

The Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44

The Pearl of Great Value

Matthew 13:45-46



EXPLAINING THE "MYSTERIES" OF THE KINGDOM (MATTHEW 13)

The Kingdom of God:

1) "Already" (spiritual)

Luke 11:20; 17:20-21

2) "Not yet" (earthly)

Luke 11:2; 22:17-18

Issue:
The
surpassing
joy and
value
of the
Kingdom

A man wearing a grey jacket and a dark cap is shown from the chest up, leaning forward and digging in a field with a shovel. The background is a blurred natural setting with green foliage and brown earth. The text is overlaid on the image.

PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE (MATTHEW 13:44)

“The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure hidden in the field,
which a man found and hid again;
and from joy over it he goes
and sells all that he has
and buys that field.”

A man with a grey beard and a headband, wearing a green robe, is kneeling in a field of dry, brown soil. He is using a wooden tool to dig into the ground. The background shows green foliage and trees. The image is framed by a black border.

✓ Why were treasures hidden in fields?
(Matt. 6:19; 25:18)

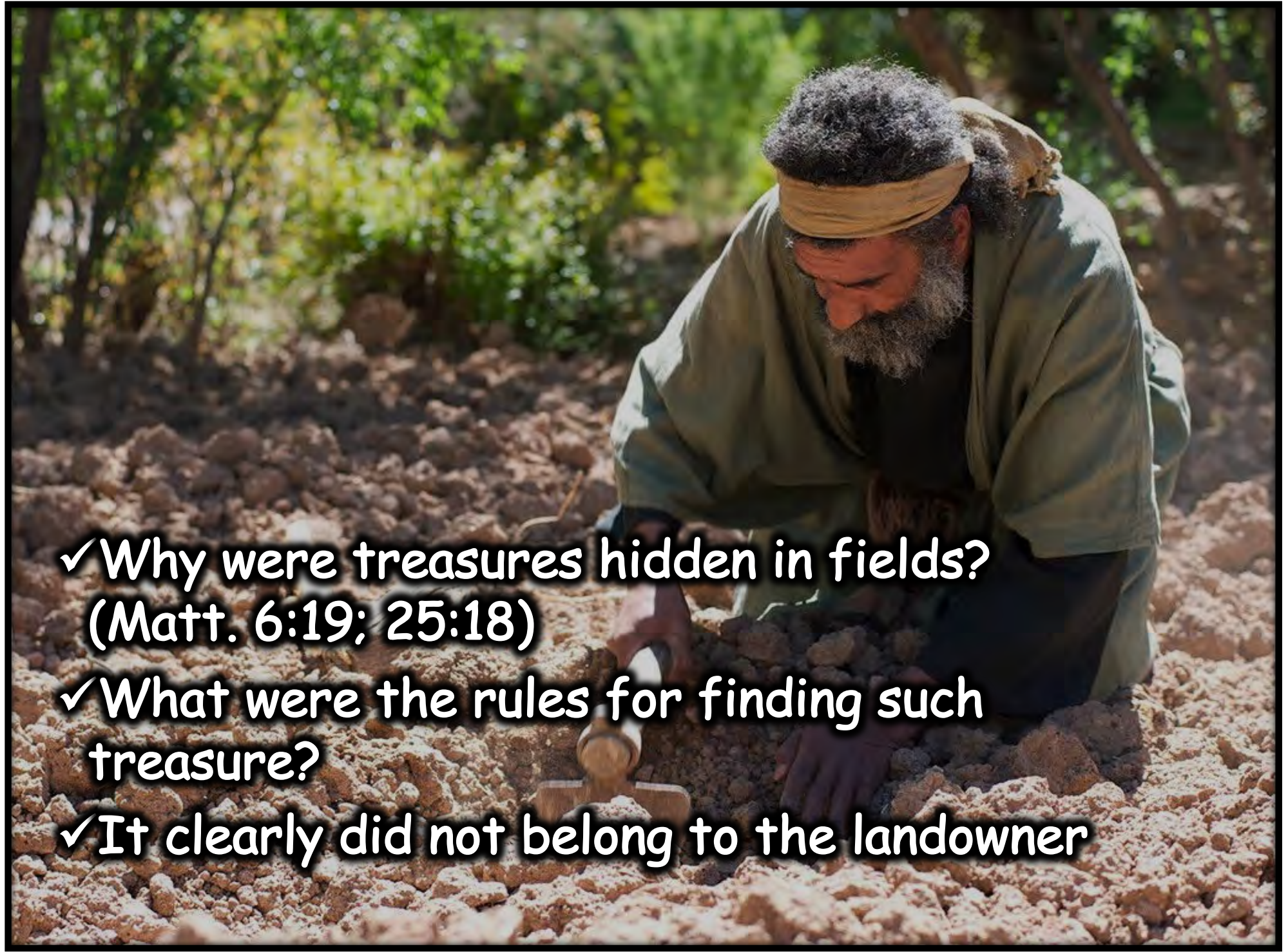
Greece
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Assyria

