

His church—His way
As opposed to
My church—My way

Matthew 16:13-18

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, **“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”** **14** And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” **15** He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** **16** Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”



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Peter's Confession

The pebble and the Rock

PETROS (PETER'S NAME) ROCK

PETRA MASS OF ROCK—NABATEAN CITY

Petra



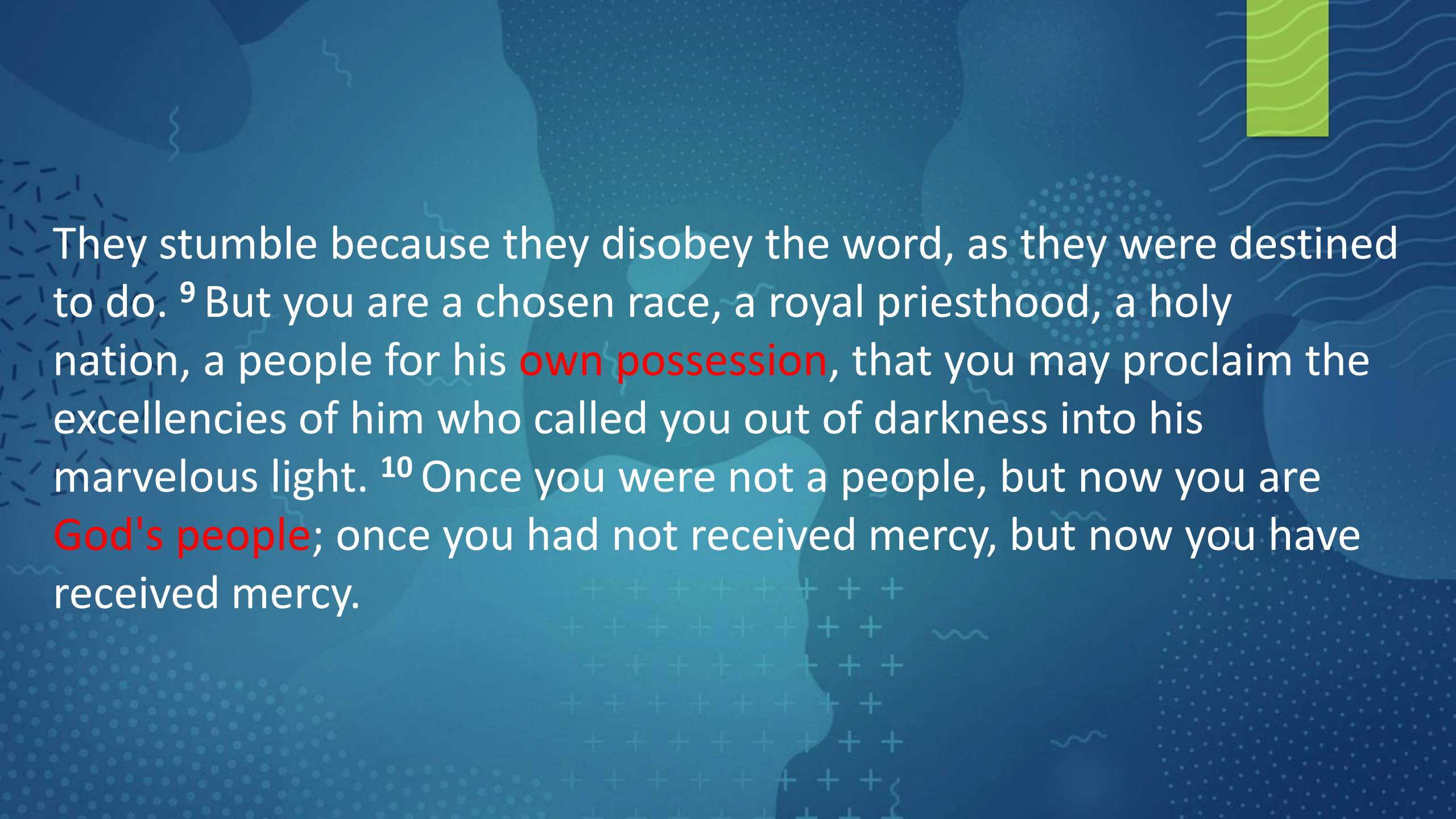
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⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like **living stones** are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”
⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock (Petra) of offense.”



