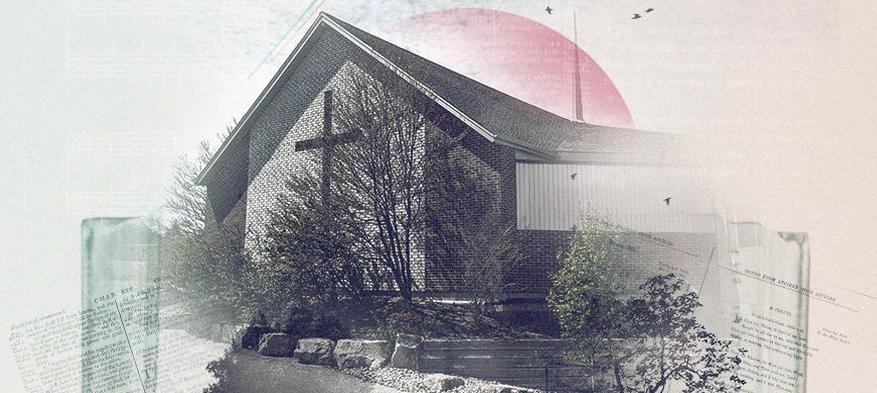
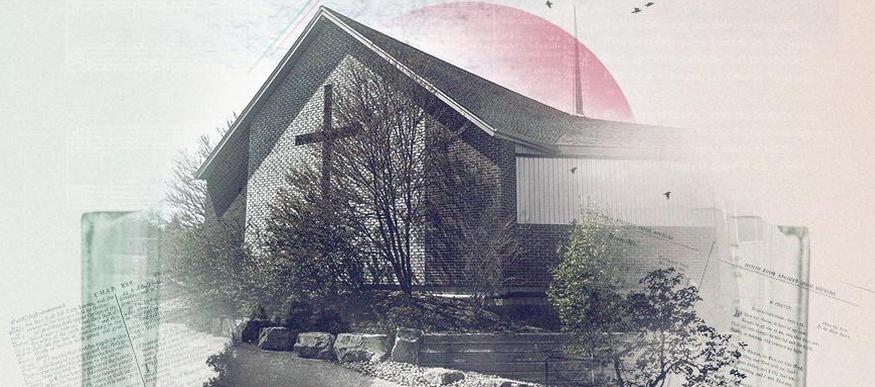


Why Church?



BEING THE BODY



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1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

²³ and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it,

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

The Apostle Paul specifically used the image of a body as a macrocosm of the church universal with all the believers in the world or as a microcosm of a local church with a specific group of believers in a location

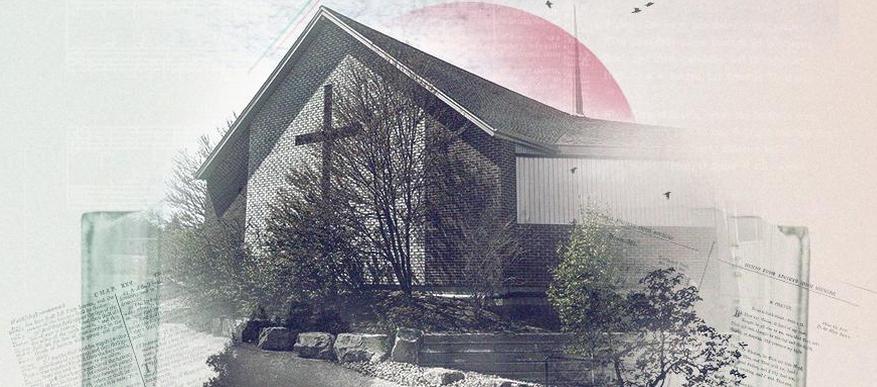
¹⁸ [Christ] is the head of the body, the church... so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

COLOSSIANS 1:18

²² And God placed all things under [Jesus'] 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