Babylon

Egypt

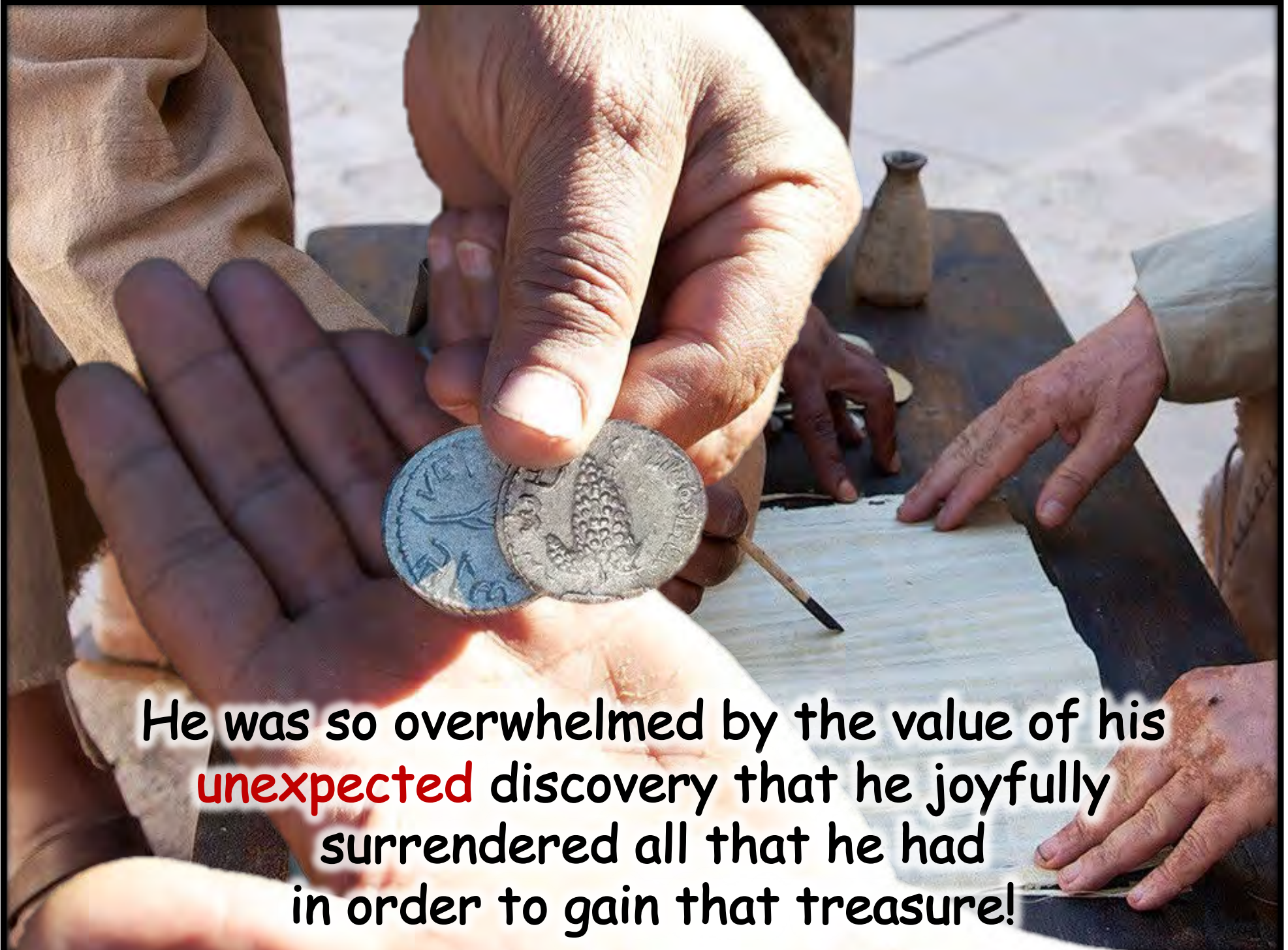




✓ Why were treasures hidden in fields?
(Matt. 6:19; 25:18)

✓ What were the rules for finding such
treasure?

✓ It clearly did not belong to the landowner



He was so overwhelmed by the value of his **unexpected** discovery that he joyfully surrendered all that he had in order to gain that treasure!

A group of men in traditional attire, possibly a marketplace or a teaching scene, with a man in the center holding a pearl. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the central figure and the text.

THE PEARL OF GREAT VALUE (MATTHEW 13:45-46)

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."



- ✓ The merchant was a traveling wholesaler
- ✓ He specialized in fine pearls
(Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean)
- ✓ Pearls were valued above gold at that time



1. The Kingdom of God and the salvation it brings is priceless in value!

John 3:3

1 Peter 1:4

*"The Kingdom of God is the realm where Christ rules over and eternally blesses His loving subjects who in faith, joyfully embrace Him as their Lord and Savior."
(John MacArthur)*



WHAT DO
WE LEARN?



2. The Kingdom of God and its salvation must be personally received through faith.

John 8:39,44

John 1:12-13

Ephesians 2:8-9



WHAT DO
WE LEARN?



3. People enter the Kingdom of God through different circumstances.

👉 Those who stumble onto hidden treasure

Acts 9 → The Apostle Paul

John 4 → The woman at the well

👉 Those who are looking for fine pearls

Acts 8 → The Ethiopian eunuch

Acts 10 → Cornelius

WHAT DO
WE LEARN?



4. Genuine Kingdom citizens are willing to joyfully surrender all they have to serve their King.

Romans 14:8

Matthew 16:24-26

Philippians 3:7-8



*"He is no fool
who gives what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose."
—Jim Elliot*



**WHAT DO
WE LEARN?**





I am
a child of God

"To all who did receive him,
who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God."
(John 1:12)



I have peace with
God

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Romans 5:1)



**The Holy Spirit
lives in me**

**"Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"
(1 Corinthians 3:16)**



I am helped by
God

"Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need."
(Hebrews 4:16)



I am
reconciled
to God

"We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation."
(Romans 5:11)



I have Christ's
righteousness

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become
the righteousness of God."
(2 Corinthians 5:21)



"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Romans 5:1)



I am
Christ's
ambassador

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ,
God making his appeal through us . . ."
(2 Corinthians 5:20)



I am
completely
forgiven

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."
(Colossians 1:13-14)



I am
tenderly loved
by God

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life."
(John 3:16)



