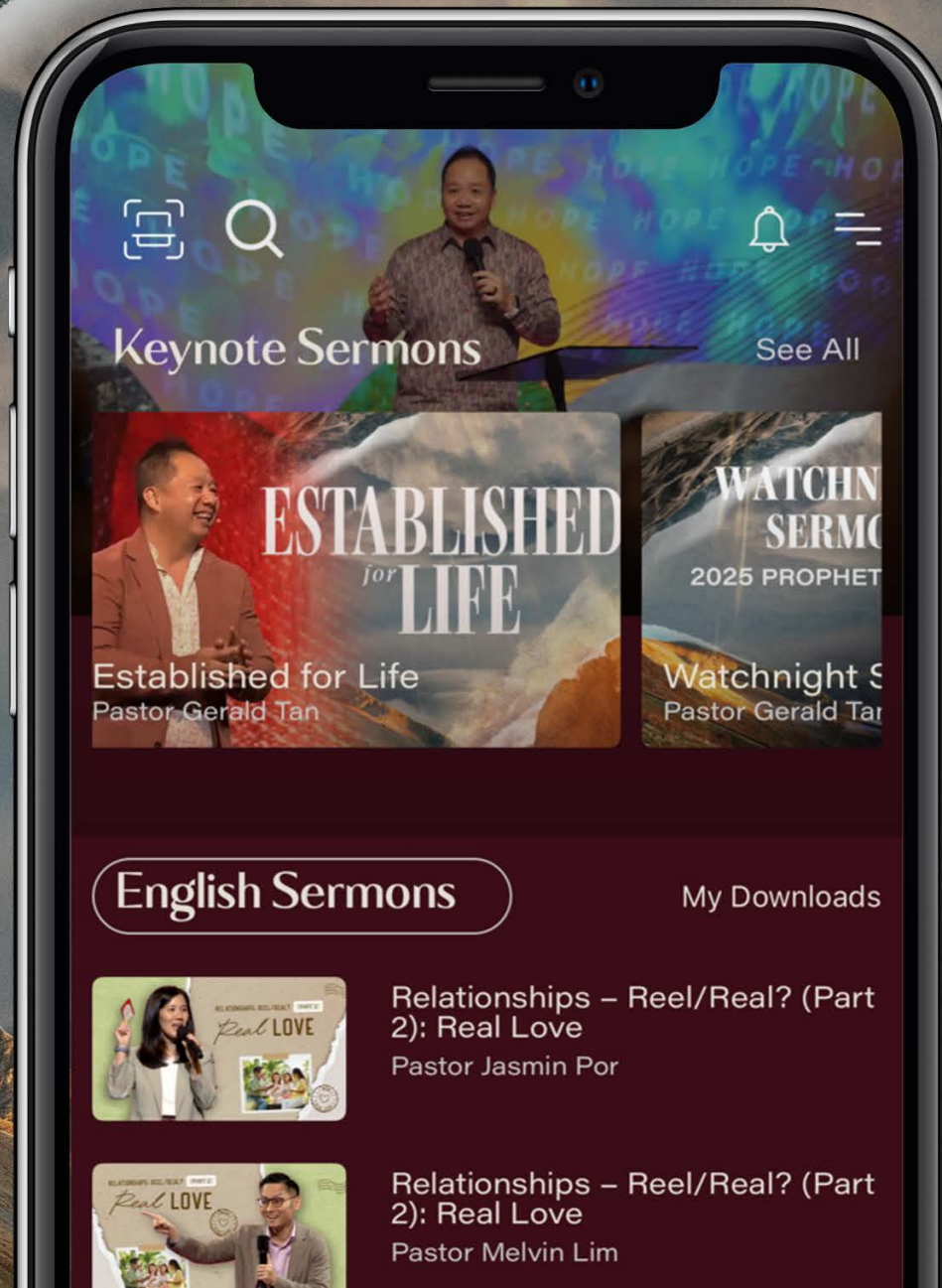


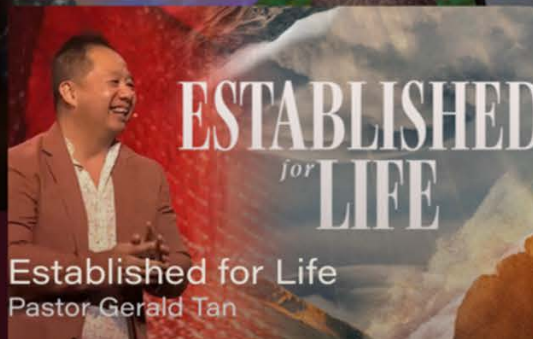
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Smithsonian *magazine*

Despite Harvey's Wrath, This 1,000-Year Old Tree Still Stands Tall

The Big Tree has survived at least 40 hurricanes

Source: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/1000-year-old-oak-tree-texas-stays-firmly-rooted-despite-harvey-1-180964671/>





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COLOSSIANS

2:6-23 NASB



To be established in faith, we need to

GROW *in* CHRIST

v6-7

COLOSSIANS 2:6-23 NASB

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk **in Him**, having been firmly rooted and *now* being built up **in Him** and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude. See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance **with Christ**. For **in Him** all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and **in Him** you have been made complete, and He is the head over every ruler and authority; and **in Him** you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried **with Him** in baptism, in which you were also raised **with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And when you were dead in your wrongdoings and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together **with Him**, having forgiven us all our wrongdoings,

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 NASB

Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been **firmly rooted** and *now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

Depth and strength
of our relationship
in Christ

→ Grounded



PSALM 1:1-3 NASB

Blessed is the person who does not walk in
the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path
of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, And on
His Law he meditates day and night.

