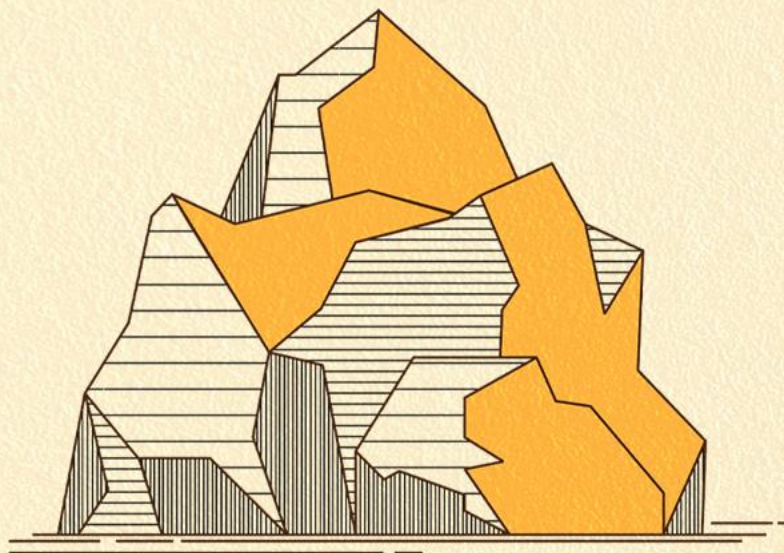
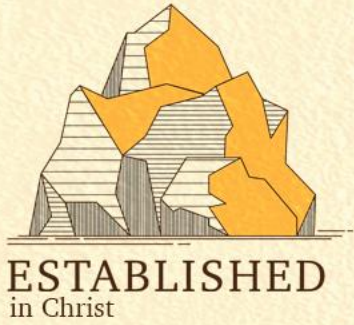




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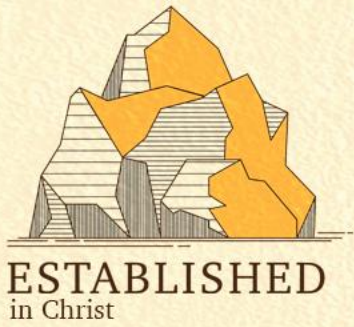
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Colossians 2:8-15



