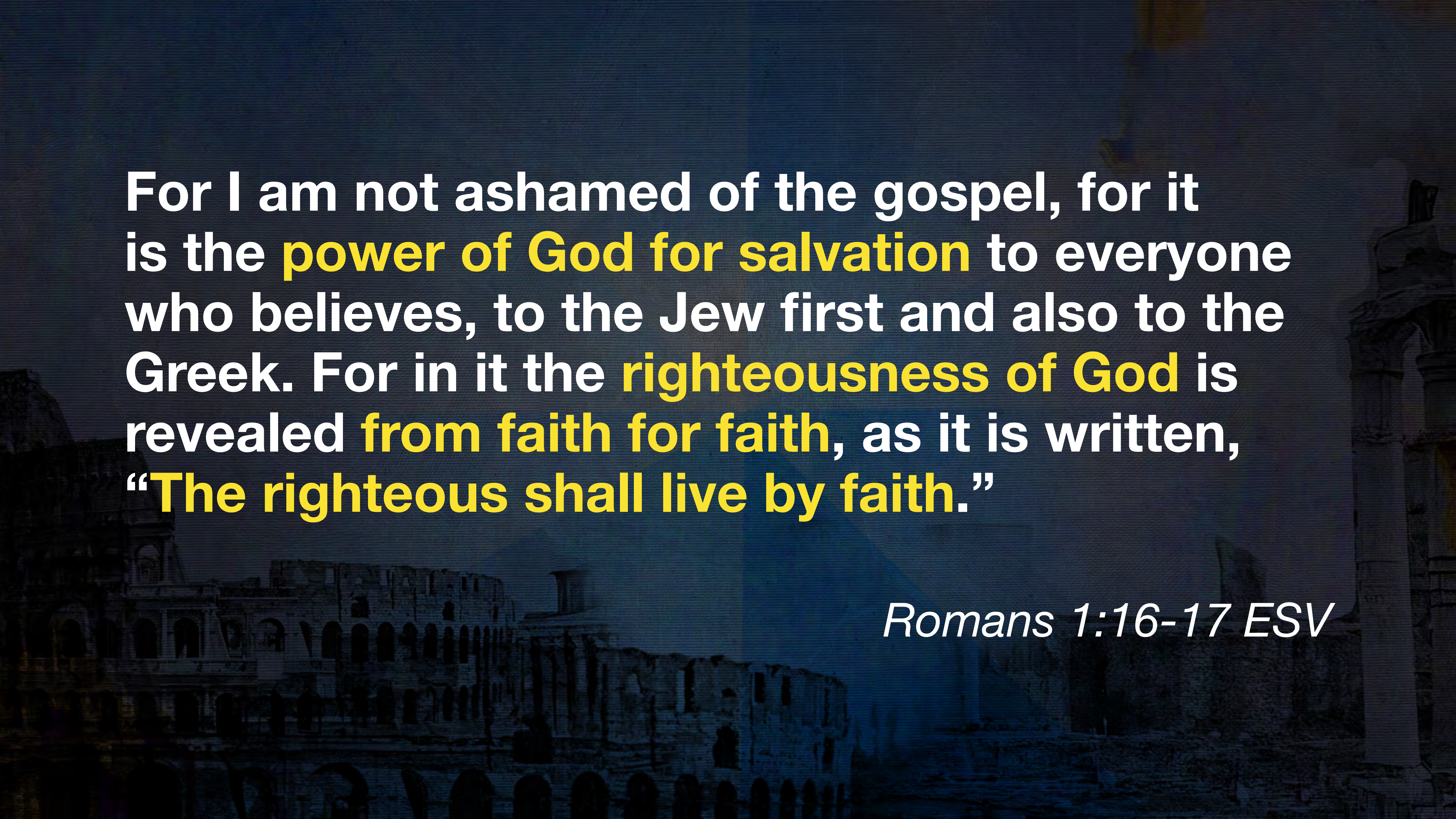




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God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans
Week 17 - The Battle For The Mind