I am
a temple in which
God dwells

"Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"
(1 Corinthians 3:16)



I am
Christ's friend

"No longer do I call you servants,
for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but
I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my
Father I have made known to you."
(John 15:15)



I am chosen
by Christ to bear
fruit

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you."
(John 15:16)



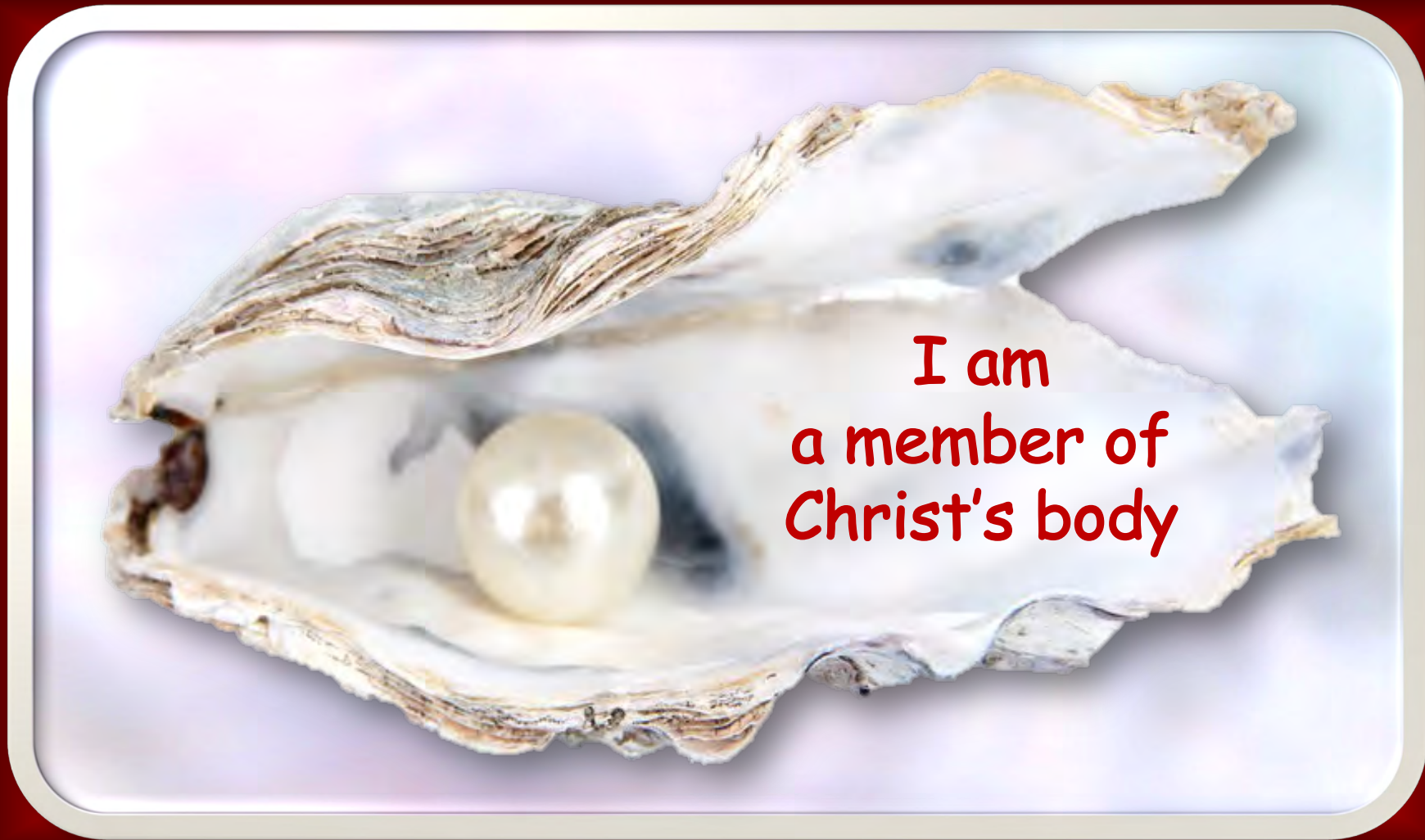
I am a branch
on Christ's vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much
fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."
(John 15:5)



I am a
joint heir
with Christ

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ . . ."
(Romans 8:16-17)