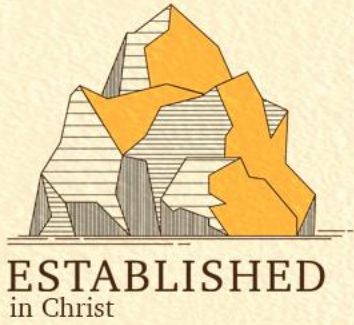
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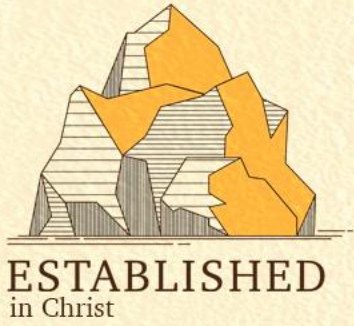
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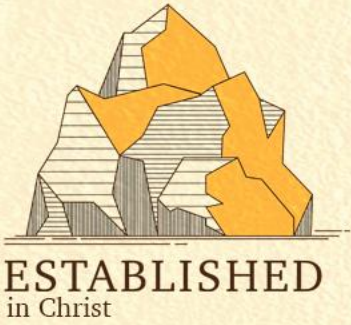
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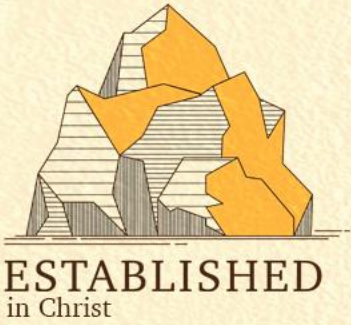
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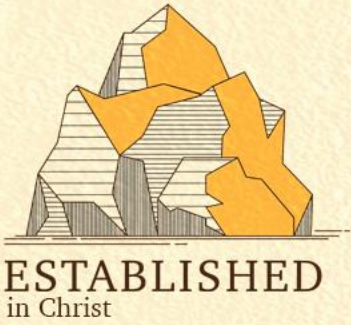
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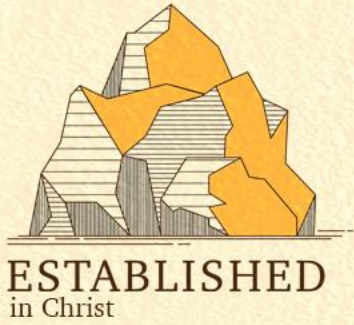
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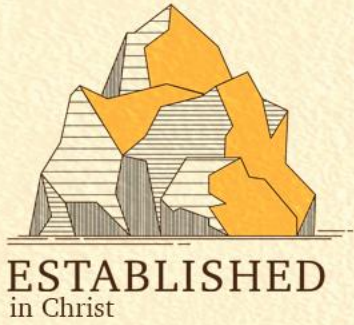
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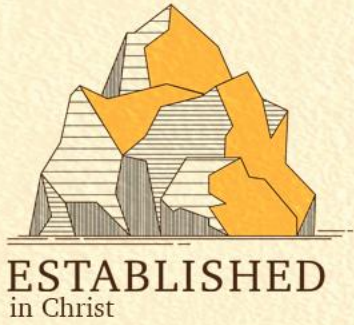
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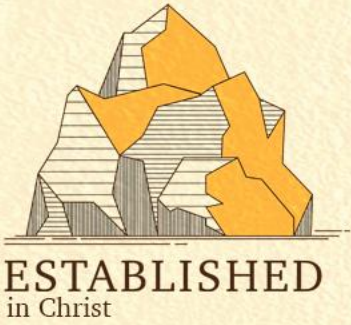
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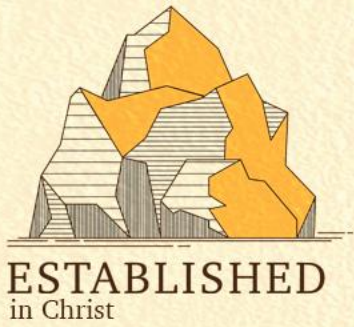
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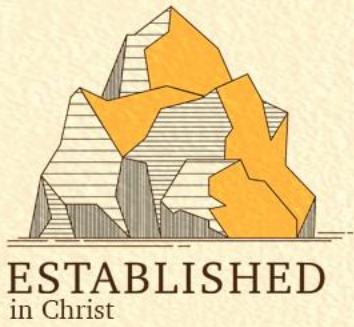


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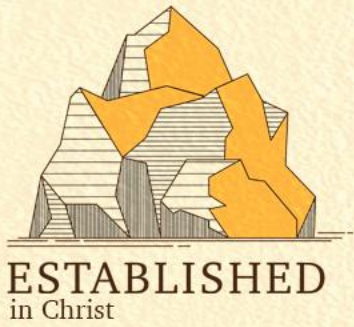


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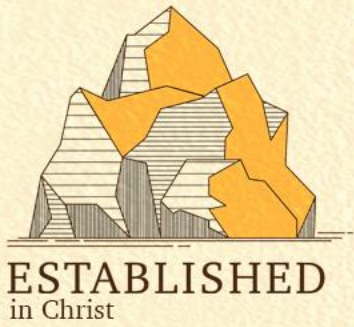
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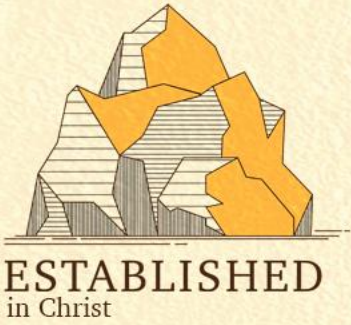