He will be like a **tree** planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season,
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.



COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 NASB

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Growing

The background is a dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest. In the foreground on the right, a young tree with green leaves is visible, its trunk and branches partially illuminated. The rest of the image is a deep, dark blur of trees and foliage, creating a sense of depth and mystery.

RECEIVING CHRIST

is not the end, but the

beginning of life in

CHRIST

PAUL'S PRAYER *for the church*

COLOSSIANS 1:9-12 NASB

For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it*, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the **knowledge of His will** in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, to **please Him** in all respects, **bearing fruit** in every good work and **increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power**, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

- YOU *in* CHRIST
- CHRIST *in* YOU

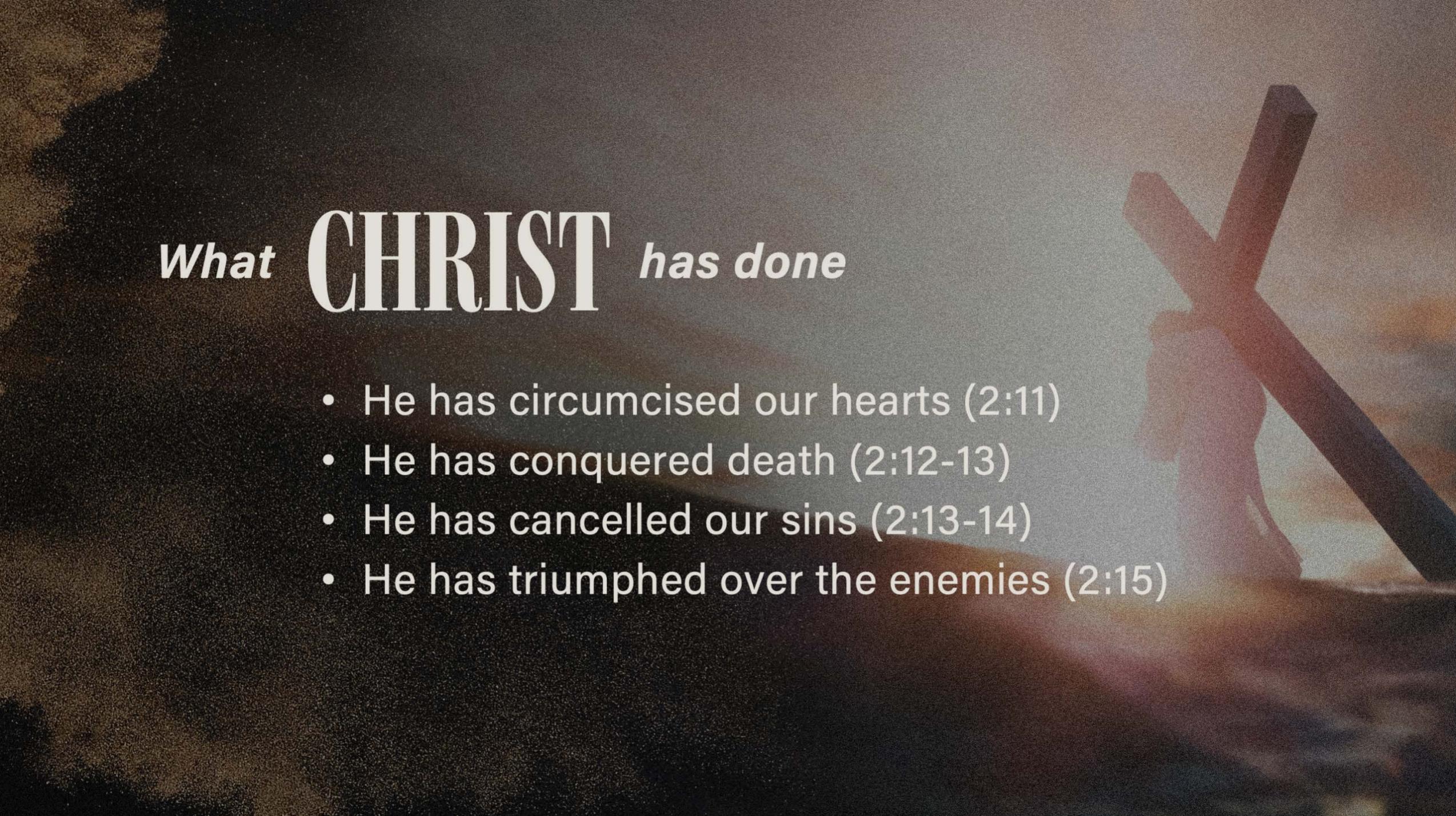




To be established in faith, we need to

GRASP *what*
CHRIST *has done*

v9-15



What **CHRIST** *has done*

- He has circumcised our hearts (2:11)
- He has conquered death (2:12-13)
- He has cancelled our sins (2:13-14)
- He has triumphed over the enemies (2:15)