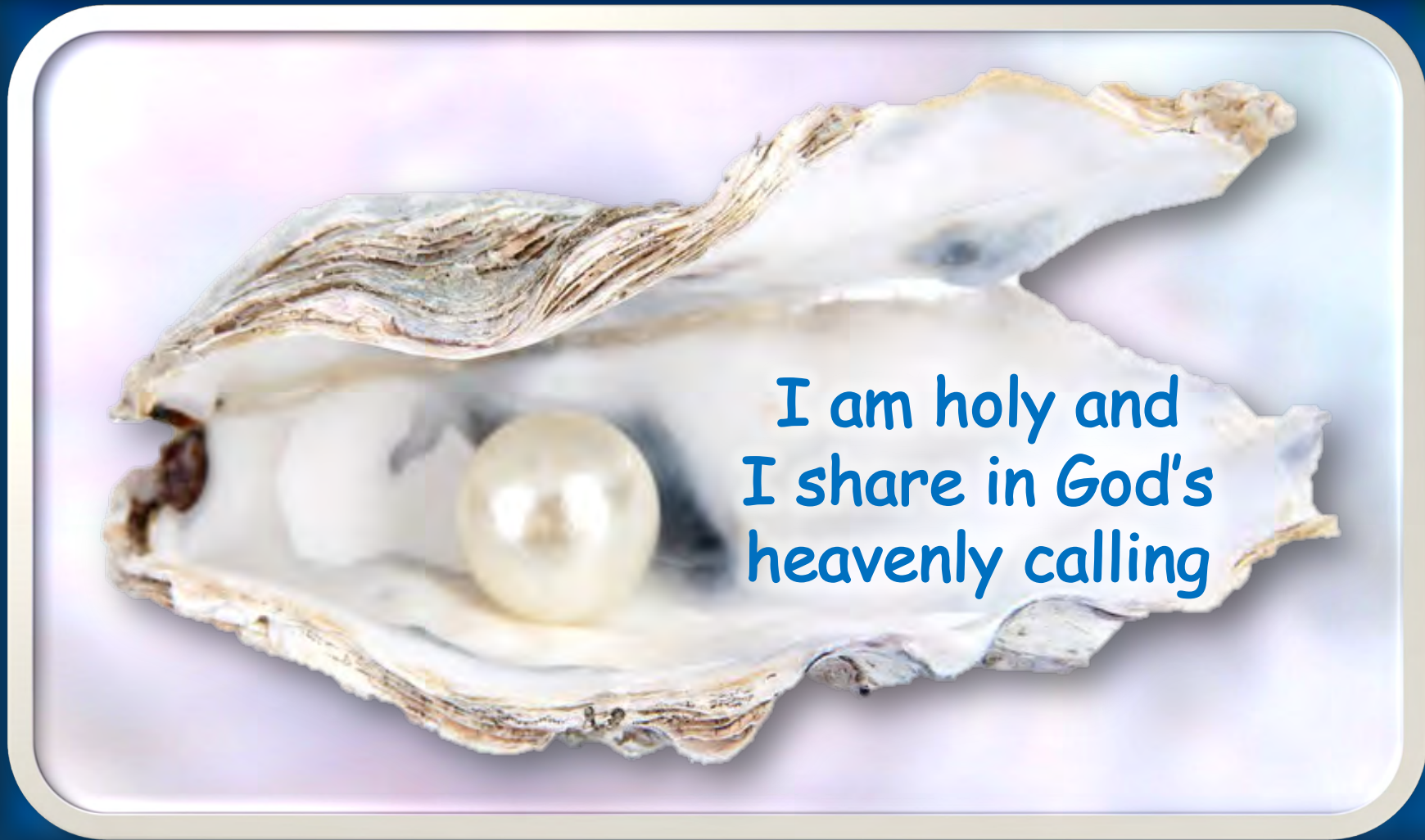
I am
a member of
Christ's body

"Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it"
(1 Corinthians 12:27)



I am chosen
by God, holy
and dearly loved

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility,
meekness, and patience."
(Colossians 3:12)



I am holy and
I share in God's
heavenly calling

"Therefore, holy brothers, you who share
in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus,
the apostle and high priest of our confession."
(Hebrews 3:1)



I am
sanctified

"For he who sanctifies
and those who are sanctified all have one source."
(Hebrews 2:11)