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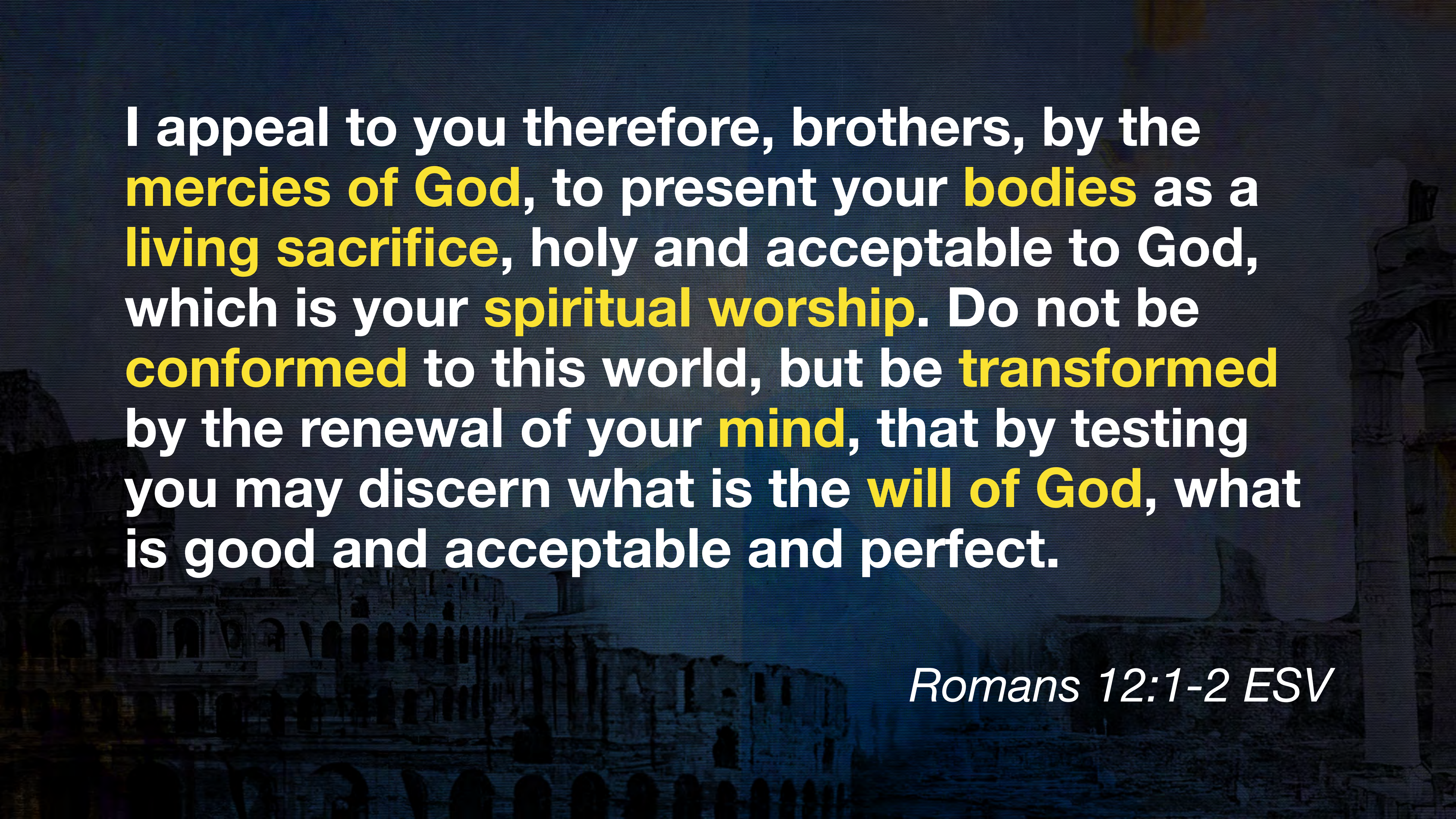


For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

Week 17 - The Battle For The Mind

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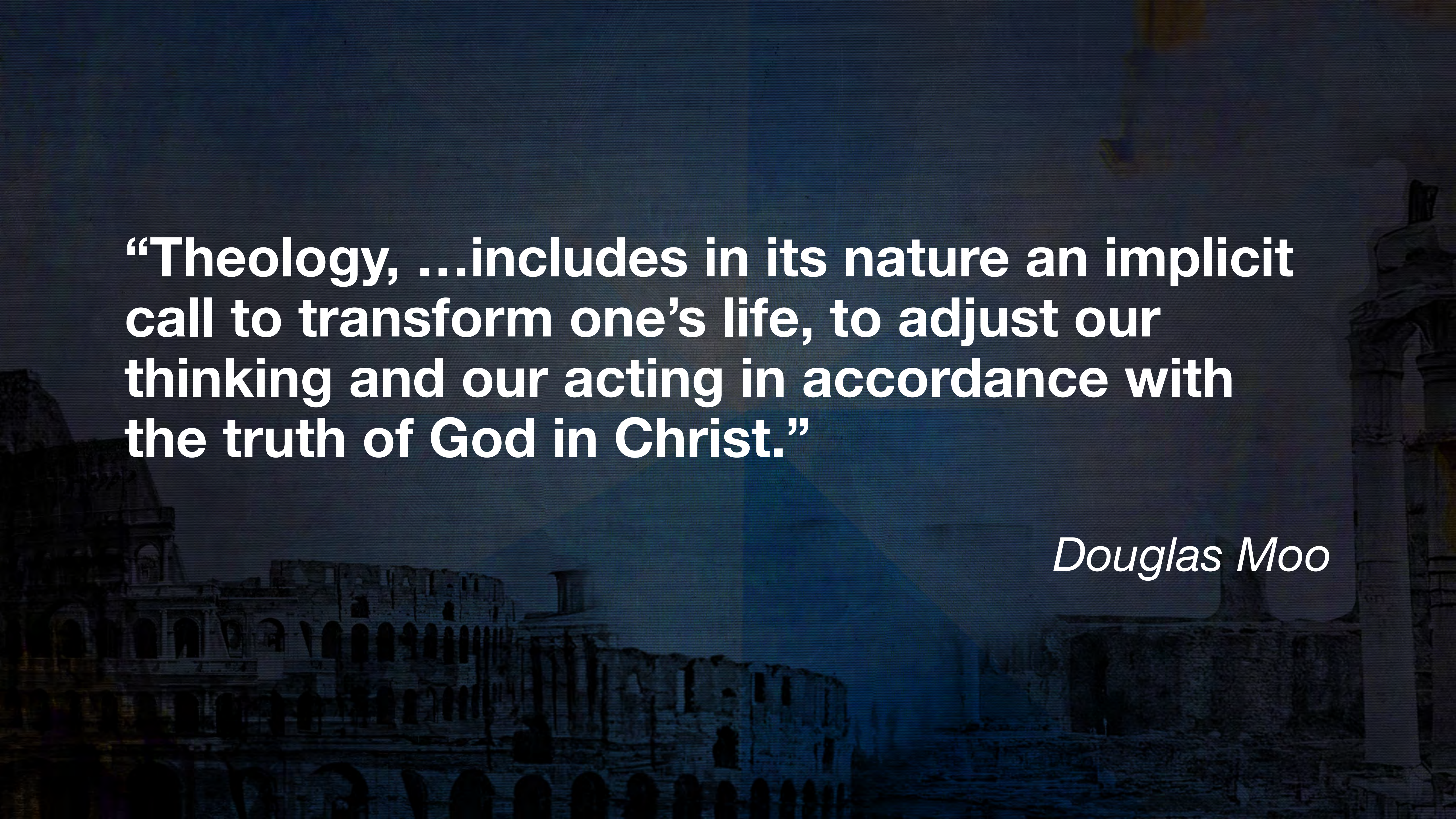