1) ENVYING A PART OF THE BODY

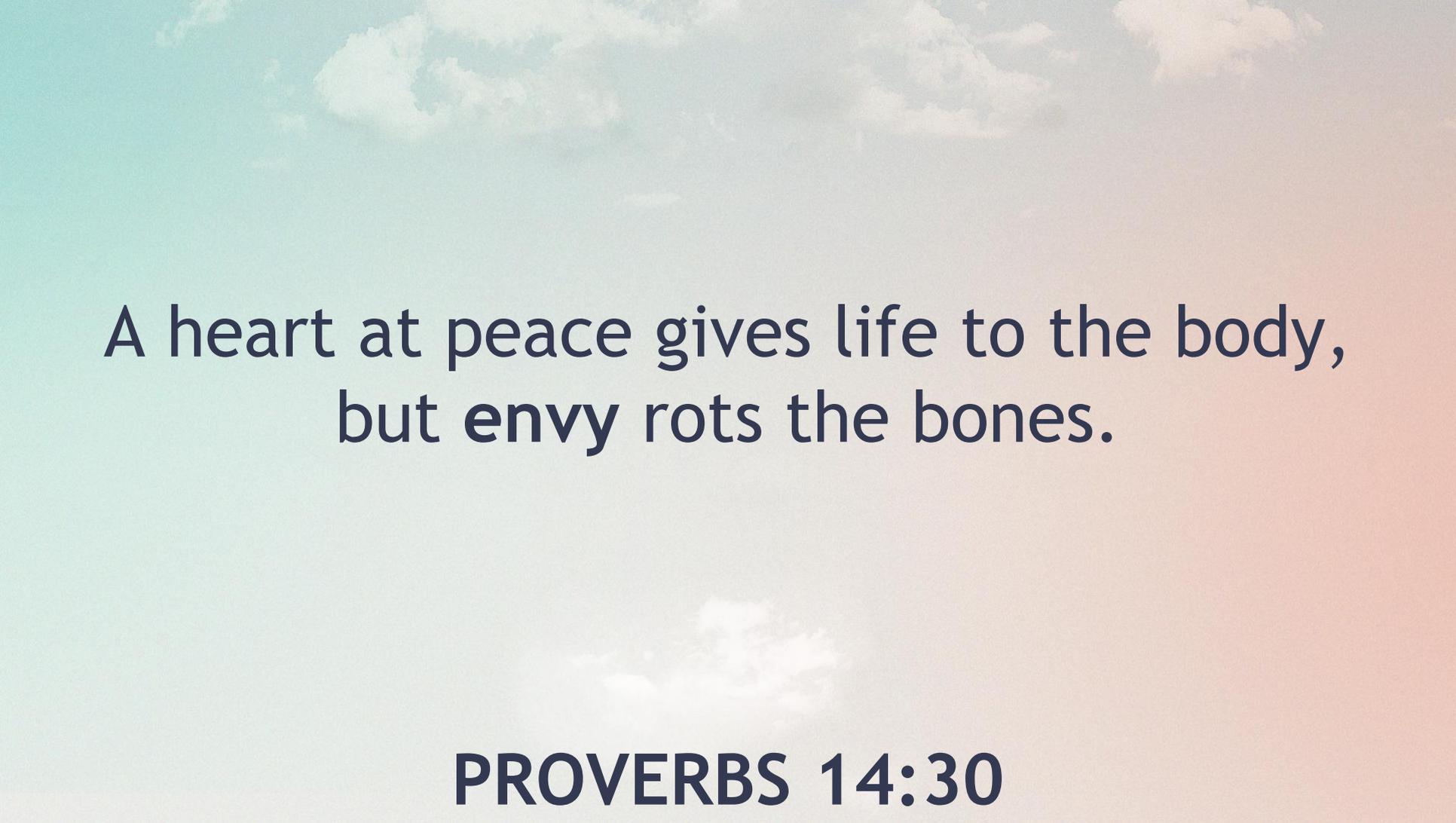


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1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-18



A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but **envy** rots the bones.

PROVERBS 14:30

“What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

MARK 7:20-22



[Love] does not envy.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

If you do not fulfill your assignment in the body of Christ who will? God is not going to replace you. He is waiting for you to stop thinking that the body of Christ is all about you



“But God”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:18

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

EPHESIANS 1:1-5

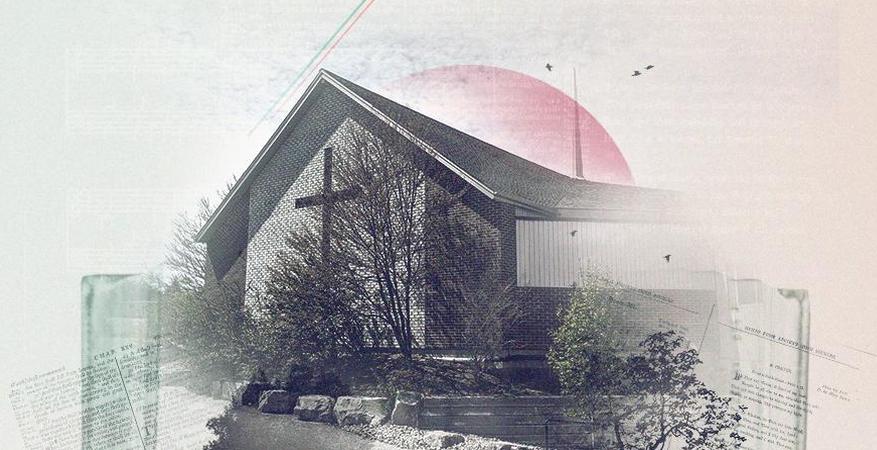
³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ **But** because of his great love for us,

