

THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

THE CHURCH, GOD'S *Handiwork*

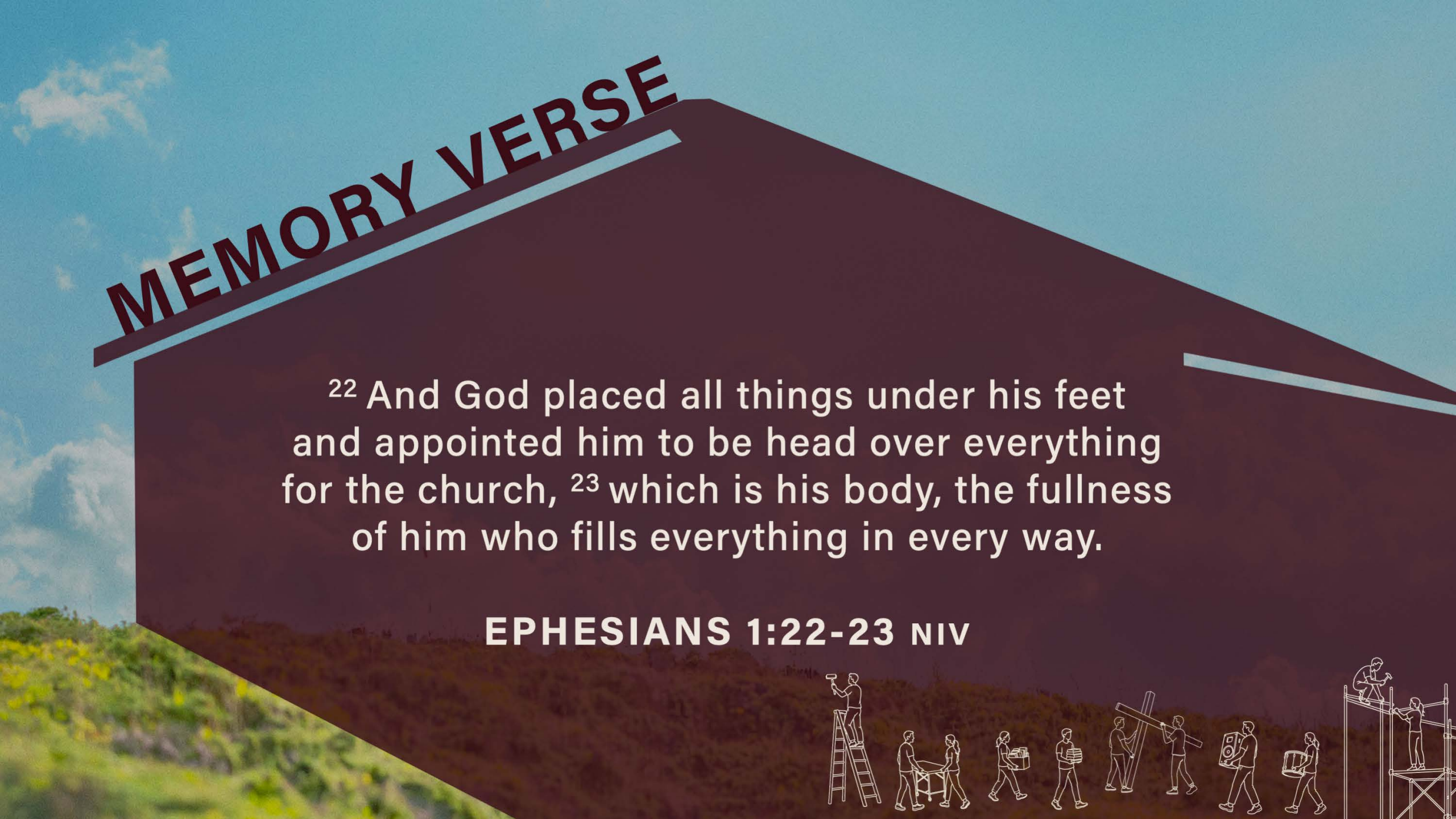




PART 1/3

A MASTERFUL *Creator*

We exist to give God glory
We have the seal of God's ownership
We live but by His Grace



