

A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones reaching up from the bottom, holding small autumn leaves in yellow, orange, and red. The background is dark and out of focus, showing a blue jacket and a zipper. The text is overlaid in the center.

One Body in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

Where is my **home**?

How do I find
peace?

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11 Therefore, remember that formerly
you who are Gentiles by birth
and called “uncircumcised” by those
who call themselves “the circumcision”
(which is done in the body by human hands)

Ephesians 2:11 (NIV) (p.1/8)

12 remember that at that time
you were separate from Christ,

excluded from citizenship in Israel
and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,
without hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV) (p.2/8)

13 But now in Christ Jesus
you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV) (p.3/8)

14 For he himself is our peace,
who has made the two groups one
and has destroyed the barrier,
the dividing wall of hostility,

15 by setting aside in his flesh
the law with its commands and regulations.

Ephesians 2:14-15 (NIV) (p.4/8)

His purpose was to create in himself
one new humanity out of the two,
thus making peace,

16 and in one body to reconcile both of them
to God through the cross,
by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:15-16 (NIV) (p.5/8)

17 He came and preached
peace to you who were far away
and peace to those who were near.

18 For through him we both have
access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-18 (NIV) (p.6/8)

19 Consequently, you are no longer
foreigners and strangers,
but fellow citizens with God's people
and also members of his household,
20 built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself
as the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NIV) (p.7/8)

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21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV) (p.8/8)

One Body in Christ (Eph2)

- Without Christ:
Former Enemies (v11-13)
- What Christ did:
****Made at Peace** (v14-18)
- Life in Christ:
Growing Together (v19-22)

Remember that at that time
you were **separate** from Christ

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)

The background of the slide features a sunset scene with the ocean and waves. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of several people are visible, looking out towards the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a darker blue at the top.

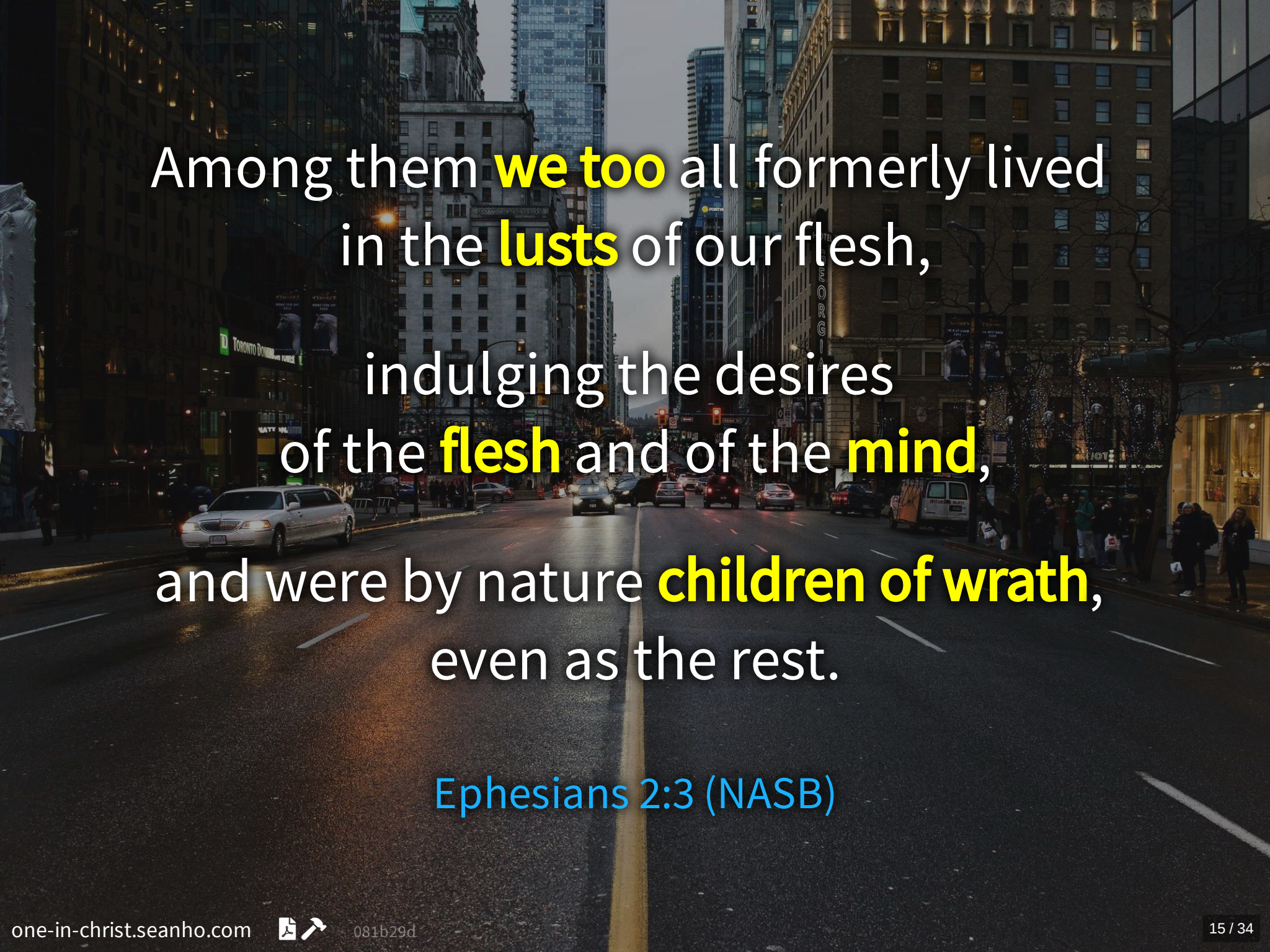
foreigners to the **covenants** of the promise

