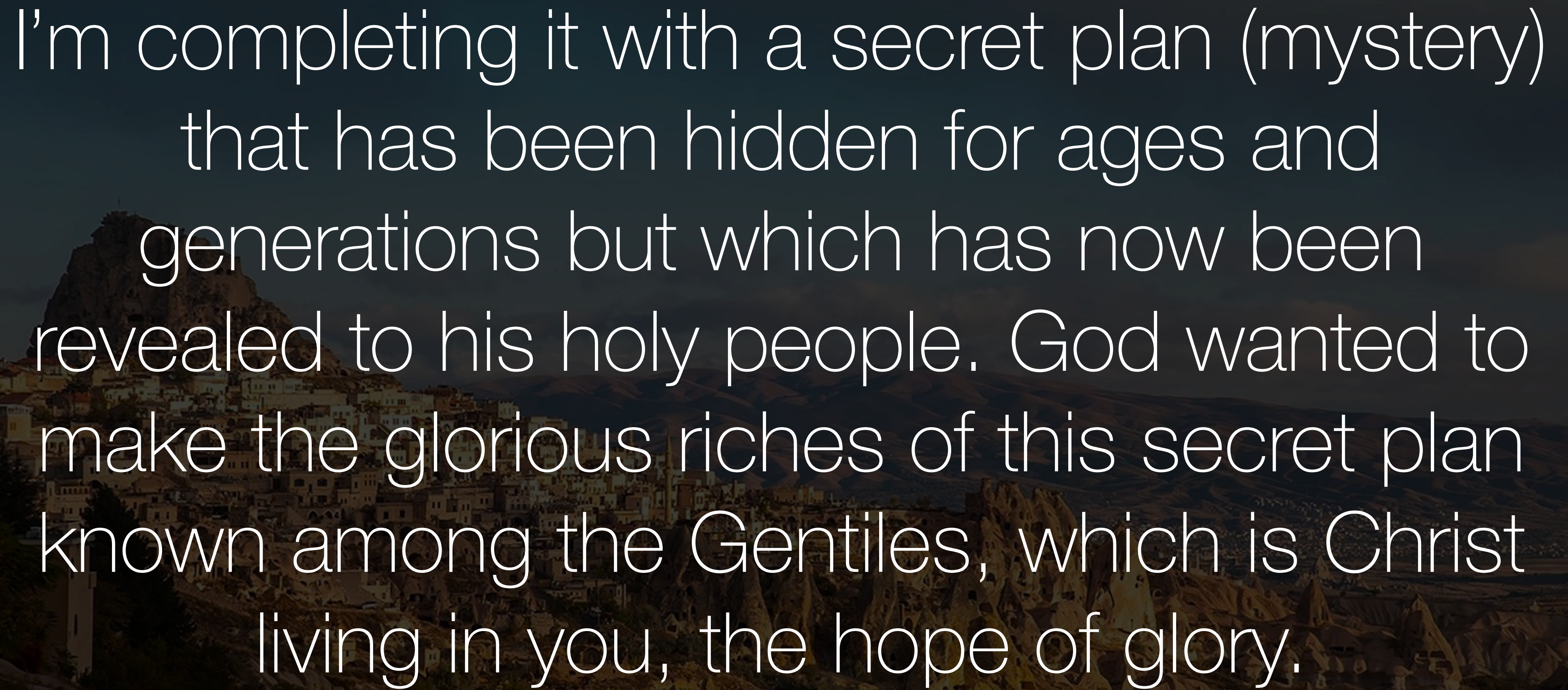
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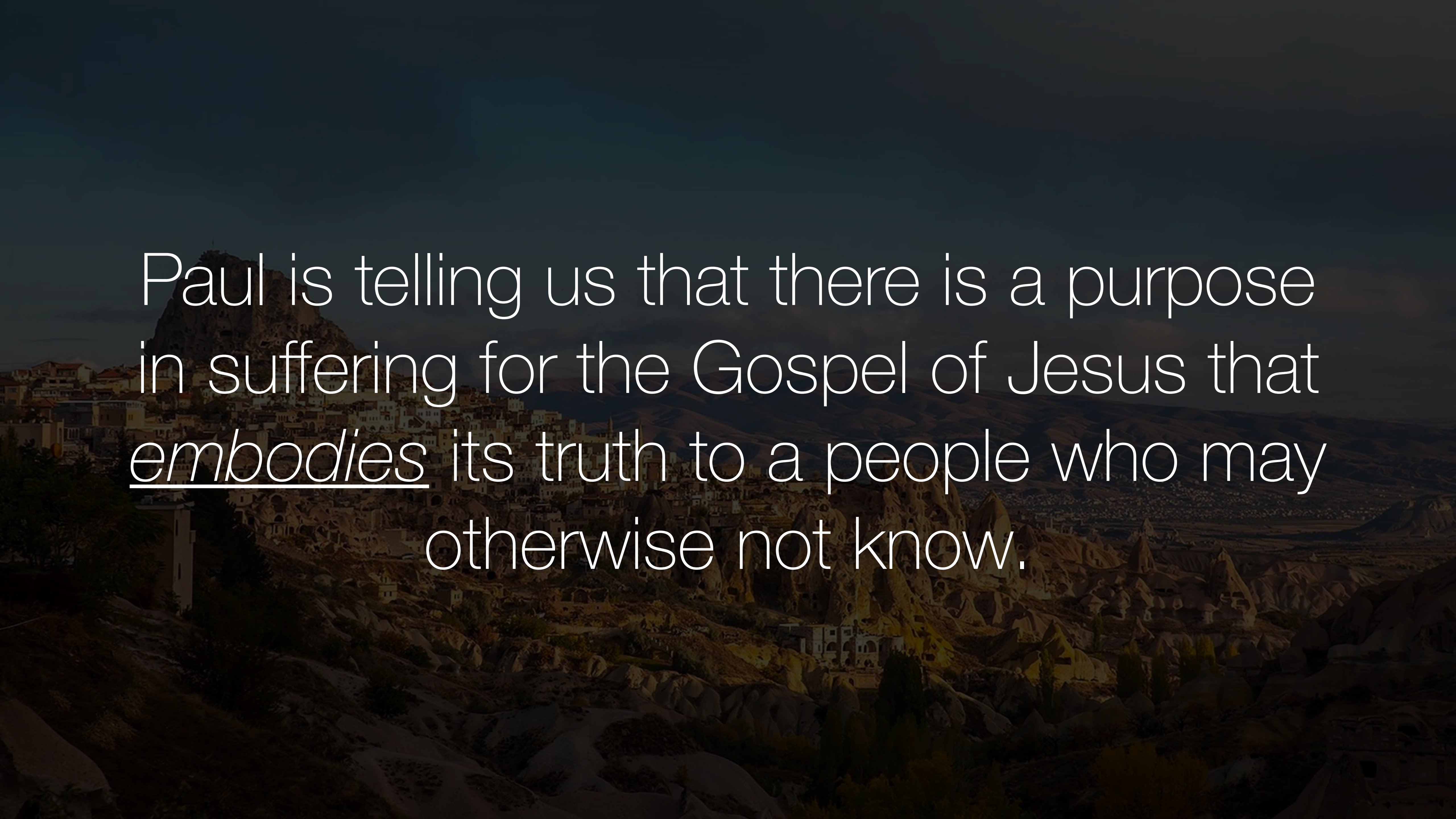
I'm completing what is missing from Christ's suffering in my own body. I'm doing this for the sake of his body, which is the church.