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Because of CHRIST

- We are set apart as God's people
- We are redeemed
- We are forgiven
- We can walk in victory

Who we are

is defined by **CHRIST,**

what **CHRIST** has done,

and ***all that*** **CHRIST**

is doing in our lives





To be established in faith, we need to

GUARD *the* TRUTH
of CHRIST

v8, 16-23



COLOSSIANS 2:8 NASB

See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ.

→ Guard against

GUARD *against anything that*

- replaces Christ (v8, 16, 18, 21-23)
- reduces Christ (v9, 18, 19)
- adds to Christ (v10, 20-22)

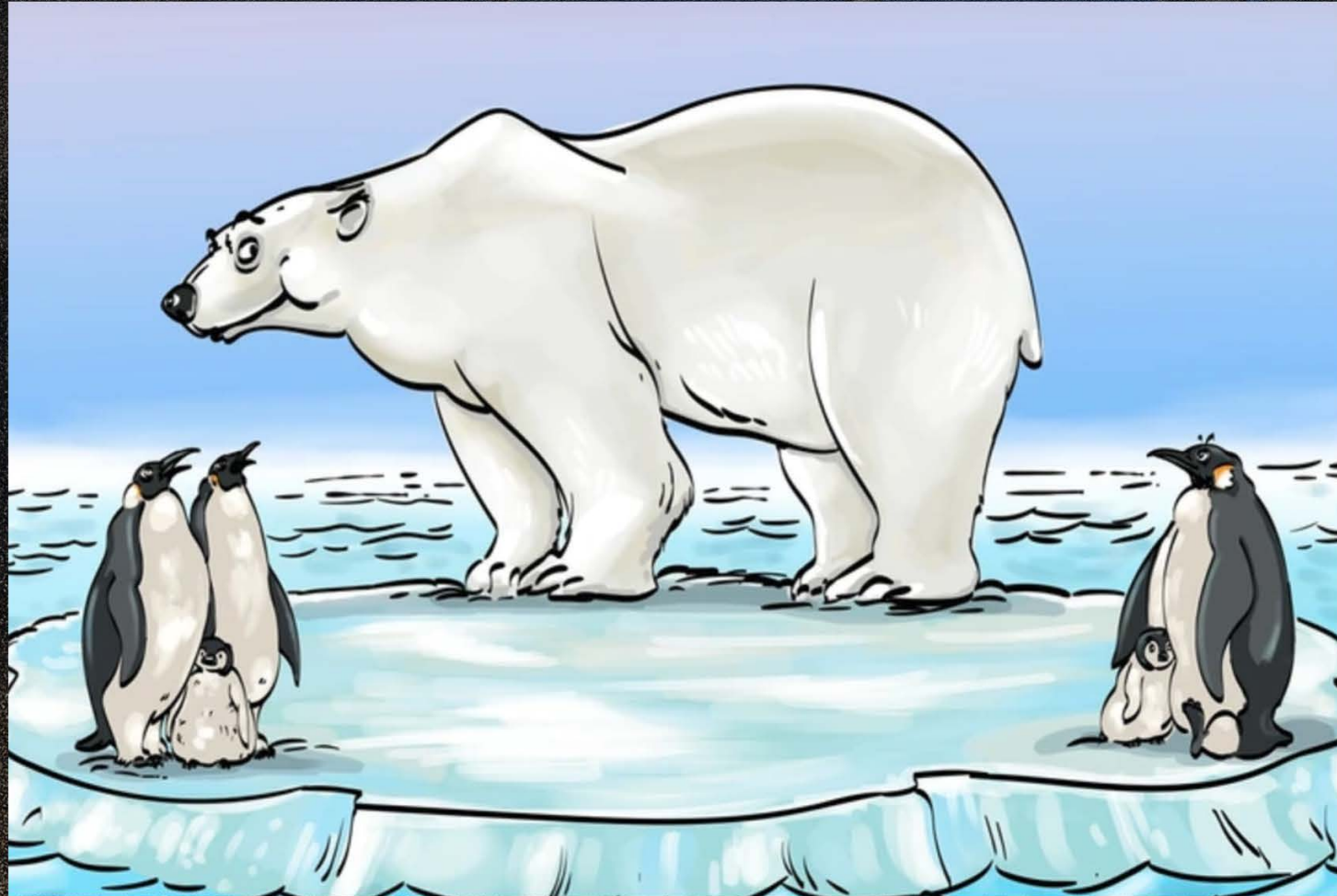
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- *Be* ALERT
- *Be* DISCERNING
- *Be* ALIGNED



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