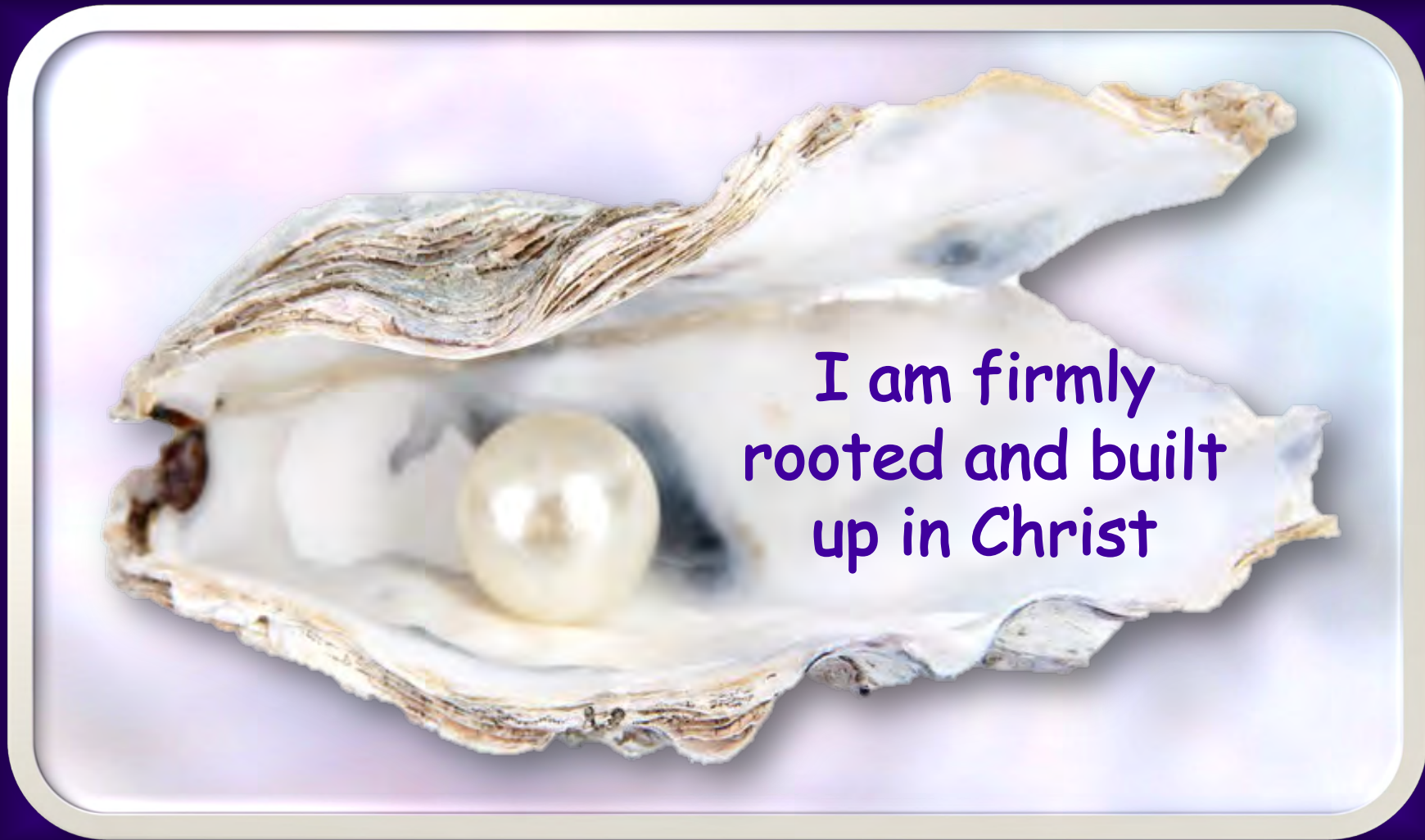
I am one
of God's living
stones

"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."
(1 Peter 2:5)



I am a member of a
chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a
holy nation,
a people for God's
own possession

"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."
(1 Peter 2:9)



I am firmly
rooted and built
up in Christ

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in him, rooted and built up in him
and established in the faith . . ."
(Colossians 2:6-7)



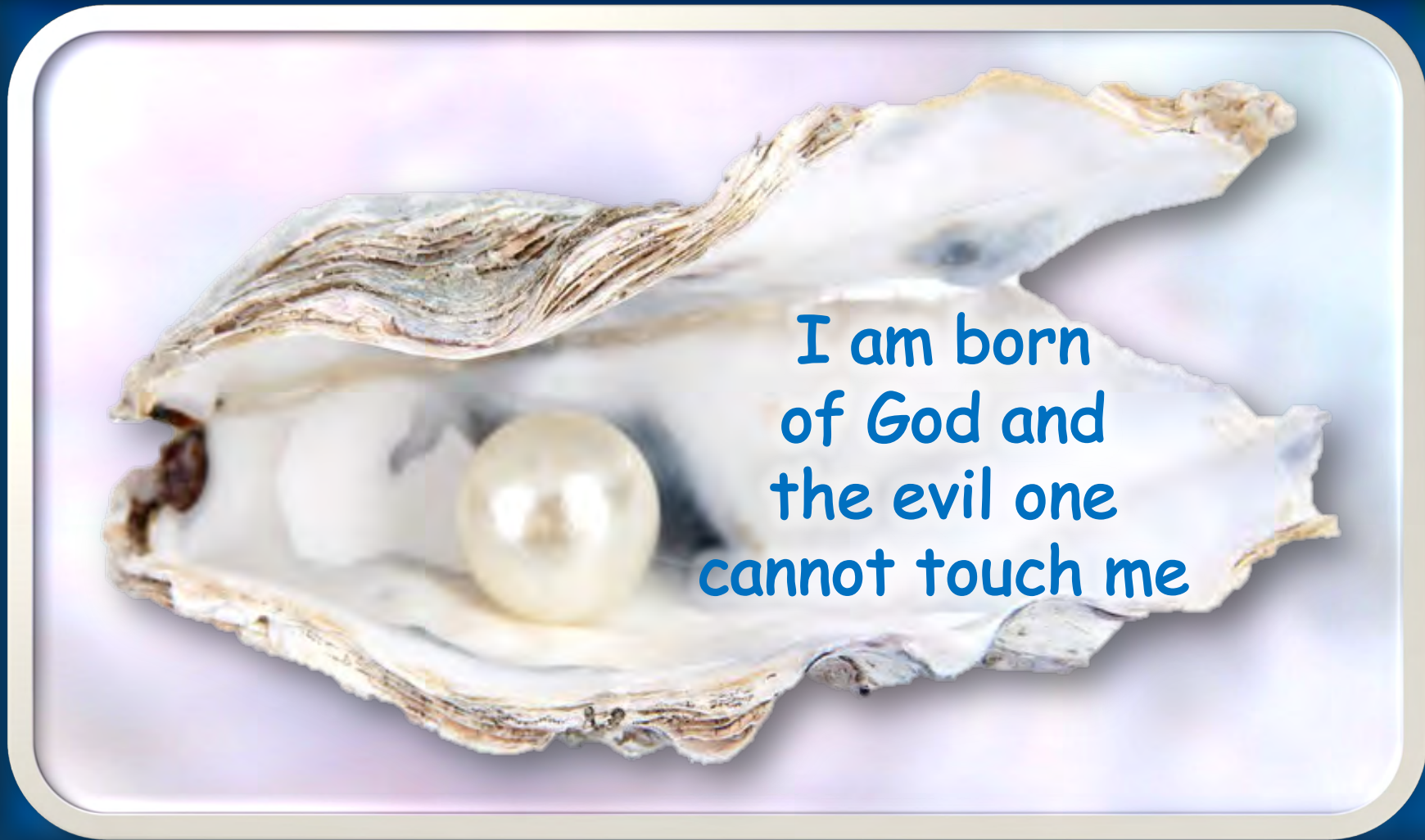
**I have the mind
of Christ**

**"For who has understood the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?
But we have the mind of Christ."
(1 Corinthians 2:16)**



I may approach God
with boldness,
freedom, and
confidence

"This was according to the eternal purpose
that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
in whom we have boldness and access with confidence
through our faith in him."
(Ephesians 3:11-12)



I am born
of God and
the evil one
cannot touch me

"We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him."
(1 John 5:18)