Colossians 1:24b



I'm completing it with a secret plan (mystery)
that has been hidden for ages and
generations but which has now been
revealed to his holy people. God wanted to
make the glorious riches of this secret plan
known among the Gentiles, which is Christ
living in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:26-27



Paul is telling us that there is a purpose
in suffering for the Gospel of Jesus that
embodies its truth to a people who may
otherwise not know.





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Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad...

- Jesus



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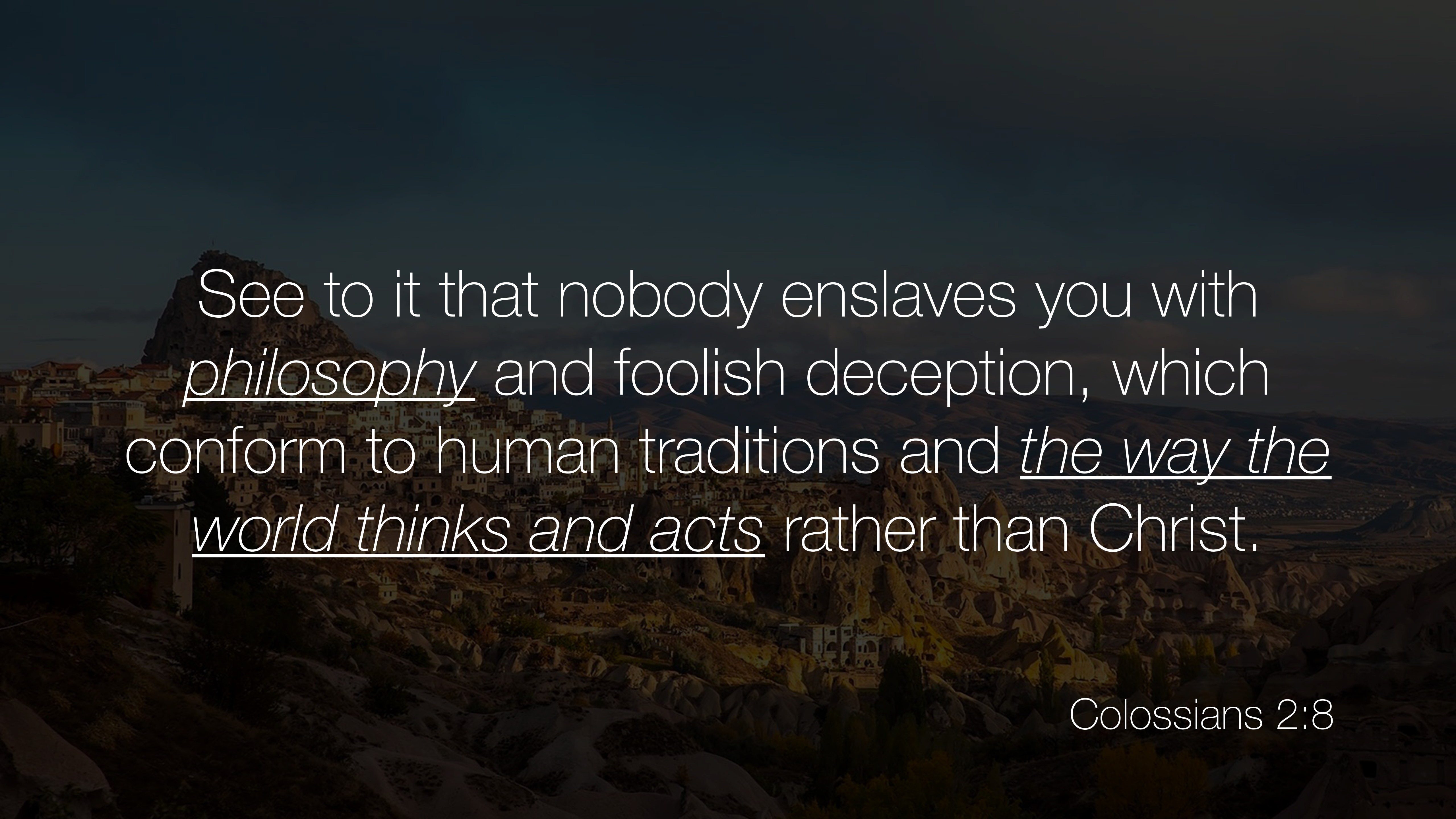
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See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ.