EPHESIANS 1:1-5

God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

EPHESIANS 1:1-5

2) ELIMINATING A PART OF THE BODY



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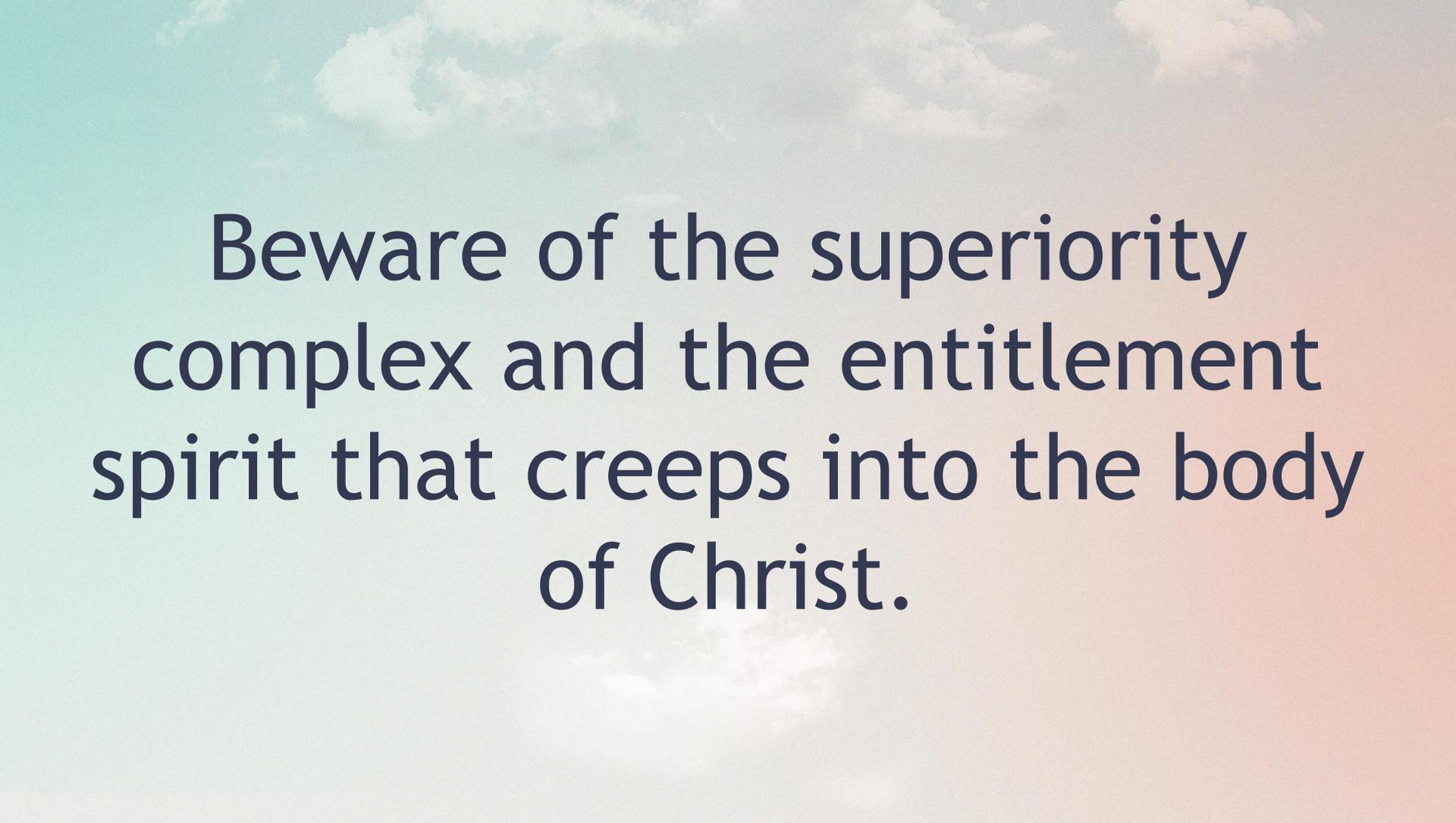