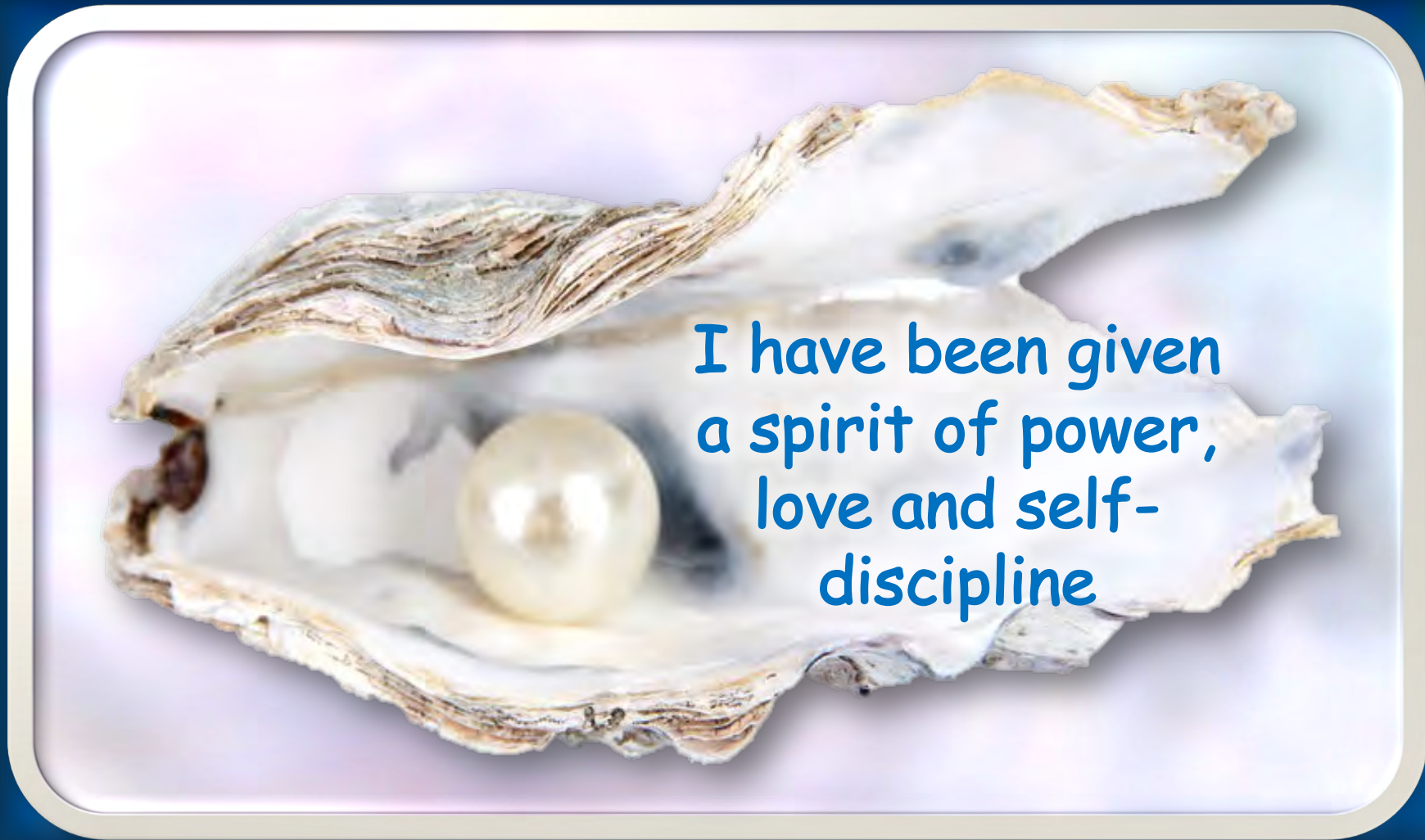
I have been
rescued from
Satan's domain

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son."
(Colossians 1:13)



I have
been made
complete
in Christ

"And you have been filled in him,
who is the head of all rule and authority."
(Colossians 2:10)



I have been given
a spirit of power,
love and self-
discipline

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear
but of power and love and self-control."
(2 Timothy 1:7)