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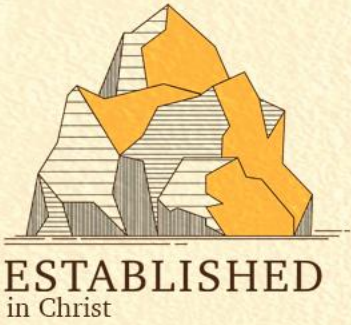
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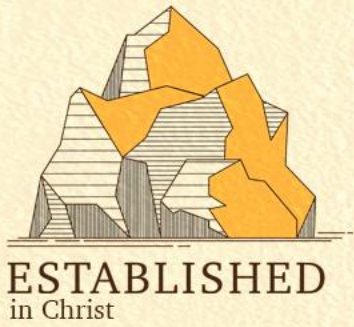
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Baptism Class

September 13 at 8:00 a.m.

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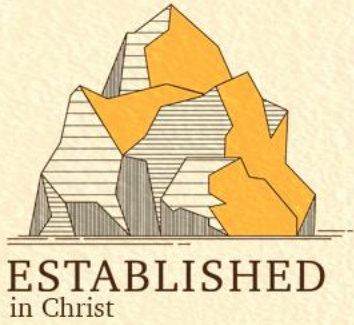




What did Christ do?

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¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.



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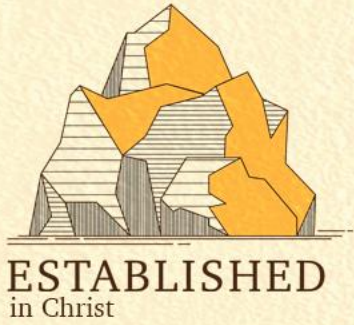
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...having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.



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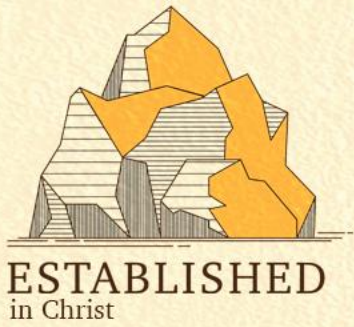
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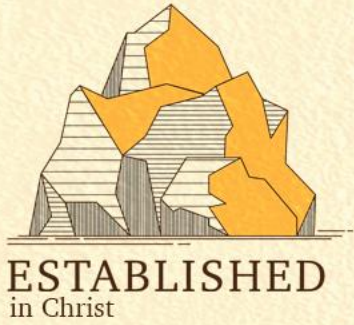
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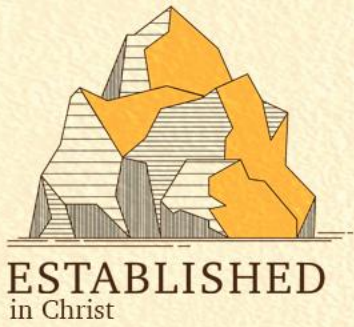
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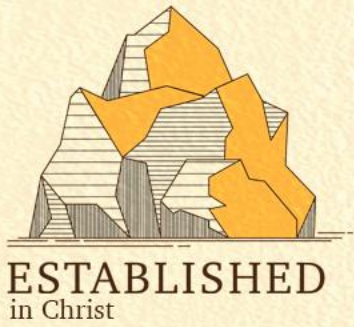


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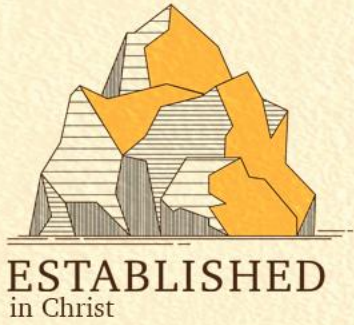
So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:17)