I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the **mercies of God**, to present your **bodies** as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**. Do not be **conformed** to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your **mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the **will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

A dark, blue-tinted photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. The image is dimly lit, with the structure's arches and tiers visible against a dark sky. A large, white, sans-serif text overlay is centered in the middle of the image. The text reads: "What is the therefore there for?".

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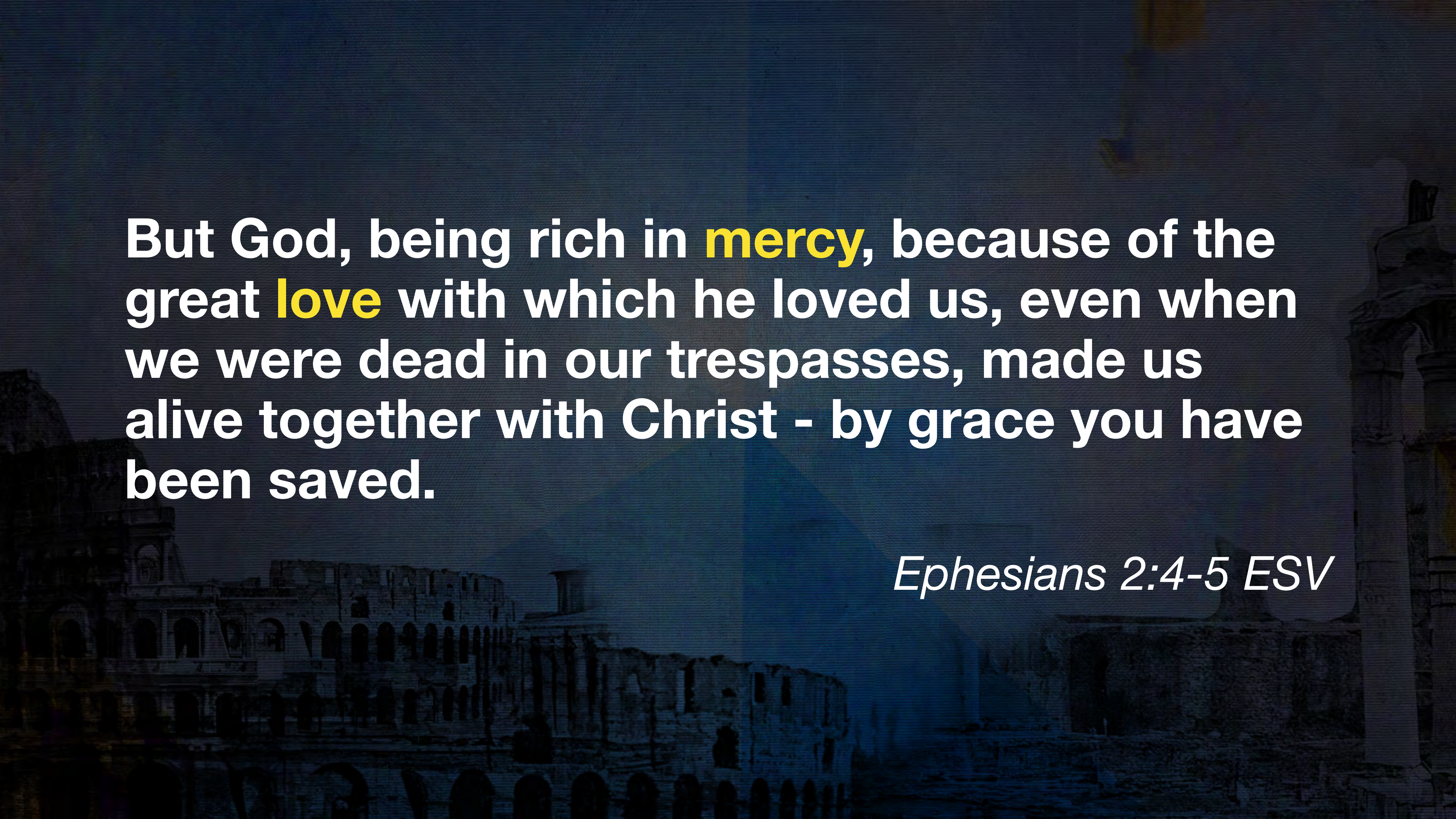
“Theology, ...includes in its nature an implicit call to transform one’s life, to adjust our thinking and our acting in accordance with the truth of God in Christ.”