I have been given
great and
precious promises
by God

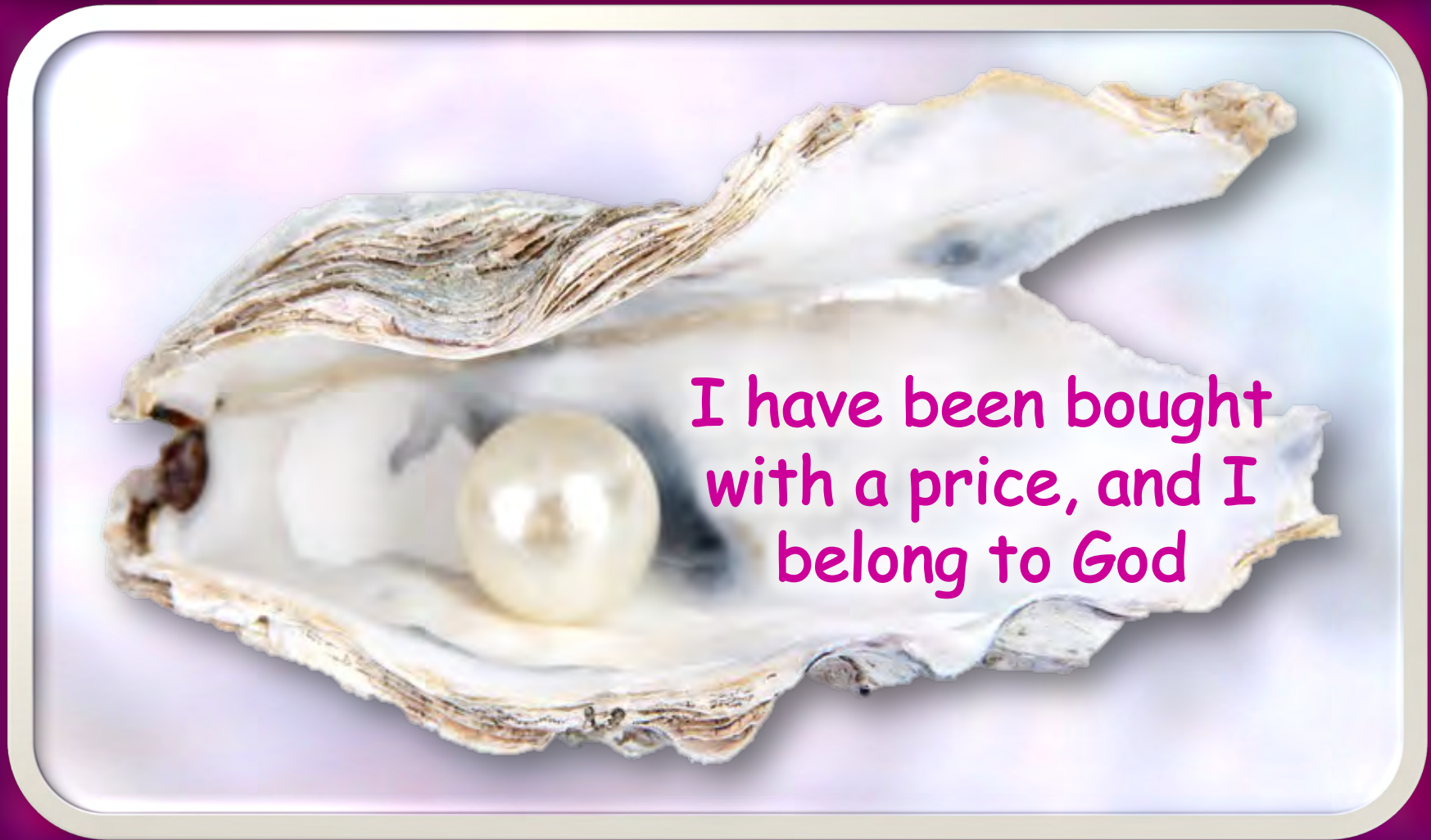
"By which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

(2 Peter 1:4)



My needs are met
by God

"And my God will supply every need of yours
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:19)



I have been bought
with a price, and I
belong to God

"... You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.
So glorify God in your body."
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)



I am assured
that all things are
working together
for good

"And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good."
(Romans 8:28)



I am free from
any condemning
charges against
me

"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?"
(Romans 8:33)



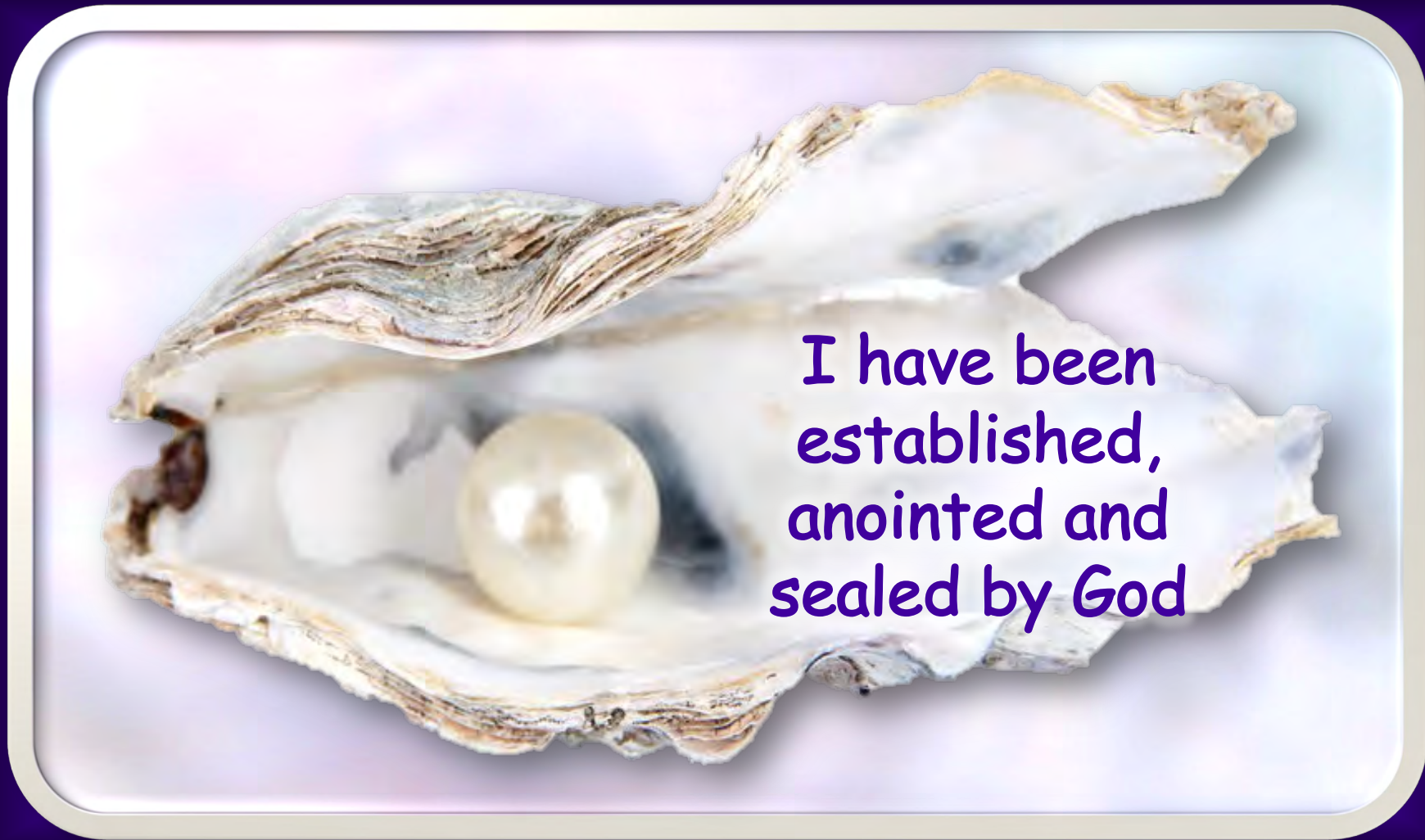
I cannot be
separated from
the love of God