Colossians 2:8



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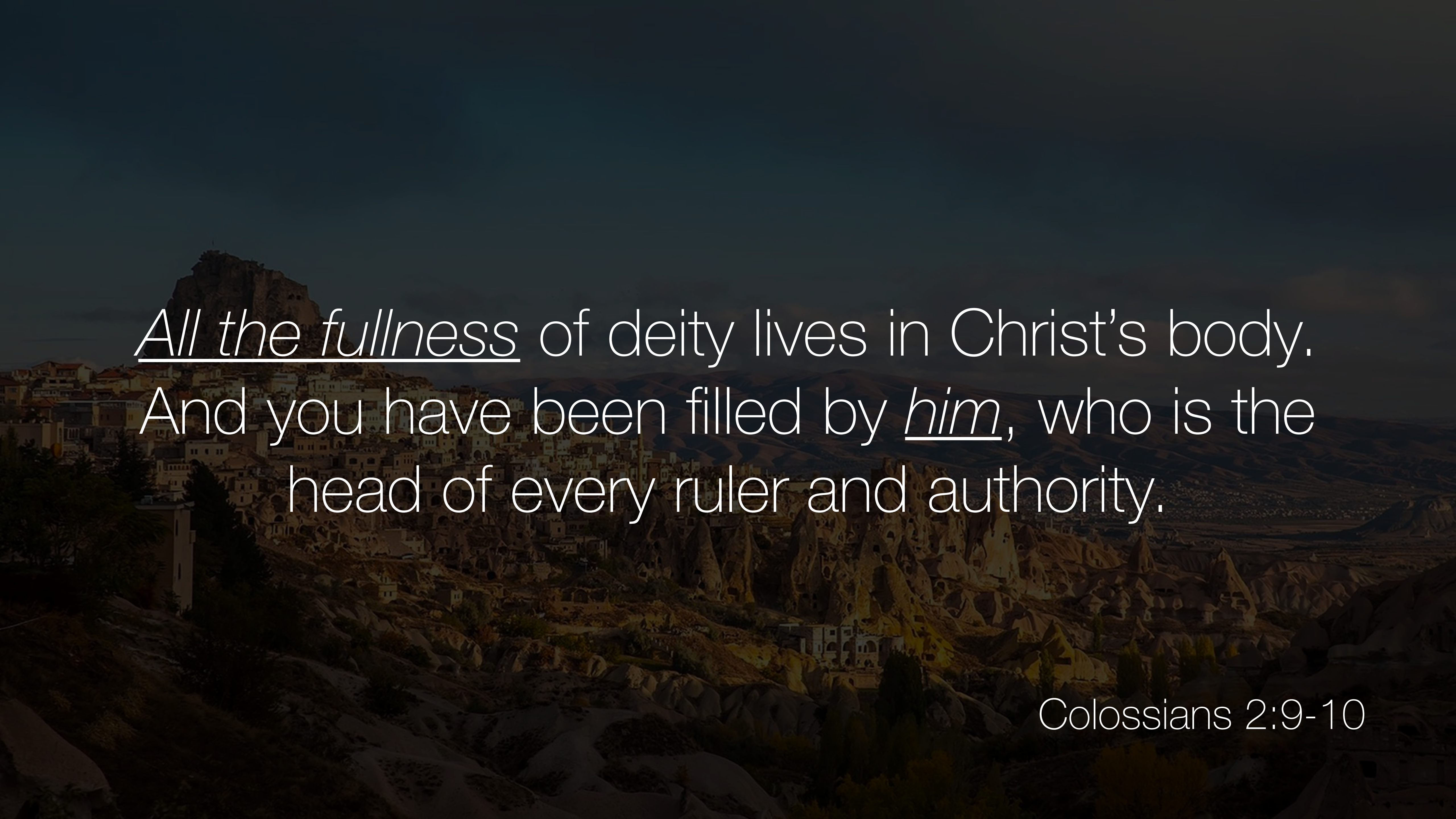
It is the subtle message that Jesus is great but there are some things that need to be added to assure that one is “doing him right.” It doesn’t look the same for every person, or at every time, or in every Christian denomination or expression or even in every family.