Douglas Moo



Appeal: to make an earnest request, to plead

By the mercies of God: the undeserved kindness that God shows to sinful mankind



But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of the great **love** with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.

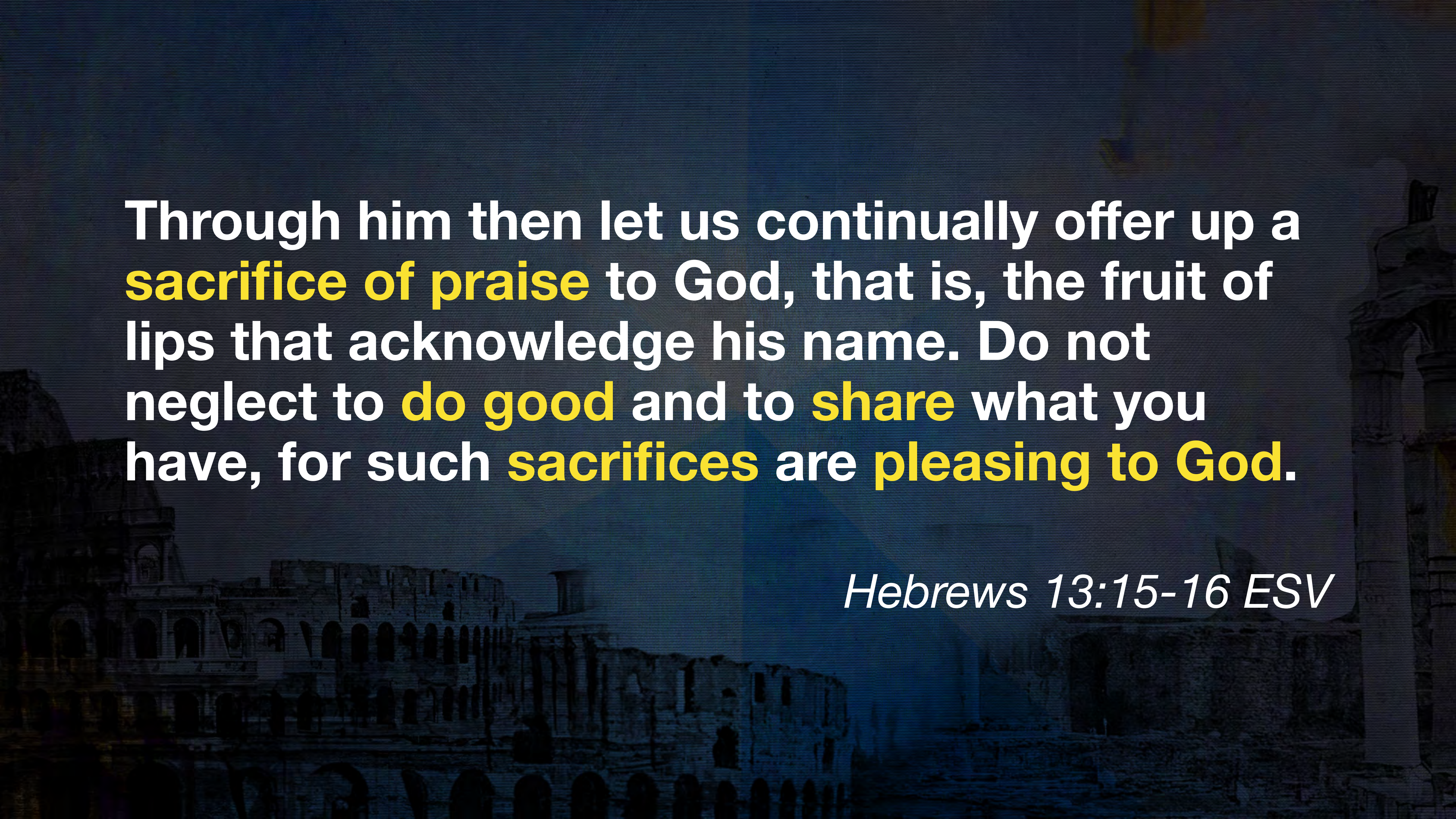
Ephesians 2:4-5 ESV



Present: to put to one's disposal

Bodies: implies whole person