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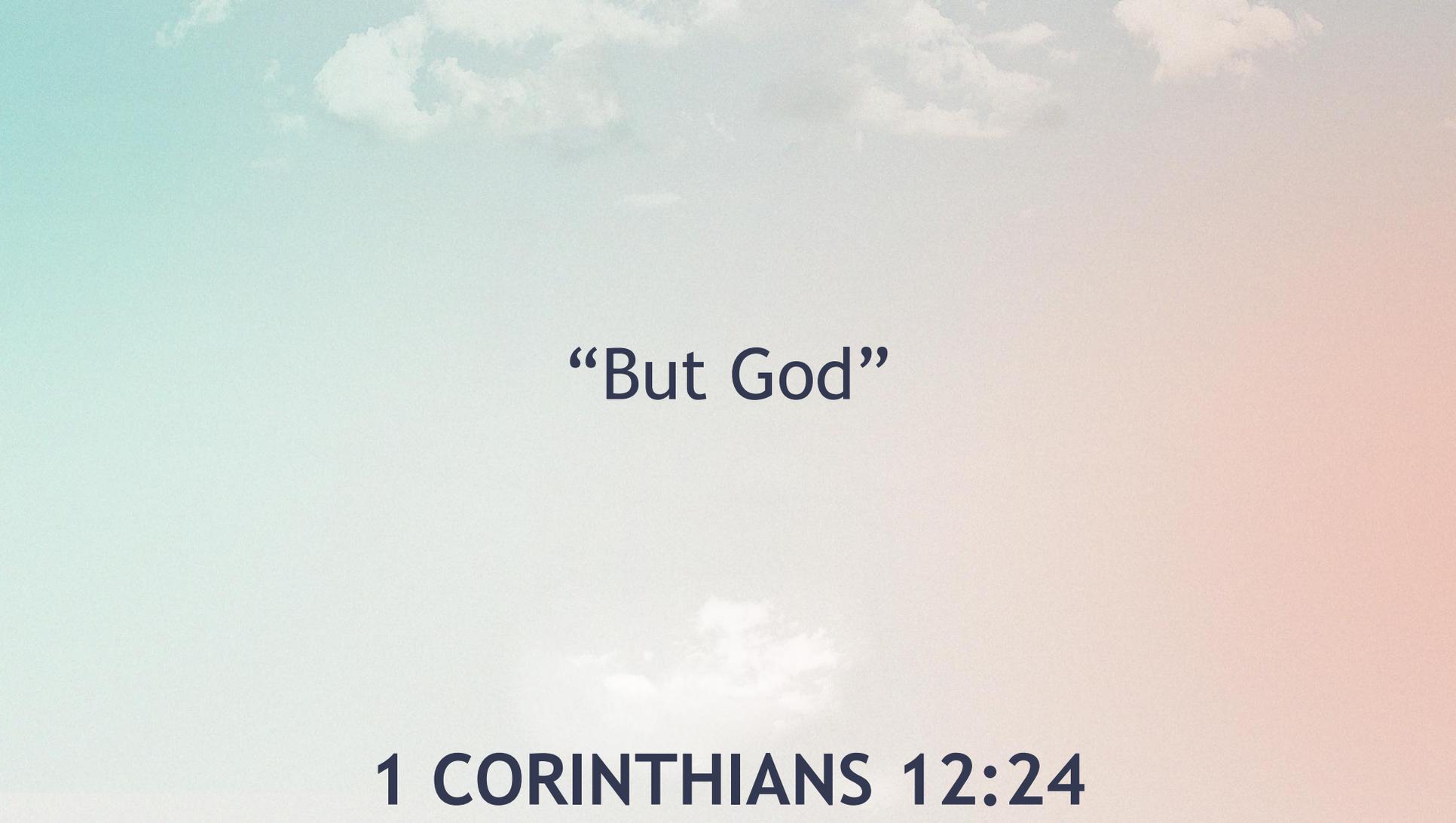
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Beware of the superiority complex and the entitlement spirit that creeps into the body of Christ.