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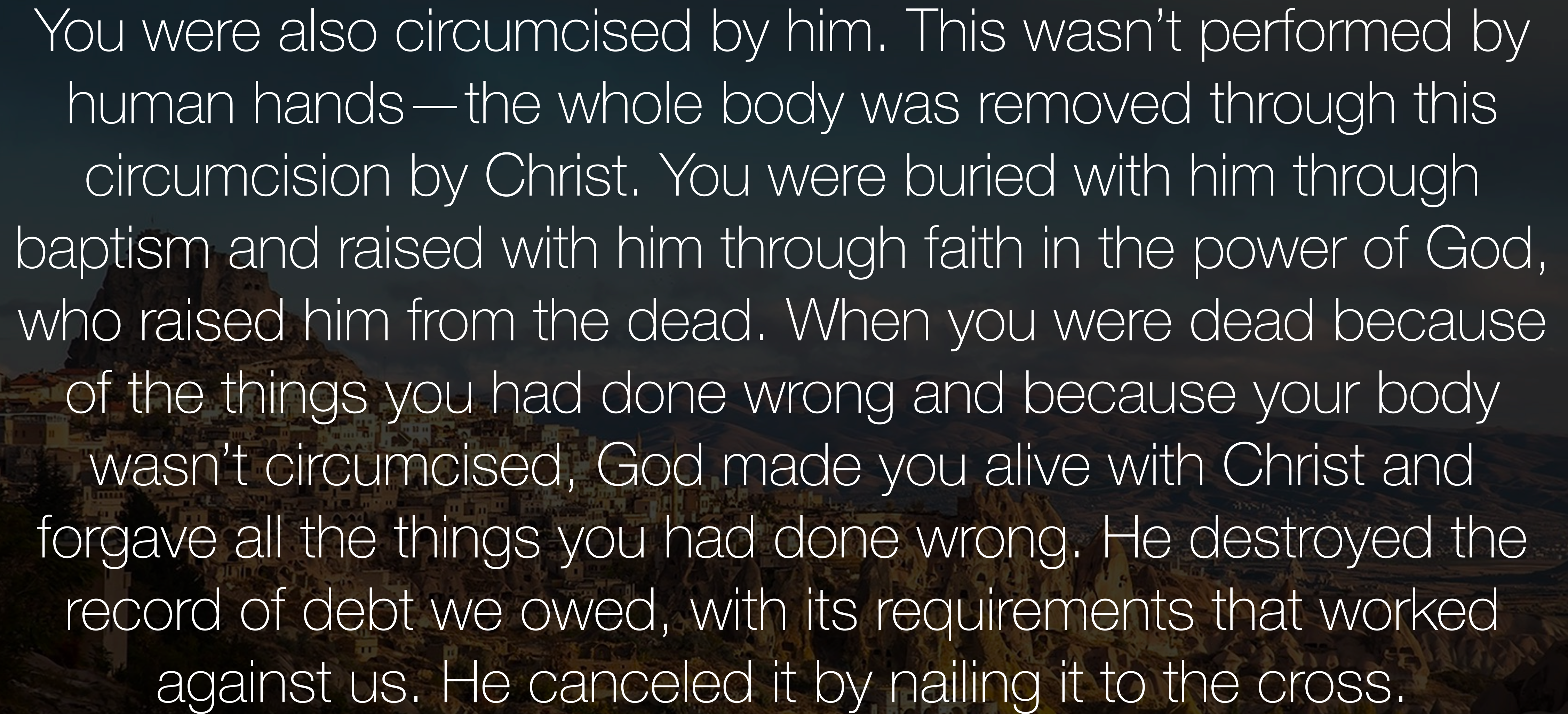
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All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body.
And you have been filled by him, who is the
head of every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10



You were also circumcised by him. This wasn't performed by human hands—the whole body was removed through this circumcision by Christ. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He canceled it by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:11-14

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What kinds of comfort are we pursuing?

What type of suffering might we be willing to take on
to allow others to see Jesus in us?

~~Jesus Mandism~~

“Most people relegate false teachings to blatant heresies and obvious violations of orthodoxy. But more often than not, we are deceived by counterfeits that closely resemble the truth, cultural lies that are camouflaged to the undiscerning heart, and convincing personalities that are persuasive and seem sincere.”

- R. Scott Pace / Daniel Akin



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