Living sacrifice: ongoing and not dead

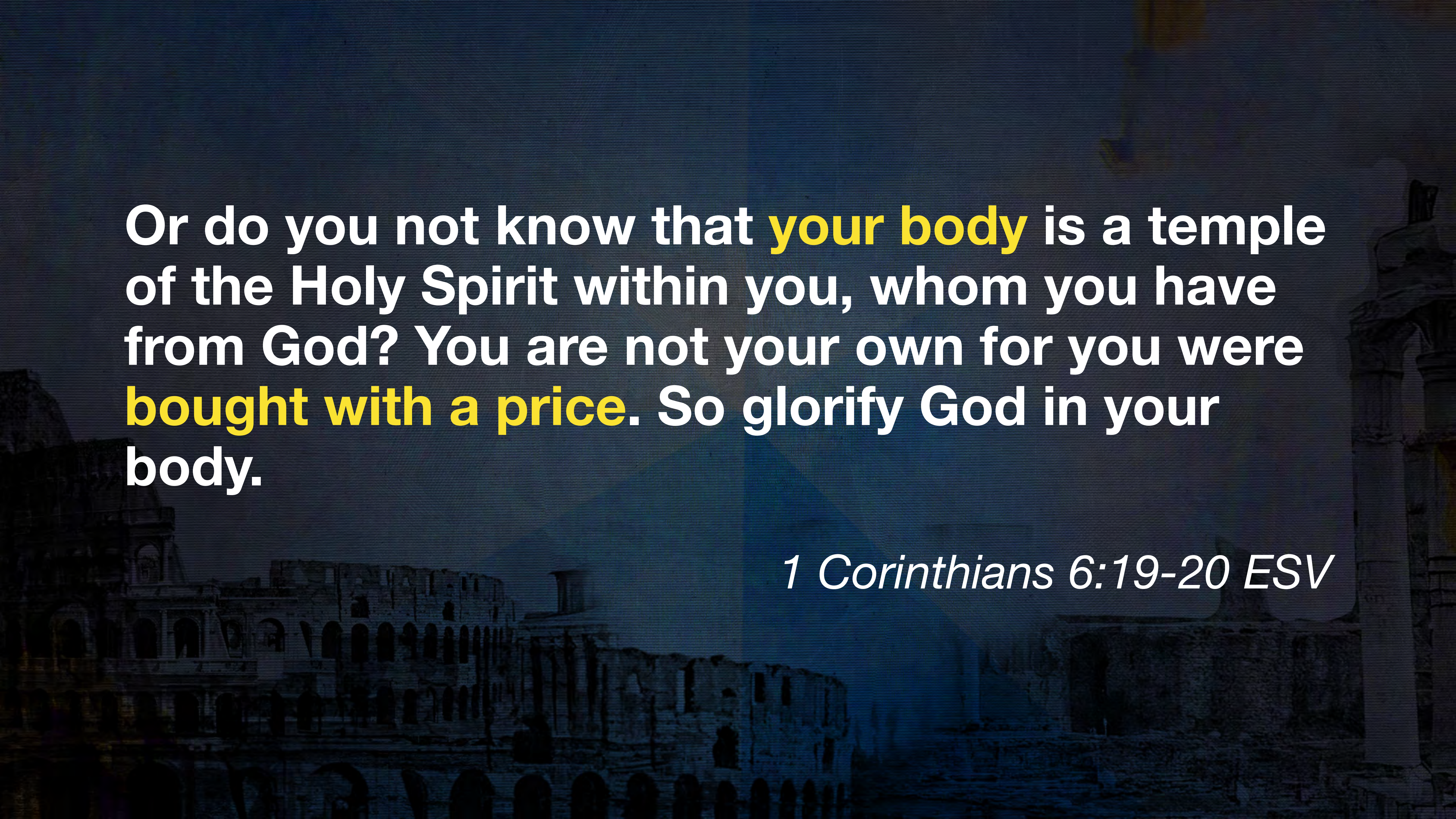


Through him then let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are **pleasing to God**.

Hebrews 13:15-16 ESV




Holy: set apart, morally pure



Or do you not know that **your body** is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own for you were **bought with a price**. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV



Acceptable: giving pleasure and satisfaction
to God

Spiritual Worship

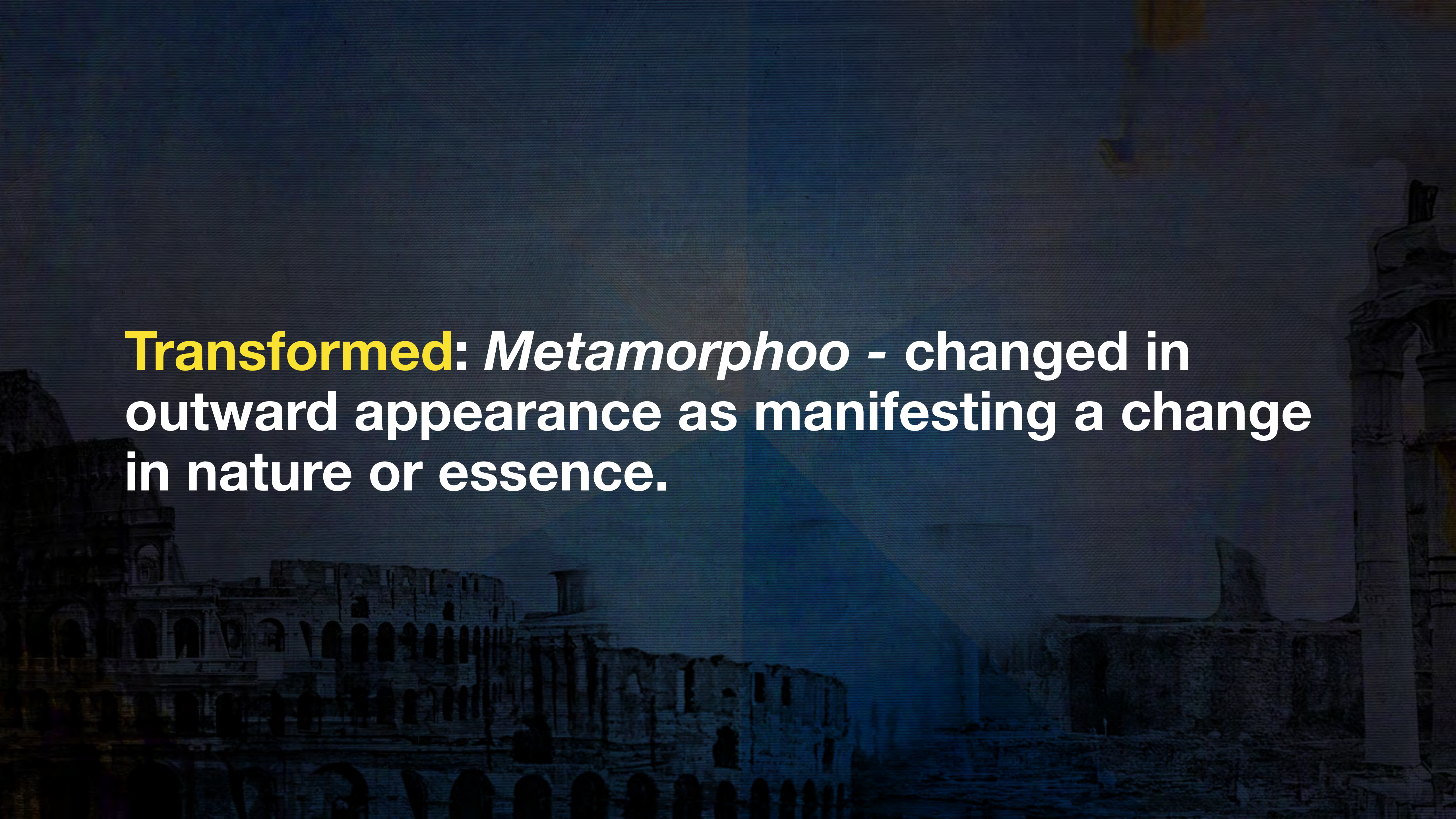
Spiritual: in harmony with the highest reason

Worship: to venerate

Not be conformed to this World

Conformed: to be shaped or molded into a certain pattern

World: thoughts, opinions, maxims, speculations, hopes, impulses as part of this existence that is apart from God



Transformed: *Metamorphoo* - changed in outward appearance as manifesting a change in nature or essence.