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)



without **hope** and without **God** in the world

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV)



Among them **we too** all formerly lived
in the **lusts** of our flesh,
indulging the desires
of the **flesh** and of the **mind**,
and were by nature **children of wrath**,
even as the rest.

Ephesians 2:3 (NASB)

**What has Christ
saved me from?**

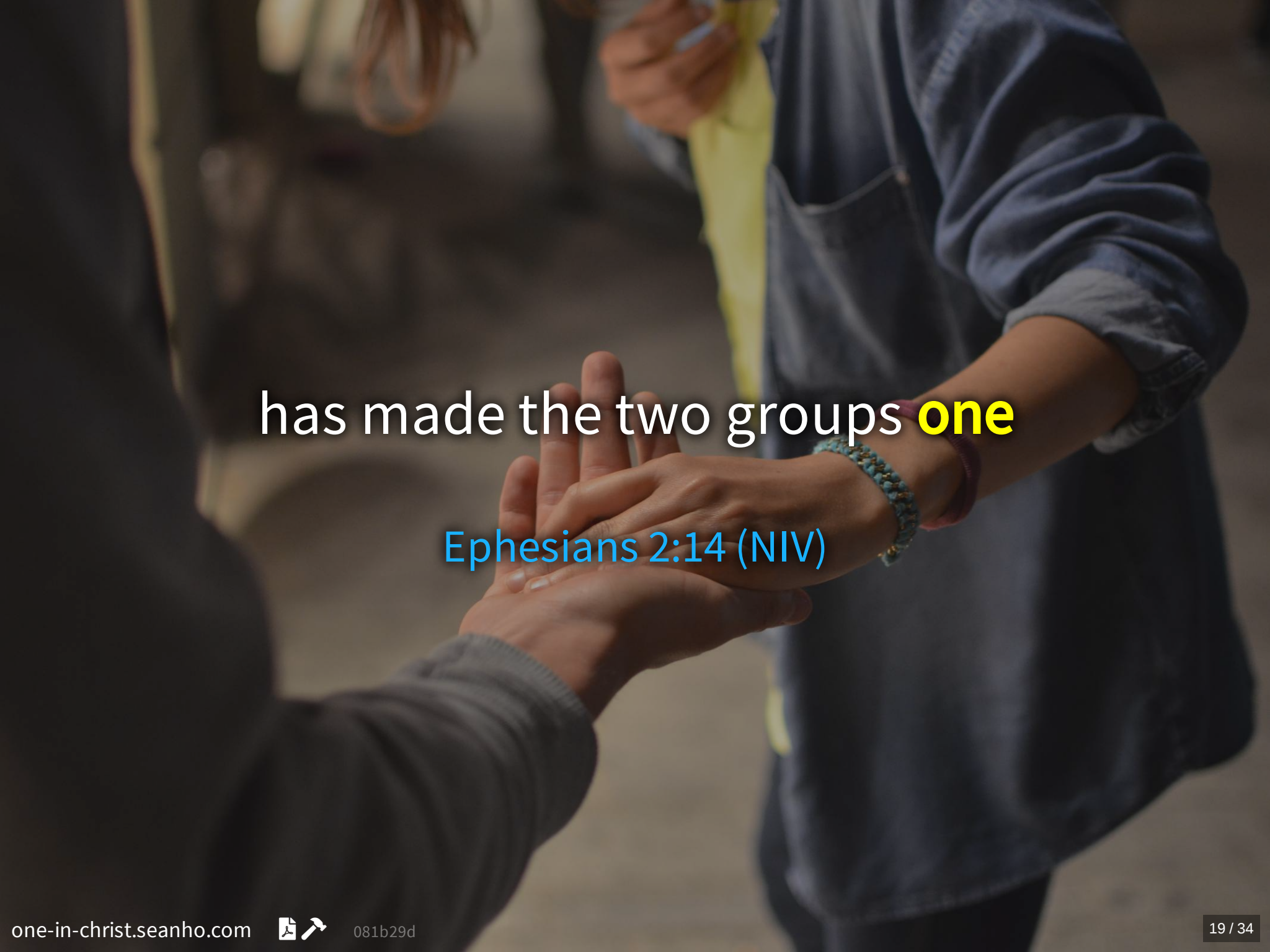
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Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)