They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his **own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are **God's people**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

God's Possession

“OF GOD”

MATTHEW 16:17-18

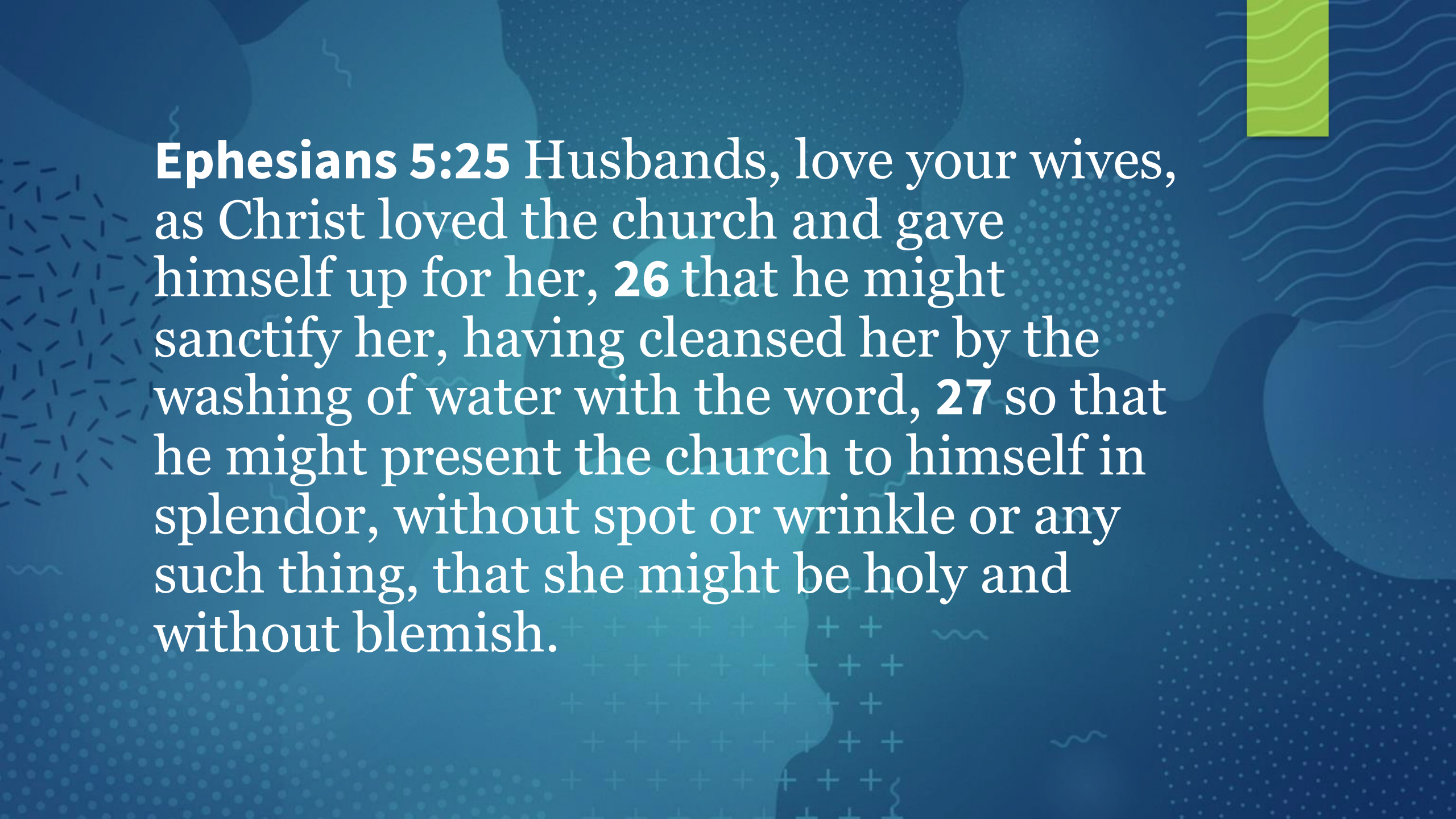