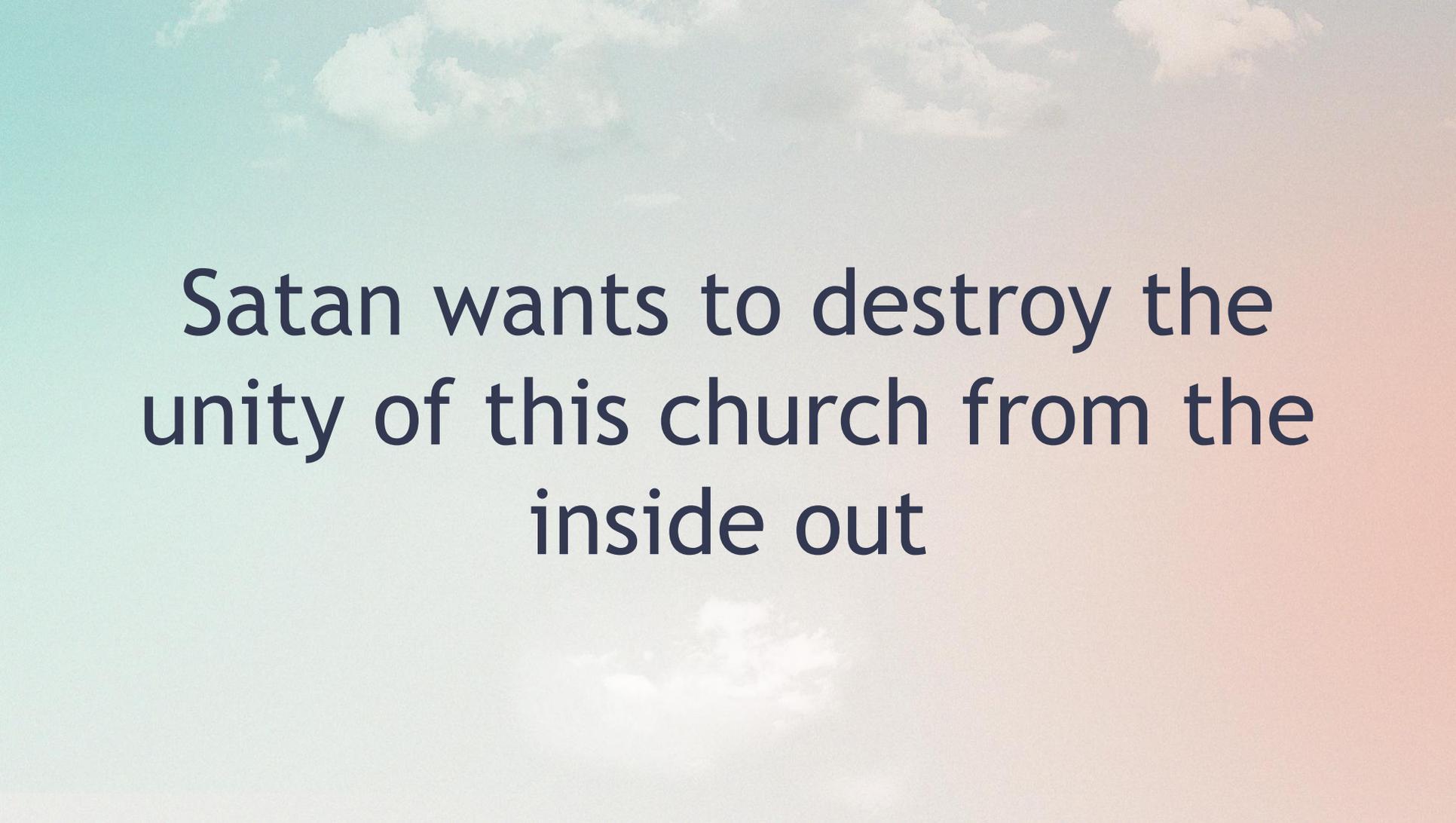


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1 CORINTHIANS 12:13

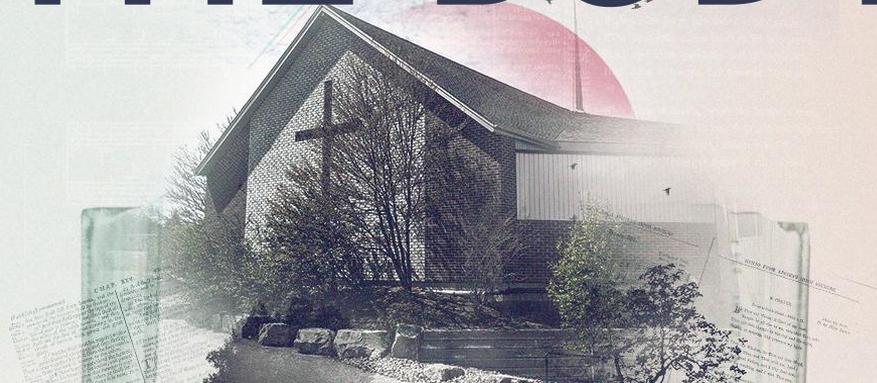


Satan wants to destroy the
unity of this church from the
inside out

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and **that there be no divisions among you**, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