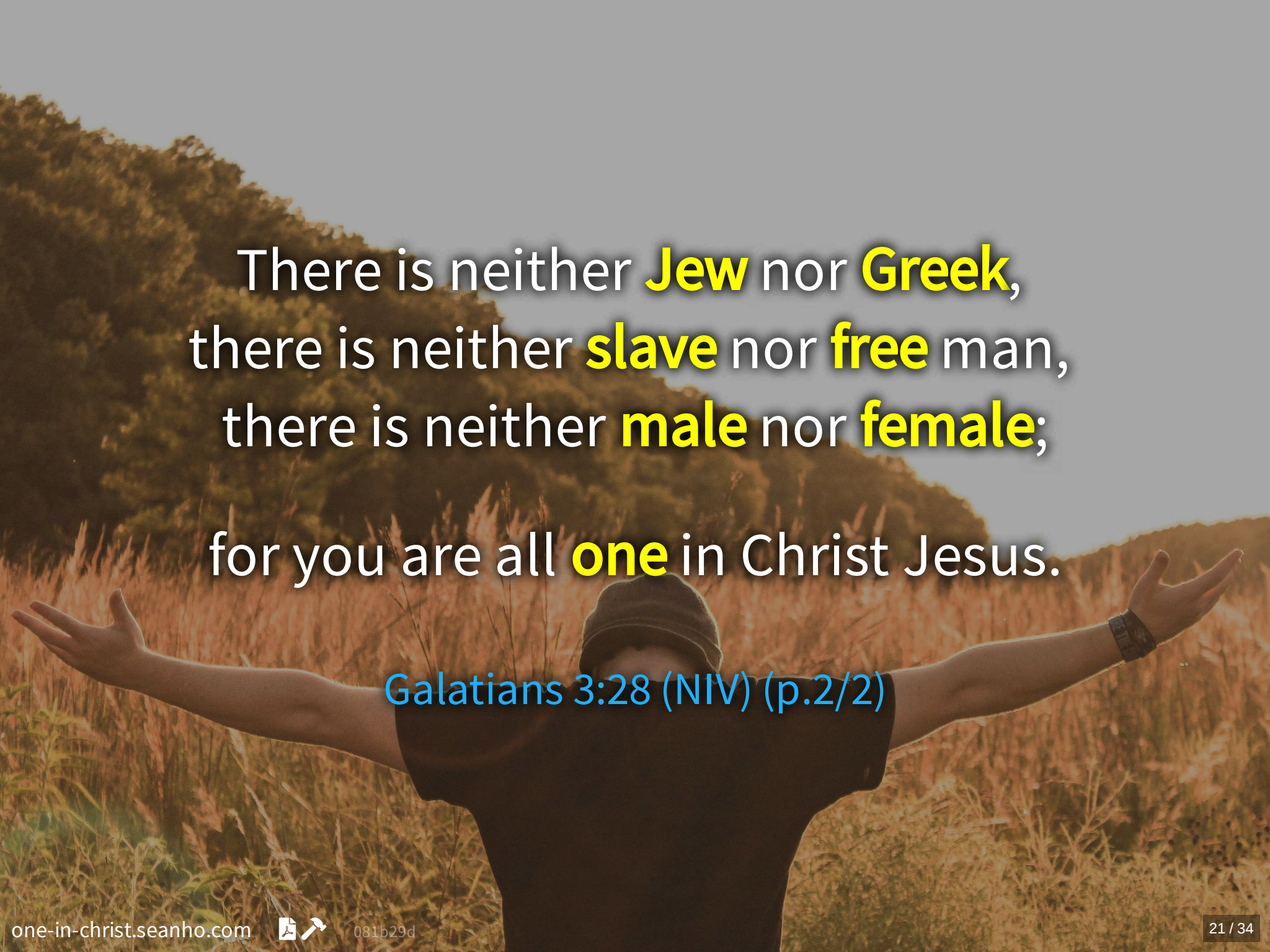
has made the two groups **one**

Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)

A person is seen from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie. A black wristband is visible on their left wrist. In the background, there is a line of trees and a hill under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and open.

For all of you who were **baptized** into Christ
have **clothed** yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:27 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background shows a line of trees under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and expansive.


There is neither **Jew** nor **Greek**,
there is neither **slave** nor **free** man,
there is neither **male** nor **female**;
for you are all **one** in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NIV) (p.2/2)



in **one body** to reconcile **both** of them
to **God** through the cross

Ephesians 2:16 (NIV)



