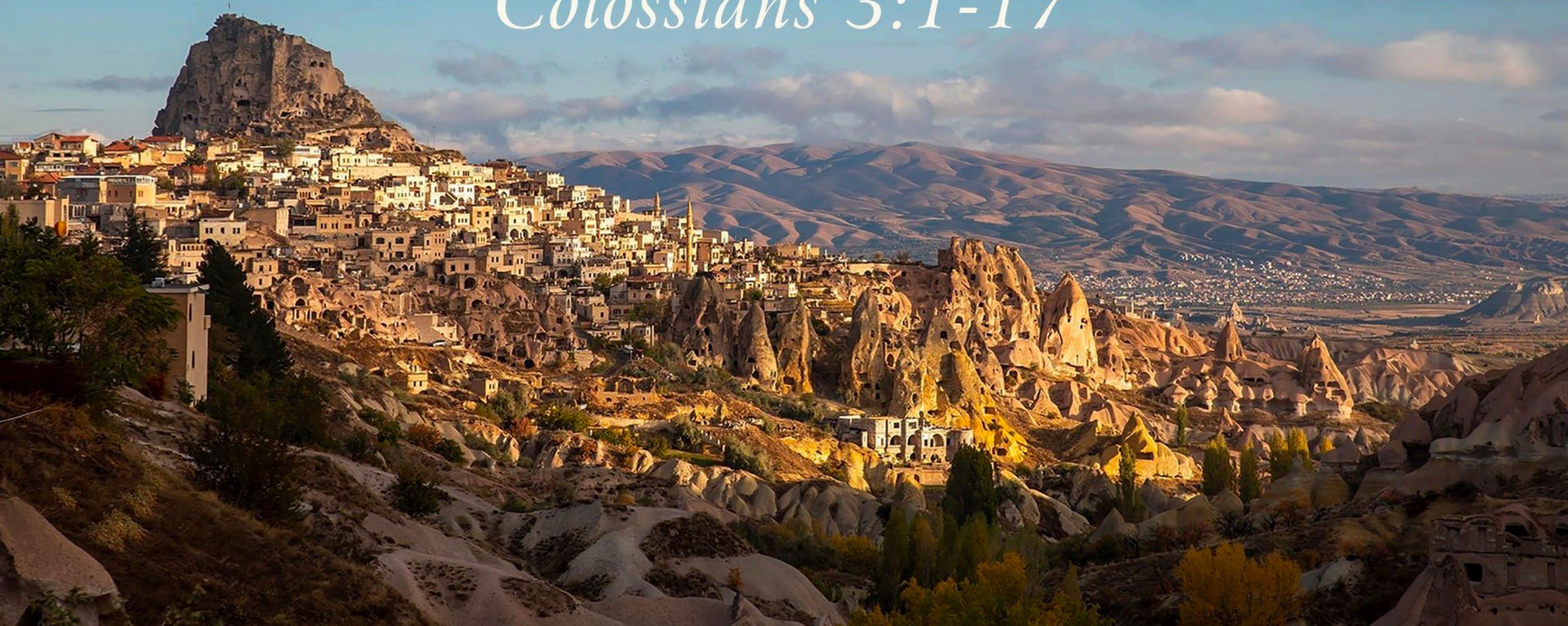