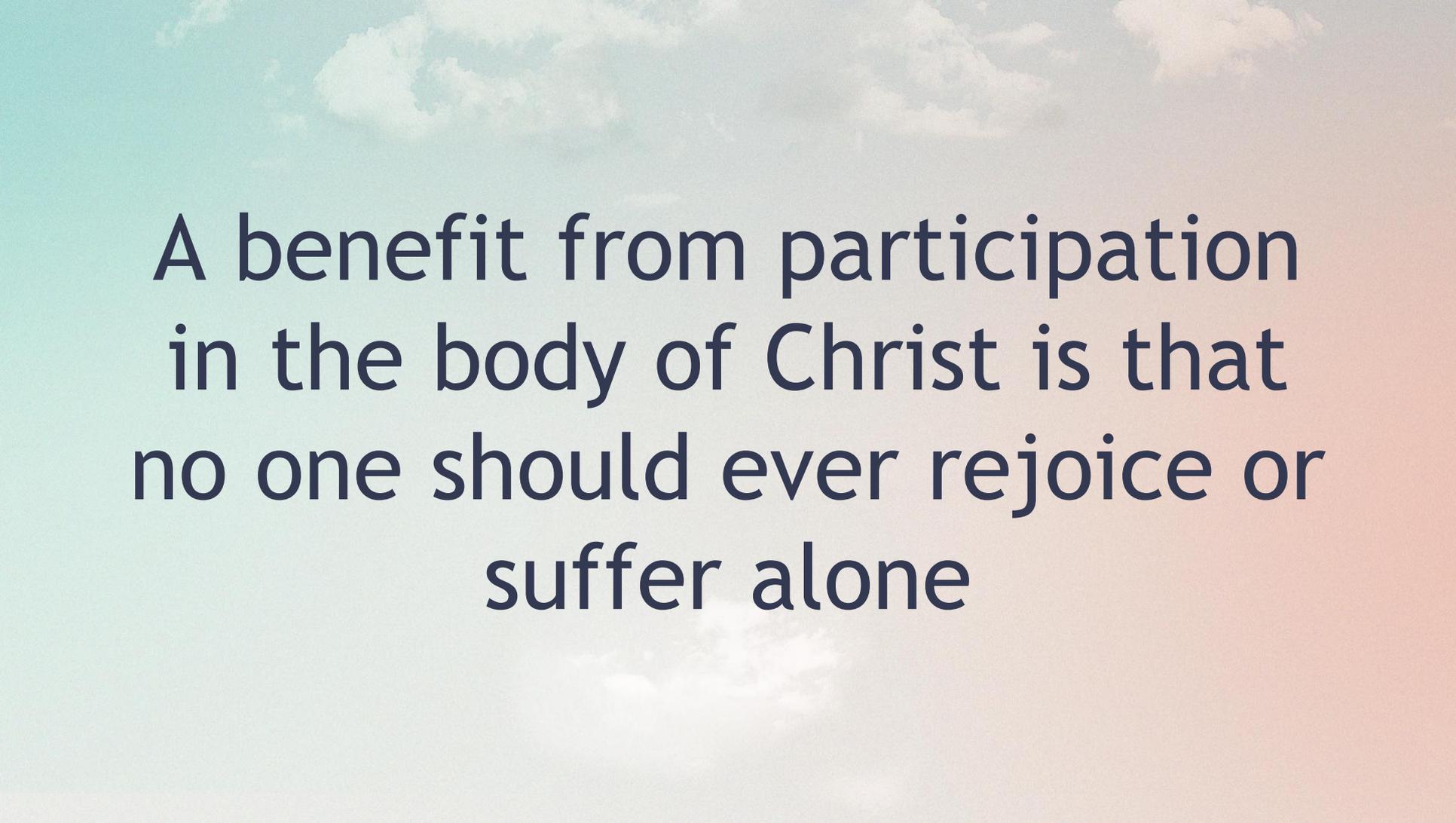
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3) EXPERIENCING JOY AND PAIN WITH THE BODY