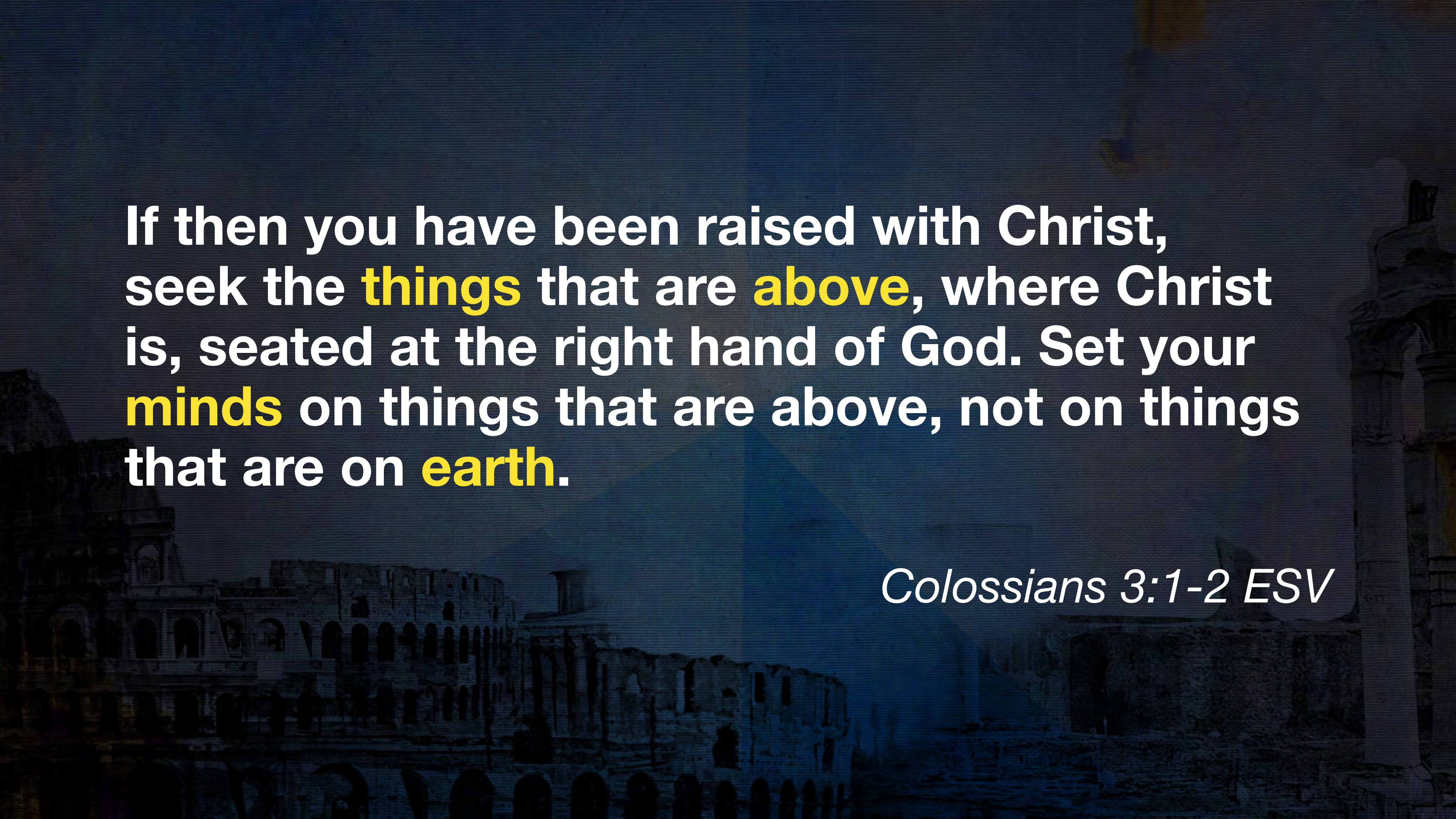
Renewing of your mind

How we think, which leads to what we believe, is then fundamental to how we live.



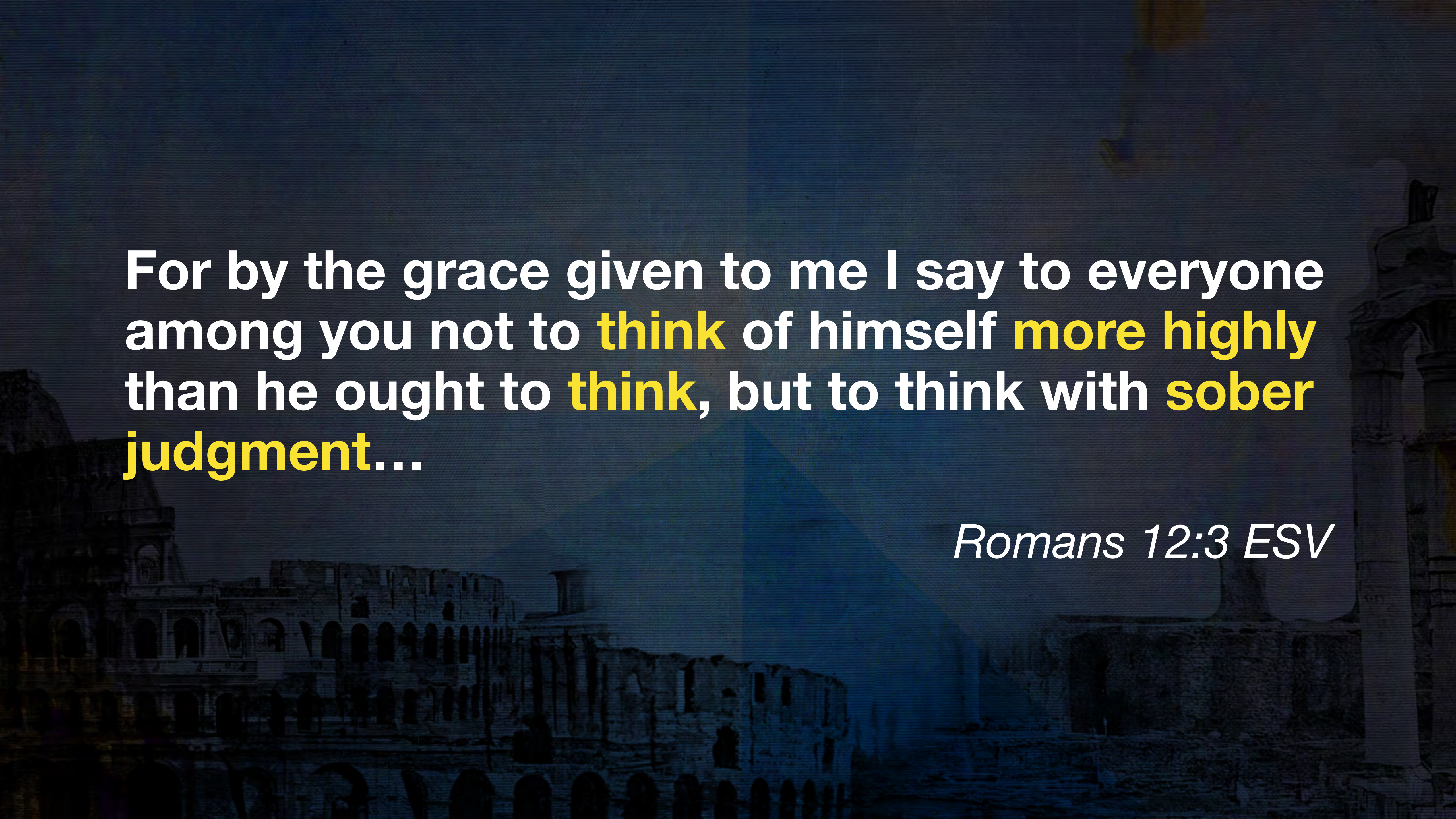
We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the **knowledge of God**, and we take **captive** every **thought** to make it **obedient** to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV



If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the **things** that are **above**, where Christ
is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your
minds on things that are above, not on things
that are on **earth**.