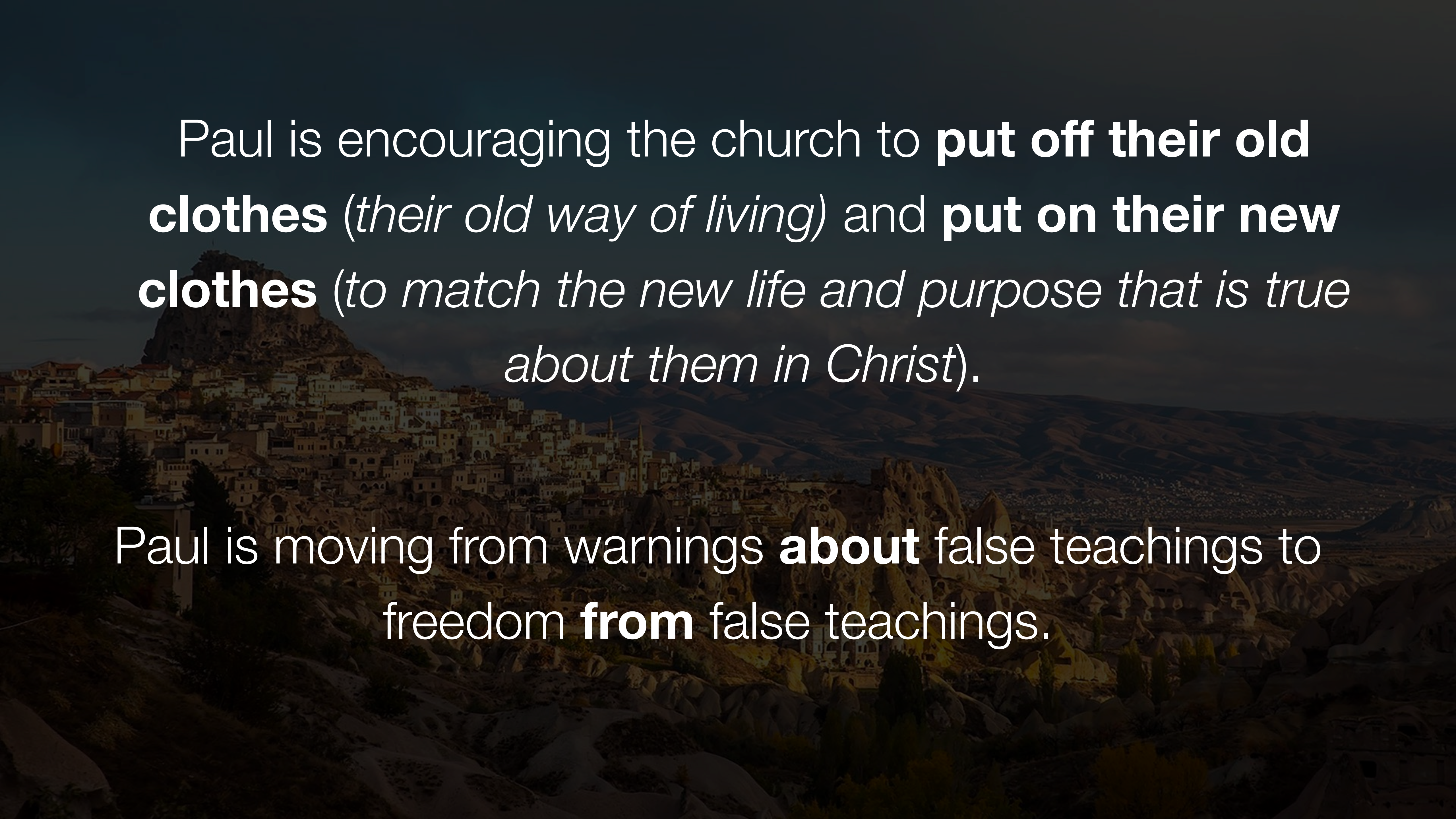