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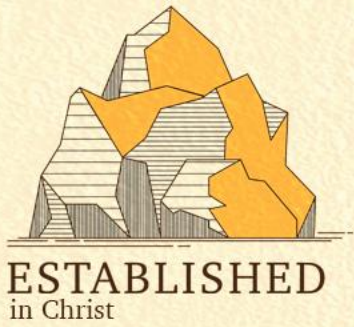
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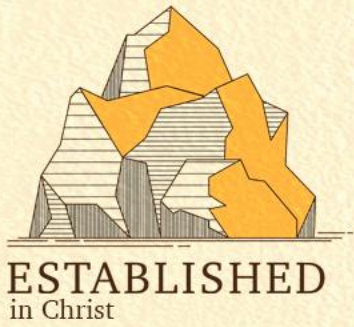
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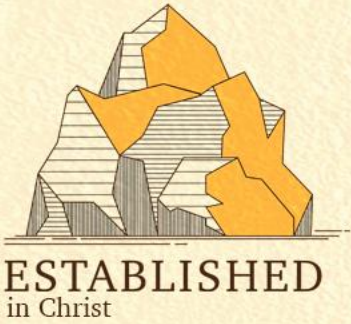
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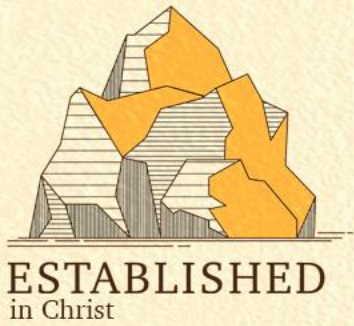
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Union with Christ

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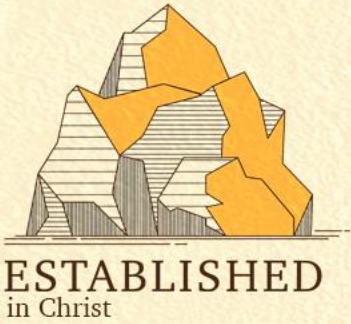
(Colossians 1:9-12)



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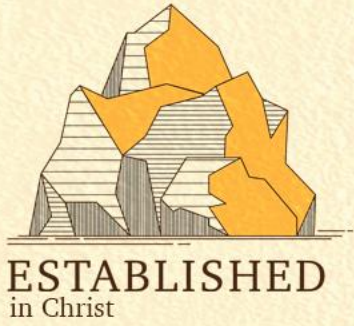
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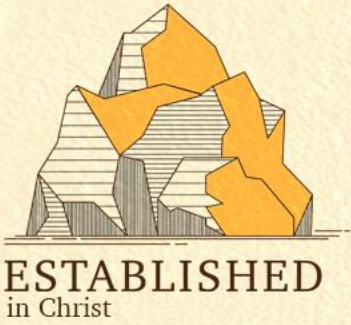
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Kids Question

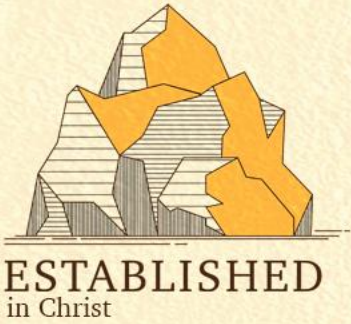


Kids Question

We talked about two big, important characteristics that Christ has.
What are they?