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or
nakedness, or danger, or sword?"
(Romans 8:35)



I have direct
access to God
through the
Holy Spirit

"For through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father."
(Ephesians 2:18)



I have been
established,
anointed and
sealed by God

"It is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."
(2 Corinthians 1:21-22)



I am
confident
the good work
God has begun
in me will
be completed

"I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 1:6)



I am a citizen
of heaven

"But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 3:20)



I am God's
co-worker

"We are God's fellow workers,
You are God's field, God's building."
(1 Corinthians 3:9)



I am seated
with Christ in the
heavenly realm

"Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
(Ephesians 2:5-6)



I am God's
workmanship

"For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them."
(Ephesians 2:10)



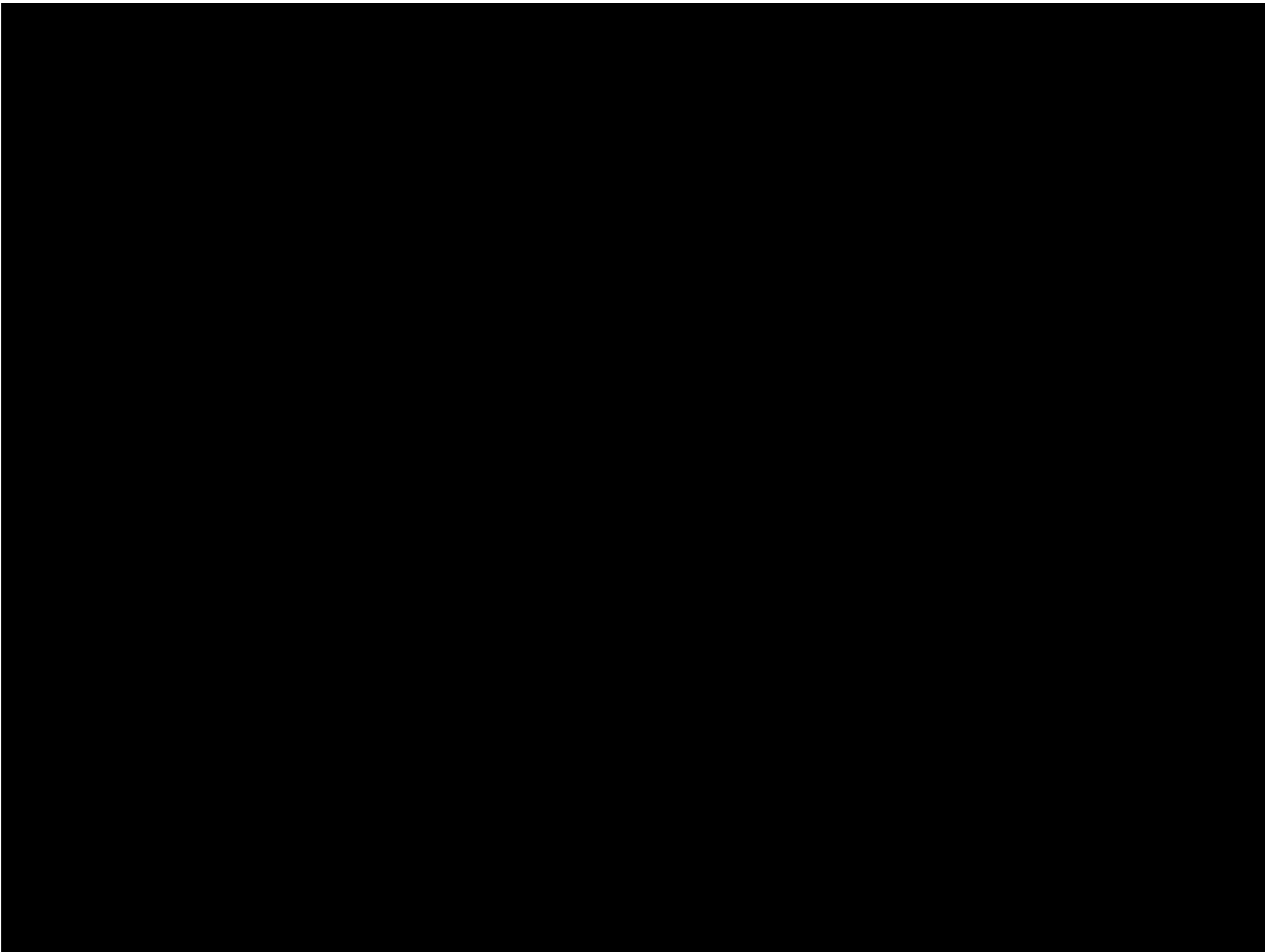
Christ gives me
the strength I
need

"I can do all things
through him who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13)



I have been
adopted as
God's child

"He predestined us for adoption to himself
as sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will."
(Ephesians 1:5)



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