MEMORY VERSE

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

EPHESIANS 1:22-23 NIV





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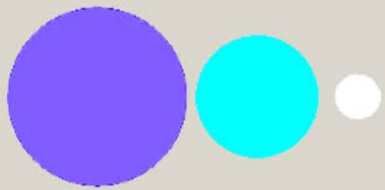


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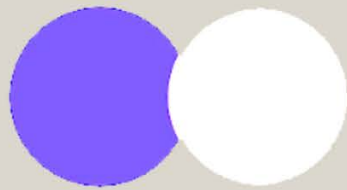
AN INTENTIONAL *Design*

EPHESIANS 2-4

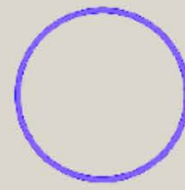




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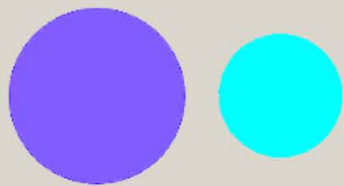
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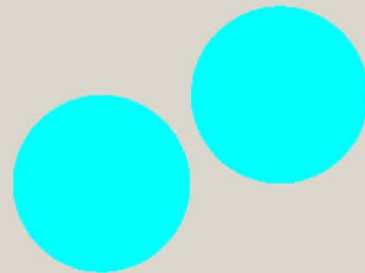
White Space



Repetition



Proportion



Balance



Alignment



DIVERSITY **IN THE DESIGN**





THE CHURCH *includes a...*

- **Diversity of ethnicities** **EPHESIANS 2:11-3:6**



J. D. Douglas, and Merrill C. Tenney. Zondervan Illustrated Bible Dictionary: The Most Accurate and Comprehensive One-Volume Bible Dictionary Available. [Rev. ed.]. Zondervan, 2011.

Ephesus.



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- **Diversity of roles and generations** **EPHESIANS 5:22-6:9**





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- **Diversity of ministries** **EPHESIANS 4:11-13**