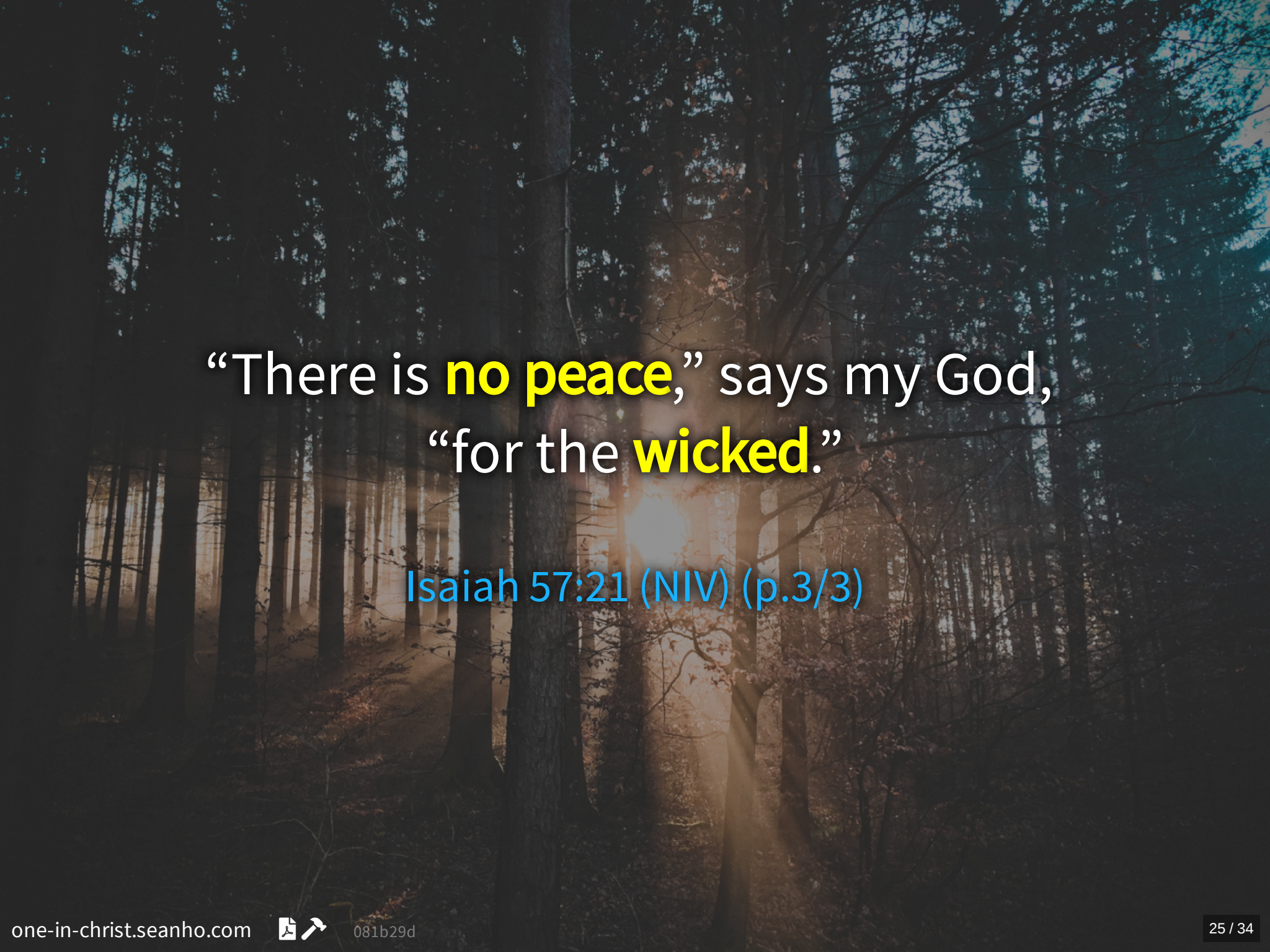
I live in a **high** and **holy** place,
but also with the **contrite**
and **lowly** in spirit,
to **revive the spirit** of the lowly
and to **revive the heart** of the contrite.

Isaiah 57:15 (NIV) (p.1/3)

Peace, peace, to those far and near,”
says the Lord.

“And I will **heal** them.”

Isaiah 57:19 (NIV) (p.2/3)



“There is **no peace**,” says my God,
“for the **wicked**.”

Isaiah 57:21 (NIV) (p.3/3)

Am I at peace?
With others, self,
and God?


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Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)