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EPHESIANS 5:25-27



Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

God's Way

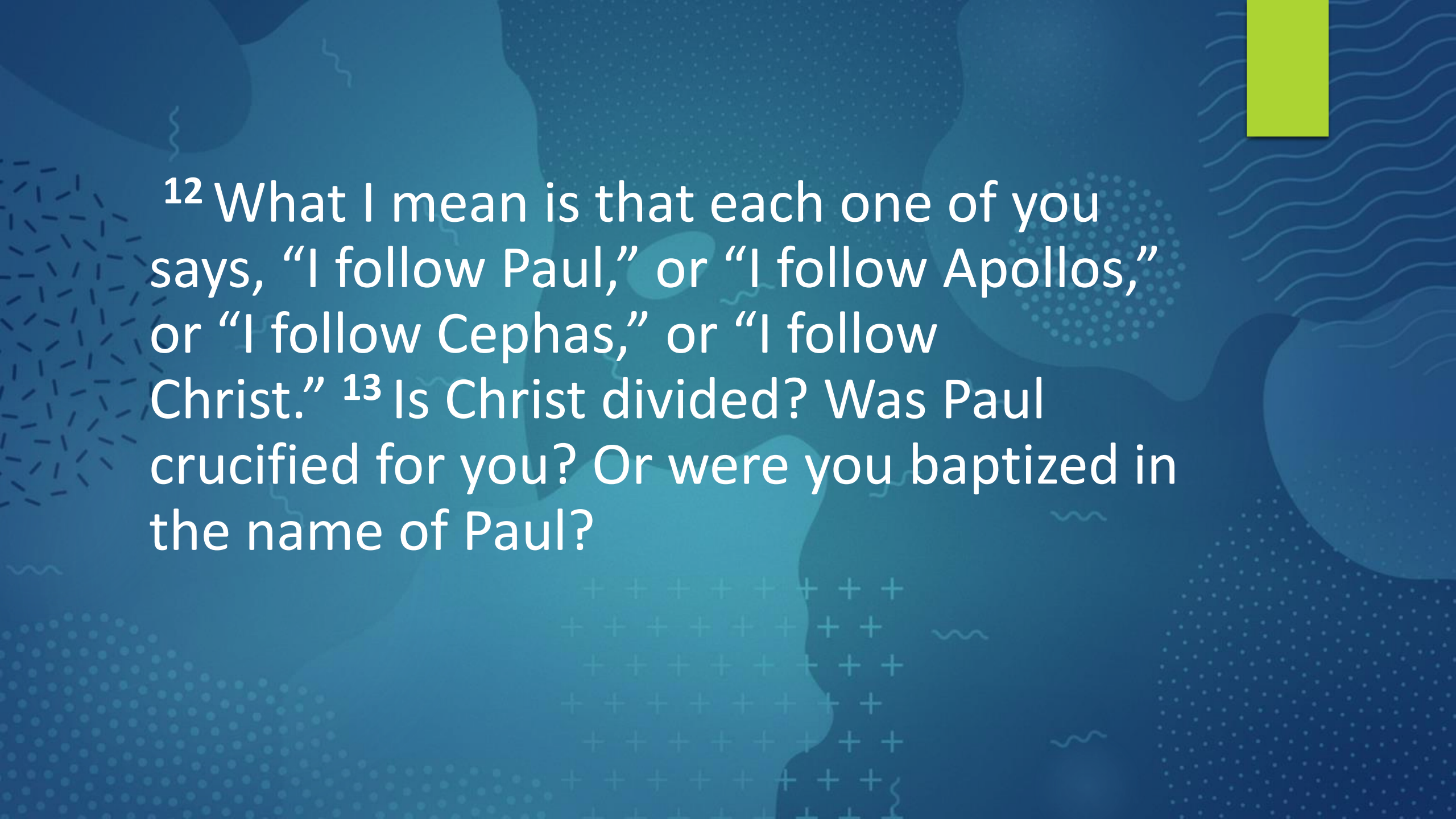
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God's Way