APOSTLES

PROPHETS

EVANGELISTS

PASTORS

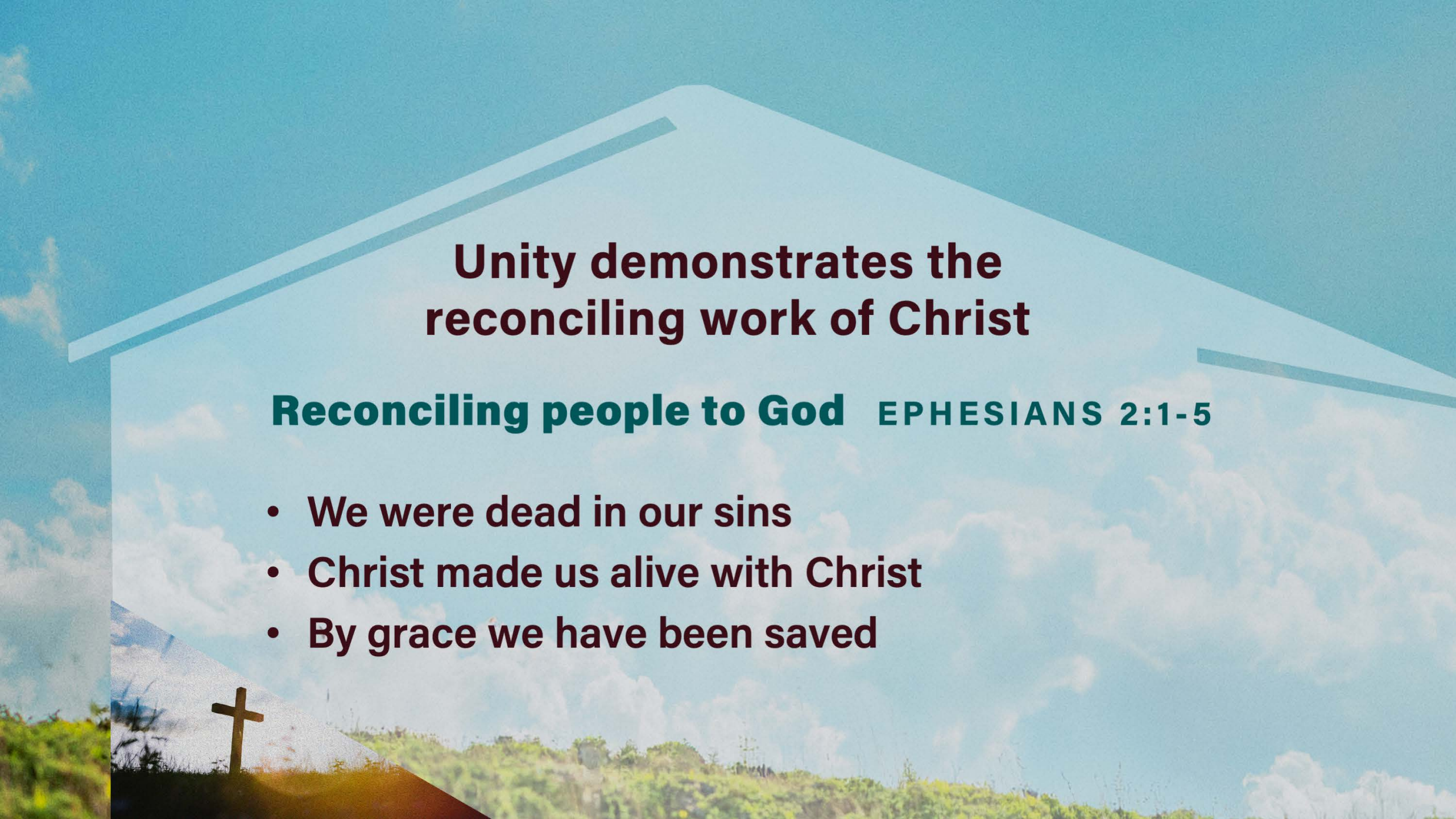
TEACHERS



*Let's accept and celebrate one another's
uniqueness and embrace diversity
as part of God's design*