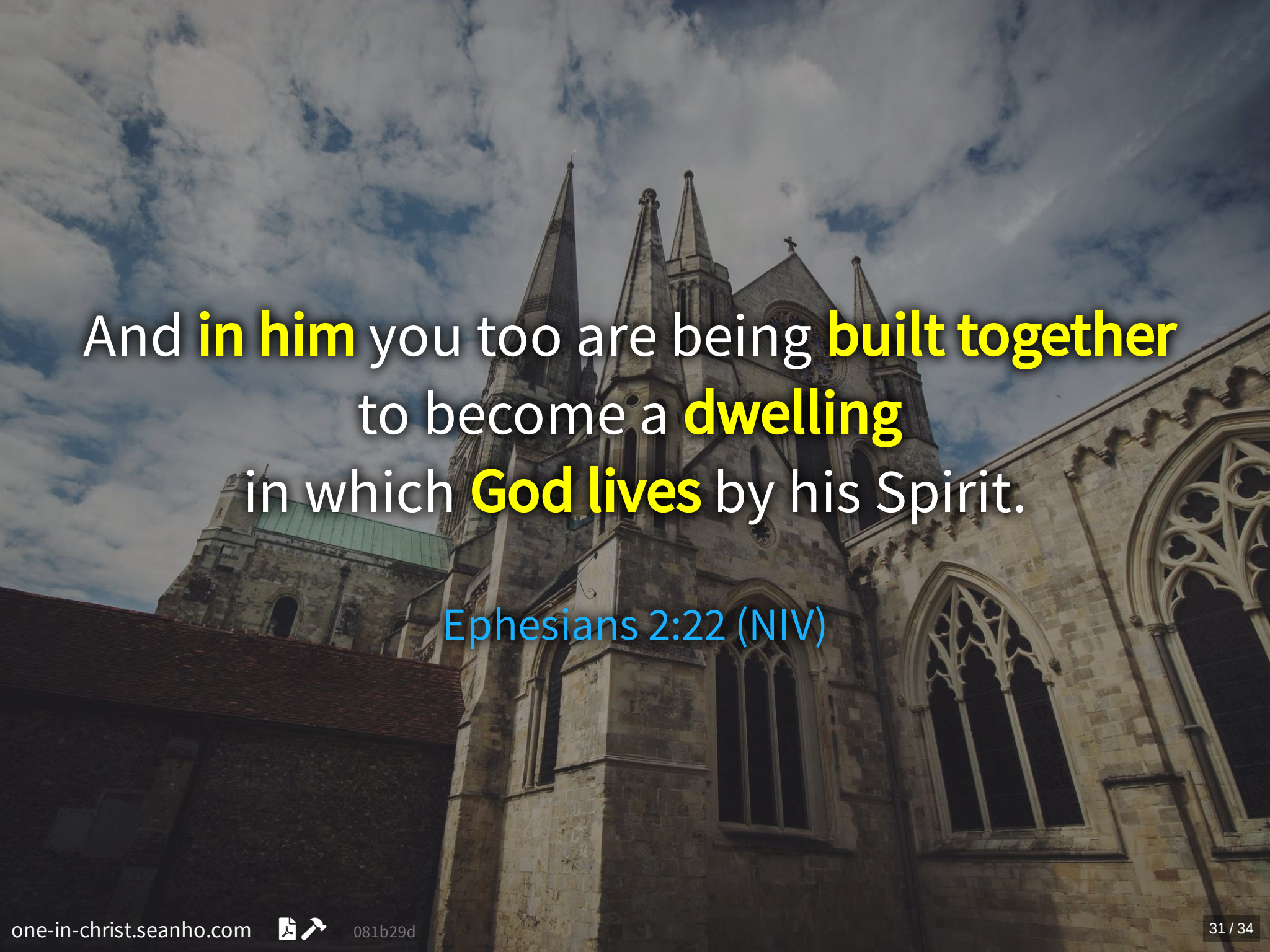
built on the **foundation**
of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself
as the **chief cornerstone**.

Ephesians 2:20 (NIV)



In him the whole **building** is **joined together**
and **rises** to become a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:20 (NIV)



And **in him** you too are being **built together**
to become a **dwelling**
in which **God lives** by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22 (NIV)

Are **we** growing into
a **Bethel**?

A background image showing several hands of different skin tones holding small, colorful autumn leaves (yellow, orange, and red) against a dark, blurred background. The hands are positioned in a way that suggests they are carefully holding or presenting the leaves.

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and rises to become a **holy temple** in the Lord.

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Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)