1 CORINTHIANS 1:12-13



¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

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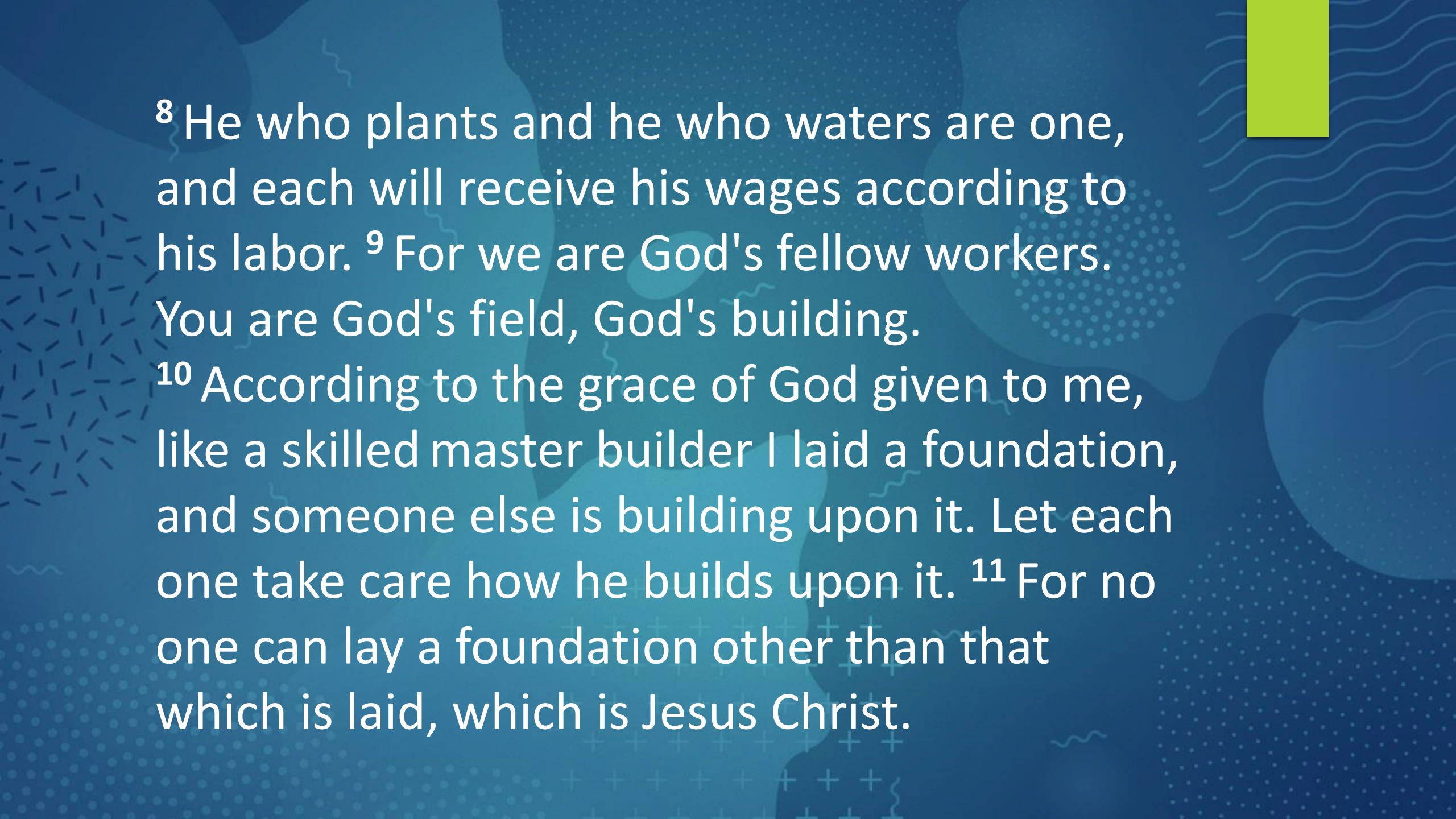
1 CORINTHIANS 3:4-7

⁴ For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

God's Way

1 CORINTHIANS 3:8-11



⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

God's Way

**PSALM 127:1 UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE,
THOSE WHO BUILD IT LABOR IN VAIN.**

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My Way? No way!