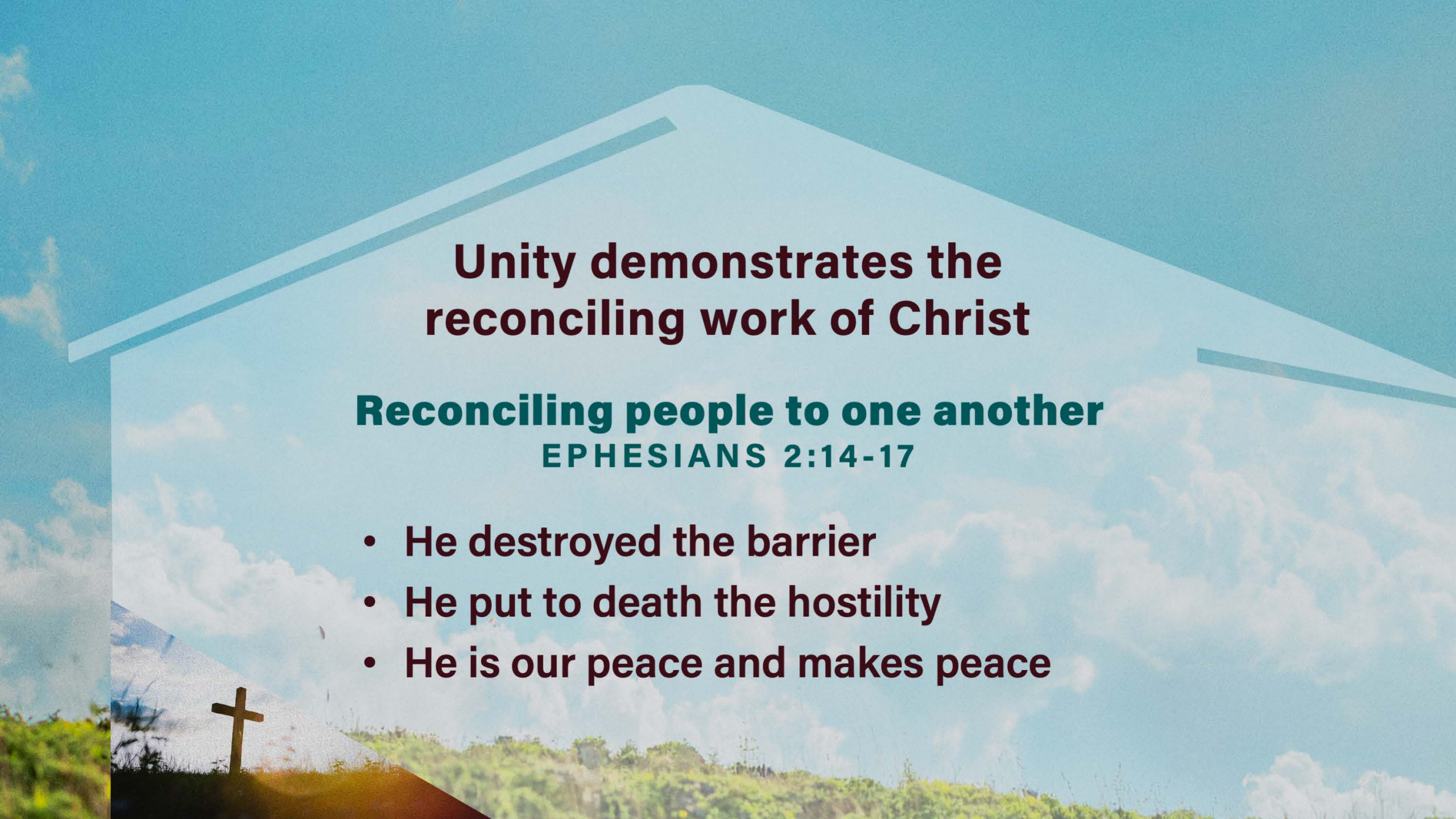
UNITY **IN THE DESIGN**



Unity demonstrates the reconciling work of Christ

Reconciling people to God EPHESIANS 2:1-5

- **We were dead in our sins**
- **Christ made us alive with Christ**
- **By grace we have been saved**



Unity demonstrates the reconciling work of Christ

Reconciling people to one another
EPHESIANS 2:14-17

- He destroyed the barrier
- He put to death the hostility
- He is our peace and makes peace



United as a people

A temple where God dwells EPHESIANS 2:19-22

- **We are joined together**
 - **We are built together**
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Metaphors for Unity in the book of Ephesians

BODY

BUILDING

TEMPLE

FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD

MARRIAGE

Features interrelatedness, belonging, mutuality, connection



Unity requires our every effort

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

- **Be completely humble and gentle**
 - **Be patient, bearing with one another in love**
 - **Keep the bond of peace**
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*We are not meant to be isolated believers.
Let's live out the unity in God's design
by putting aside barriers and making effort
to build the Body of Christ*





PURPOSE **IN THE DESIGN**



GOD'S *Purpose*

For we are God's handiwork, created in
Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which
God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV

GOD'S *Purpose*

His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God **should be made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal **purpose** that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

EPHESIANS 3:10-11 NIV



GOD'S *Purpose*

**to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up**

EPHESIANS 4:12 NIV



GOD'S INTENTIONAL DESIGN FOR HIS MASTERPIECE

*The church is to serve His Purpose
as a **Diverse** Community
in Unity*

"God saves me by giving me the spirit to bear it": A bishop who endured more than 300 lashes during WWII



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🖼 Bishop Leonard John Wilson (left) and Reverend John Hayter sharing a light moment after the war. Photo courtesy of St Andrew's Cathedral.

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