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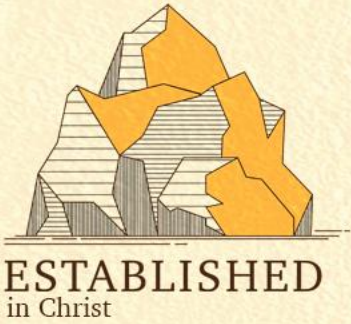
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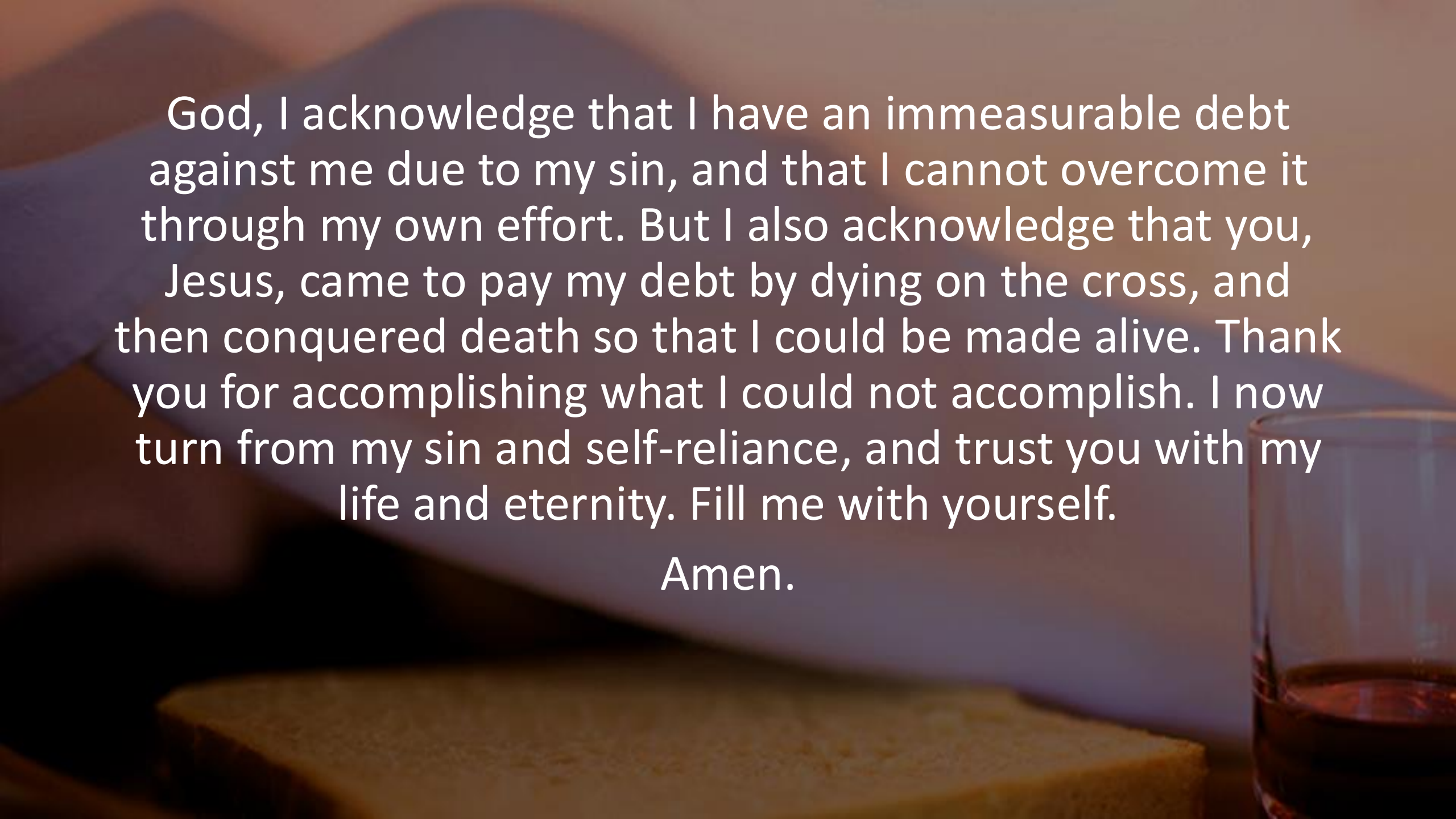
COMMUNION

A close-up photograph of communion elements. In the foreground, a slice of white bread is visible on the left, and a glass of red wine is on the right. The background is a soft-focus white cloth draped over a table, with warm, golden light illuminating the scene.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.





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SUMMITVIEW KIDS



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