Colossians 3:1-2 ESV



For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to **think** of himself **more highly** than he ought to **think**, but to think with **sober judgment...**

Romans 12:3 ESV

1. Know & Assess Your Thought Patterns

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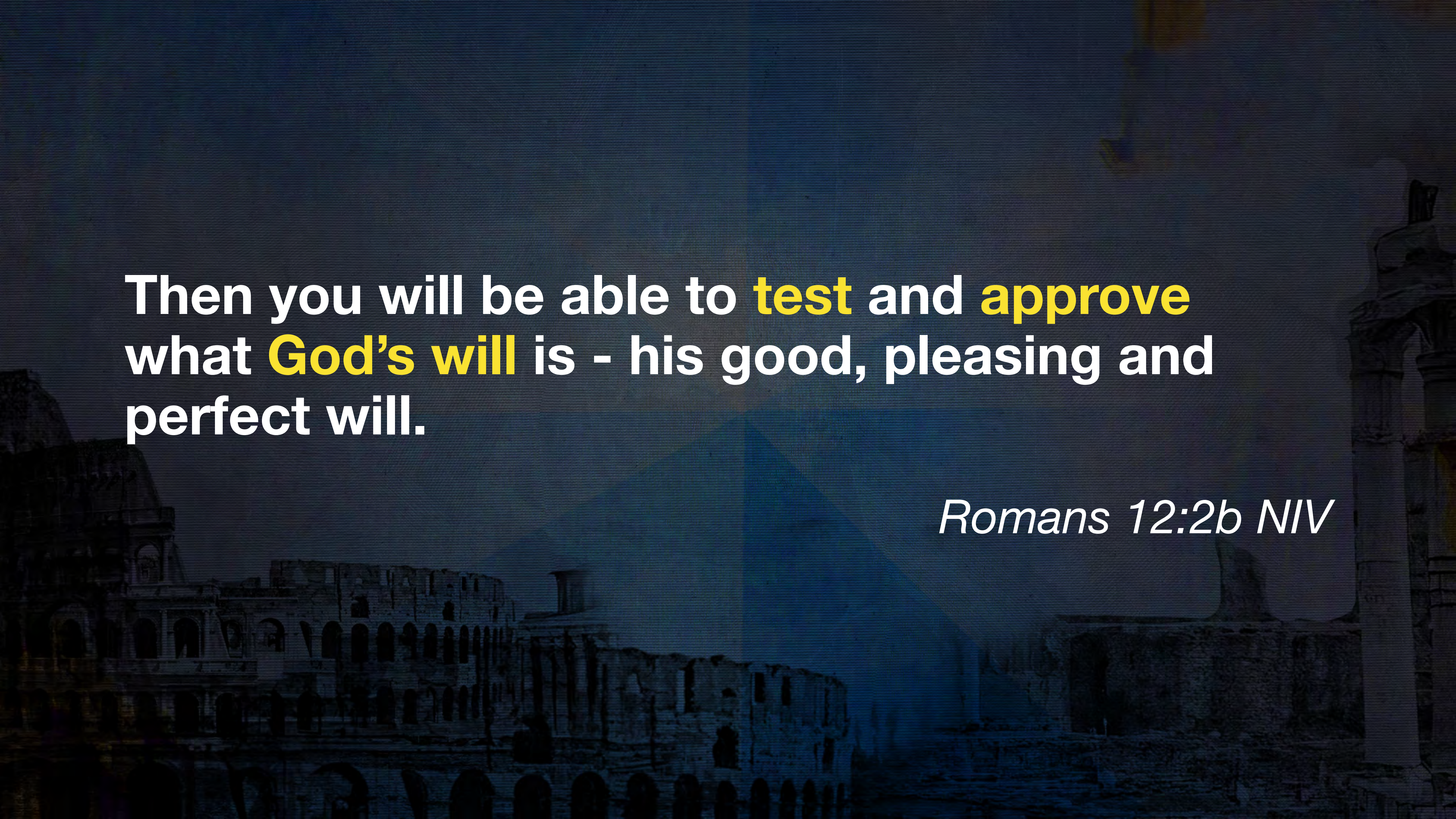


And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear **will deliver me** from the hand of this Philistine.”

1 Samuel 17:37 ESV

2. Practice Replacing Falsehood With Truth

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Then you will be able to **test** and **approve**
what **God's will** is - his good, pleasing and
perfect will.

Romans 12:2b NIV



**3. Choose To Obey God When You
Don't Feel Like It**