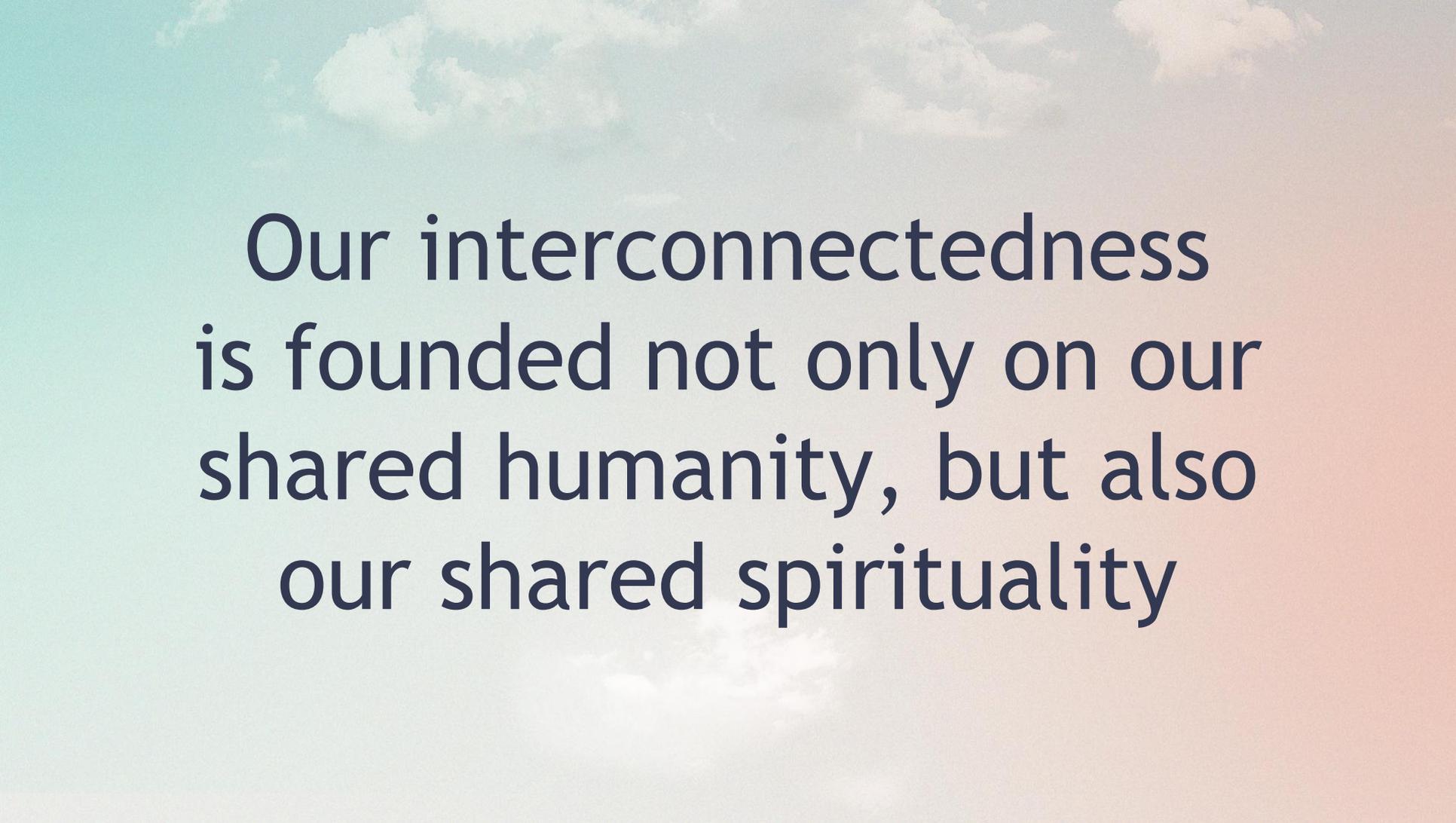


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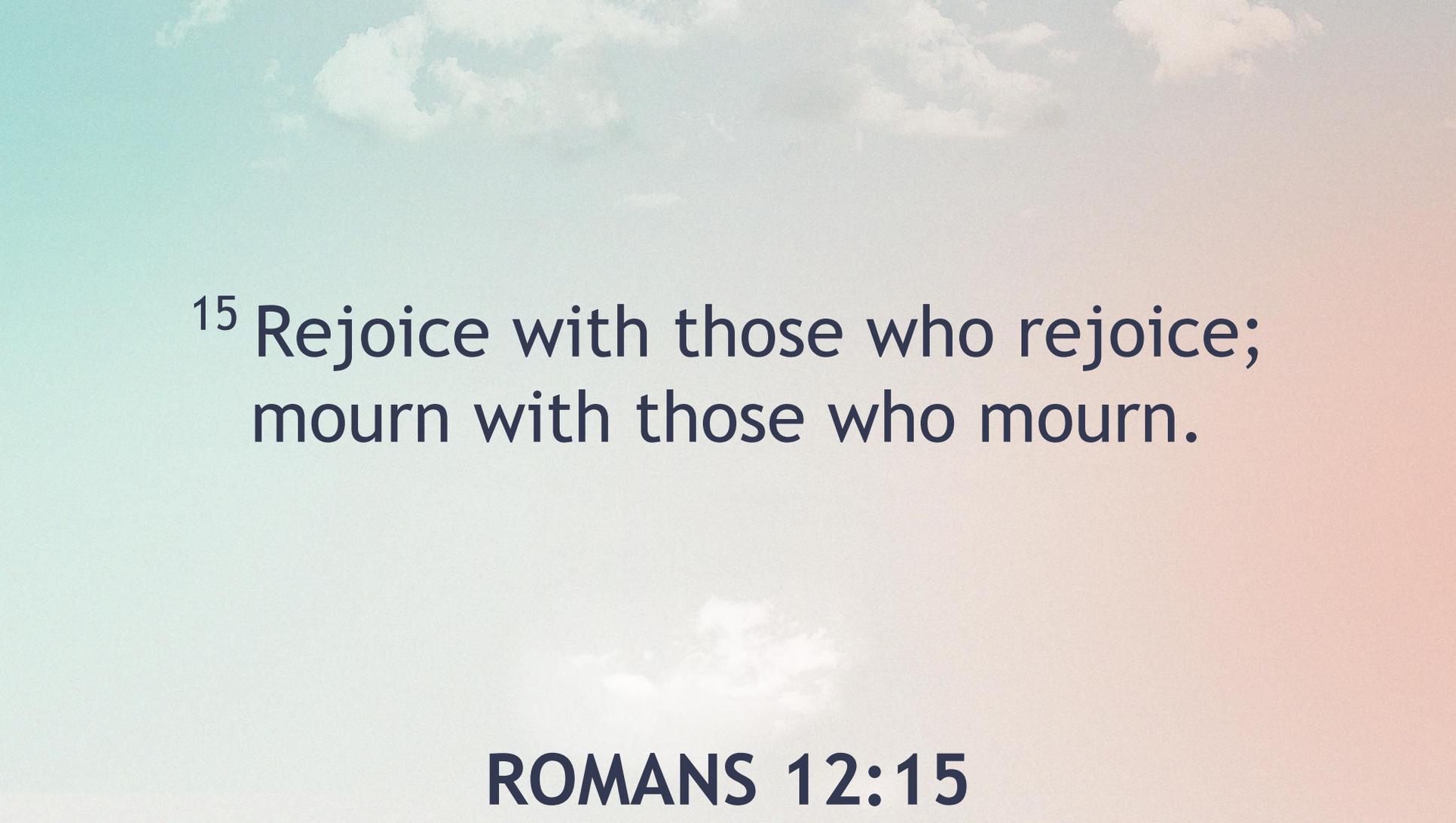
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A benefit from participation
in the body of Christ is that
no one should ever rejoice or
suffer alone