DRESS the PART

Colossians 3:1-17







Paul is encouraging the church to **put off their old clothes** (*their old way of living*) and **put on their new clothes** (*to match the new life and purpose that is true about them in Christ*).

Paul is moving from warnings **about** false teachings to freedom **from** false teachings.



Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

Colossians 3:1-17



Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. ² Think about the things above and not things on earth. ³ You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. ² Think about the things above and not things on earth. ³ You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ **When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.**

Colossians 3:1-4

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

⁵ So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices.

Colossians 3:5-9

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

⁵ So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as **sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry)**. ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices.

Colossians 3:5-9

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

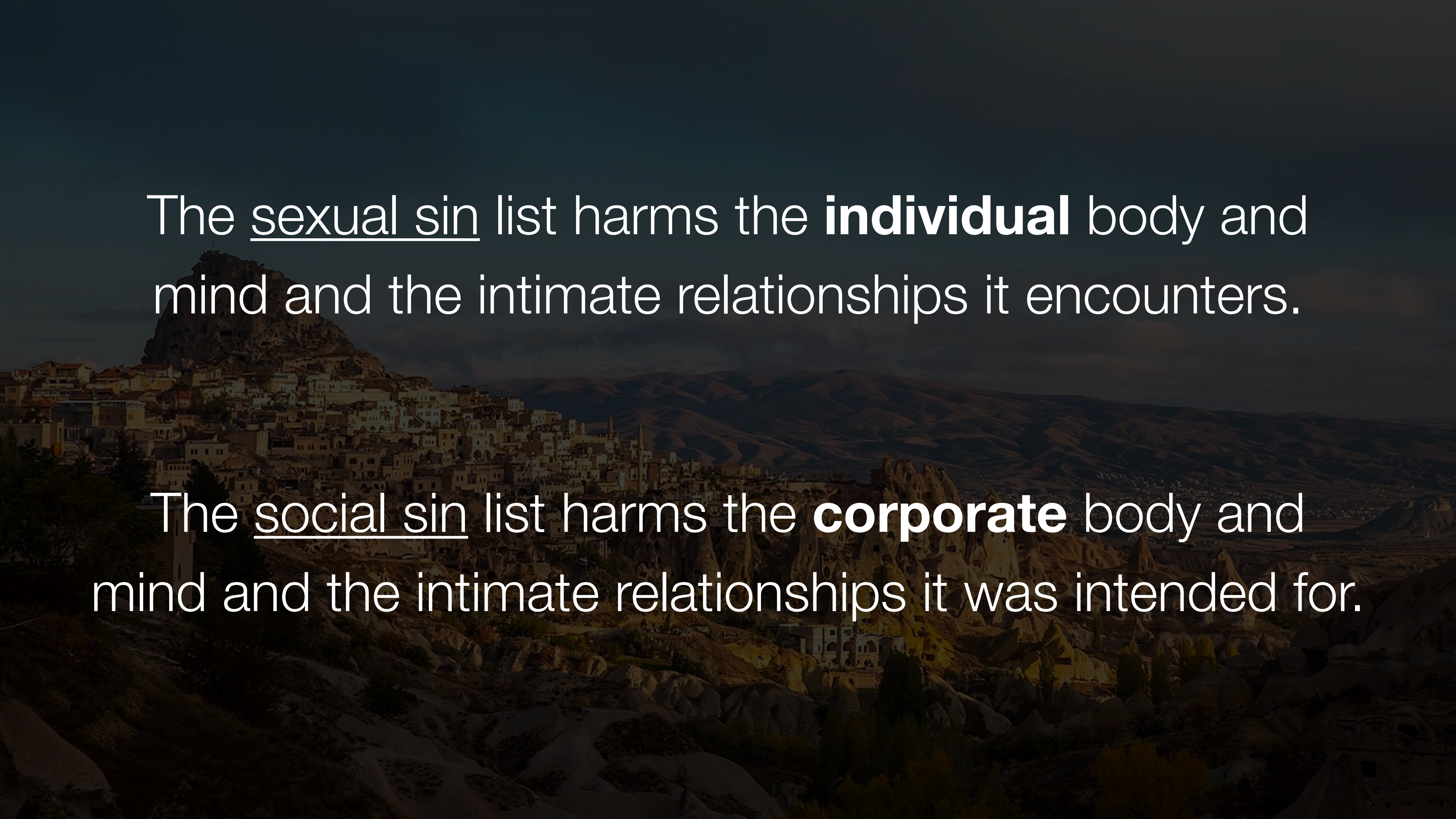
⁵ So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ **But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language.** ⁹ Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices.

Colossians 3:5-9

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

⁵ So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as **sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry)**. ⁶ The wrath of God is coming upon disobedient people because of these things. ⁷ You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. ⁸ **But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language.** ⁹ Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices.

Colossians 3:5-9



The sexual sin list harms the **individual** body and mind and the intimate relationships it encounters.

The social sin list harms the **corporate** body and mind and the intimate relationships it was intended for.

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

9. Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices 10. and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. 11. In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

Colossians 3:9-11

Remind. Remove. **Renew**. Reset. Replace.

9. **Don't lie to each other.** Take off the old human nature with its practices 10 and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. 11 In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

Colossians 3:9-11

Don't lie to each other...

“This command...seems to be a direct reference to the false teachers’ attempts to deceive. The content of their doctrine and their abusive tone cause animosity and strife among the Colossians. But the message of the gospel, along with its corresponding tone of mercy and grace, promotes harmony and unity among God’s people.”

- R. Scott Pace / Daniel Akin



Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. Replace.

9 Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices 10 and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. 11 In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

Colossians 3:9-11

Remind. Remove. **Renew.** Reset. Replace.

„Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices ¹⁰and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to **the image of the one who created it.** **„In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.**

Colossians 3:9-11



For Paul, this is both a teaching AND an expectation!

Paul knows he needs to present a new paradigm, but he is not doing so to pass on some kind of academic knowledge. He expects this young church to grow in diversity because of the very nature of God and the unifying message of the gospel!

“The beauty of the body of Christ is found in its cohesive unity with its blended diversity. Divisive pride not only causes divisions among God’s people; it ultimately hinders our individual and collective spiritual growth and impedes our universal mission. Therefore, as we strip off our sinful passions and practices, we must also strip ourselves of sinful pride that divides the body of Christ so that we can experience his fullness.”

- R. Scott Pace / Daniel Akin



Remind. Remove. Renew. **Reset.** Replace.

Reset the narrative.



Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. **Replace.**

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ The peace of Christ must control your hearts — a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. **Replace.**

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ **And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.** ¹⁵ The peace of Christ must control your hearts— a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

Remind. Remove. Renew. Reset. **Replace.**

¹² Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other. ¹⁴ **And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.** ¹⁵ **The peace of Christ must control your hearts — a peace into which you were called in one body.** And be thankful people. ¹⁶ The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

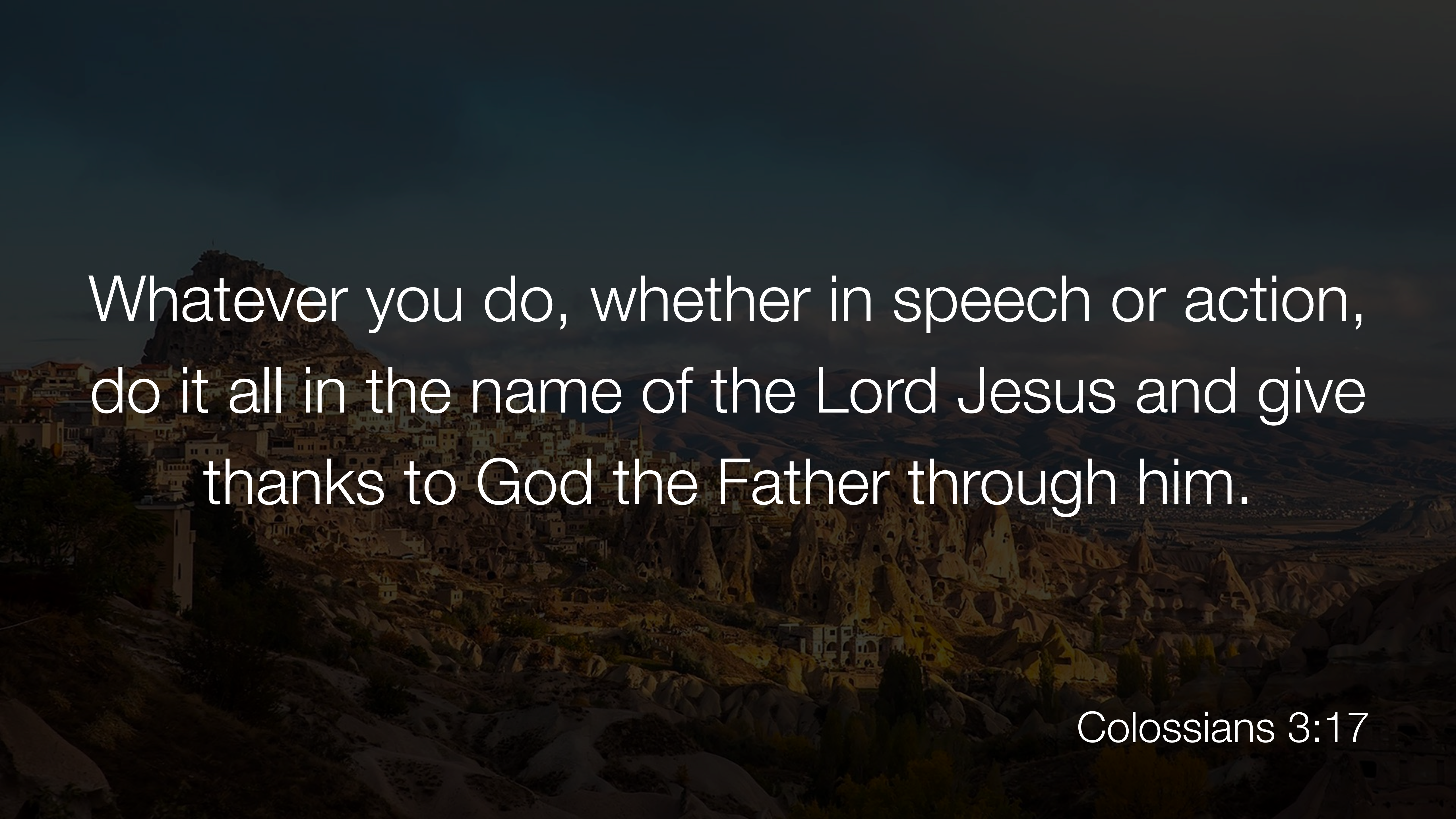
How do we do it? Some ways...

1. **Look to Christ**. Seek him in stillness and rest, and wait on him. Don't consume the things of him or try to "accomplish him" as a substitute for union with Him.

2. **Root out sin**. This requires humility, honesty, accountability and vulnerability. Those are hard things to do and not things that define most communities unfortunately. But we have spaces for those things.

How do we do it? Some ways...

3. **Examine virtue in your life.** Love. Compassion. Humility. Patience. Peace. Tolerance. Lean into these things. Ask for help. Ask someone who will be honest with you: Do these things mark me?
4. **Practice seeing the image of God in all people.** Make this your go to instead of judgment or suspicion. What story does each person have to tell?



Whatever you do, whether in speech or action,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give
thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17