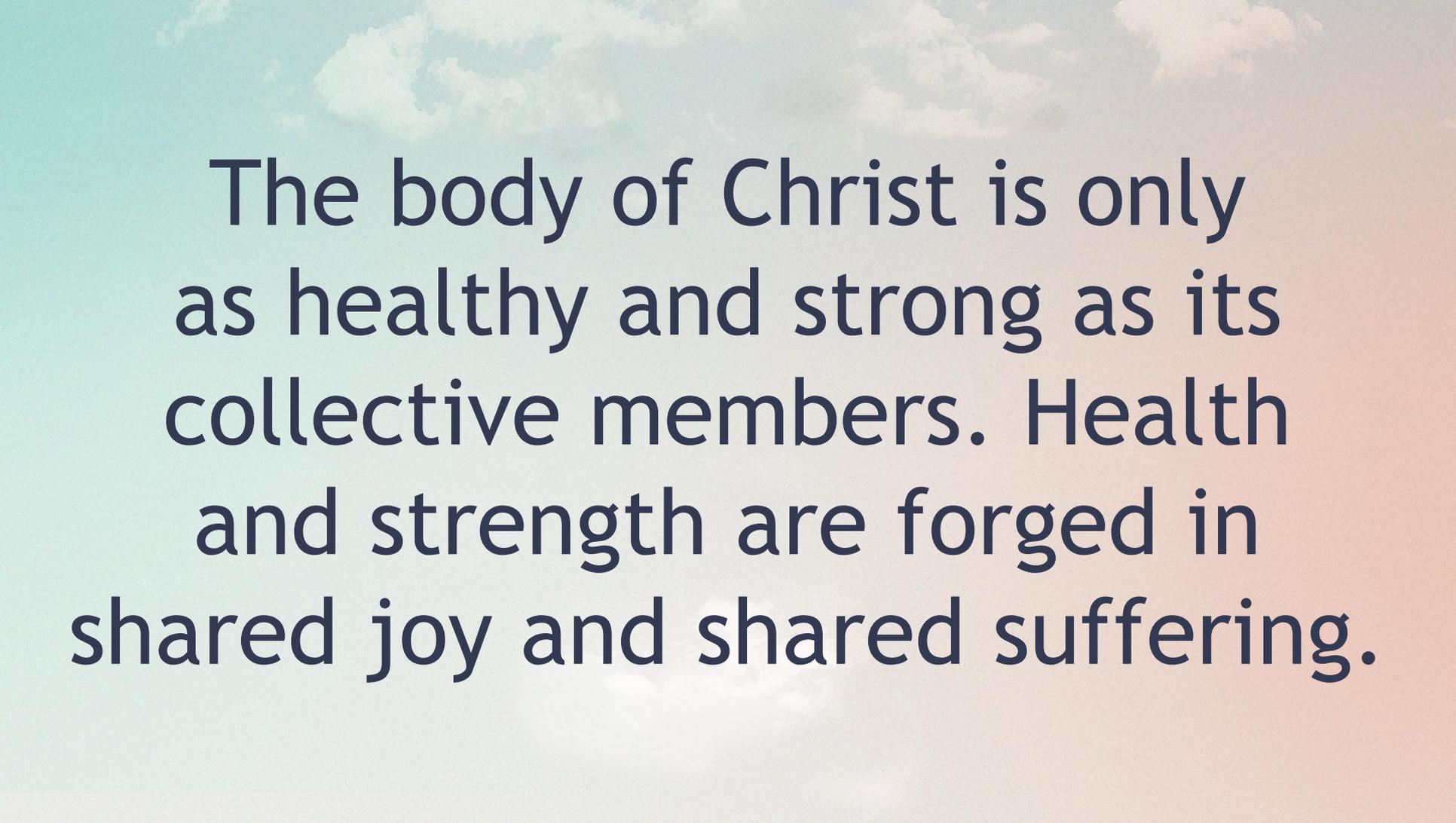
Our interconnectedness
is founded not only on our
shared humanity, but also
our shared spirituality



¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.

ROMANS 12:15

You may be a member of the body of Christ theologically, but you still have not become an active member of the body of Christ practically. The body of Christ that meets at WPA is incomplete without you!



The body of Christ is only as healthy and strong as its collective members. Health and strength are forged in shared joy and shared suffering.

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