

GALATIANS

THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL



Galatians 2

- The Gospel is not a segregated gospel!
- Guarding against Legalism
- Legalism and Hypocrisy
- The Empowerment of Grace.



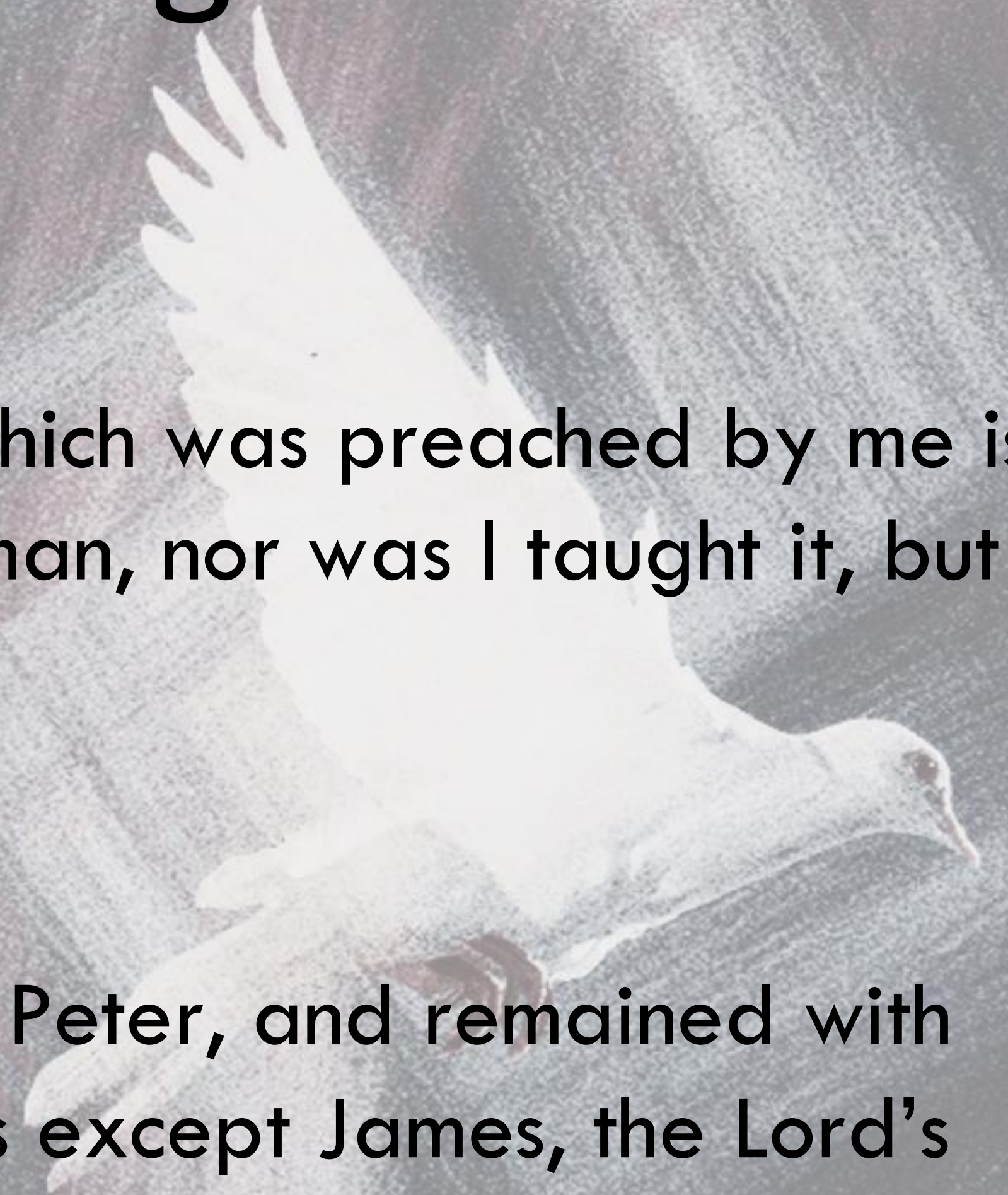
The Gospel Is Not Segregated

Gal 1:11 - 12

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:18 - 19

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. 19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.



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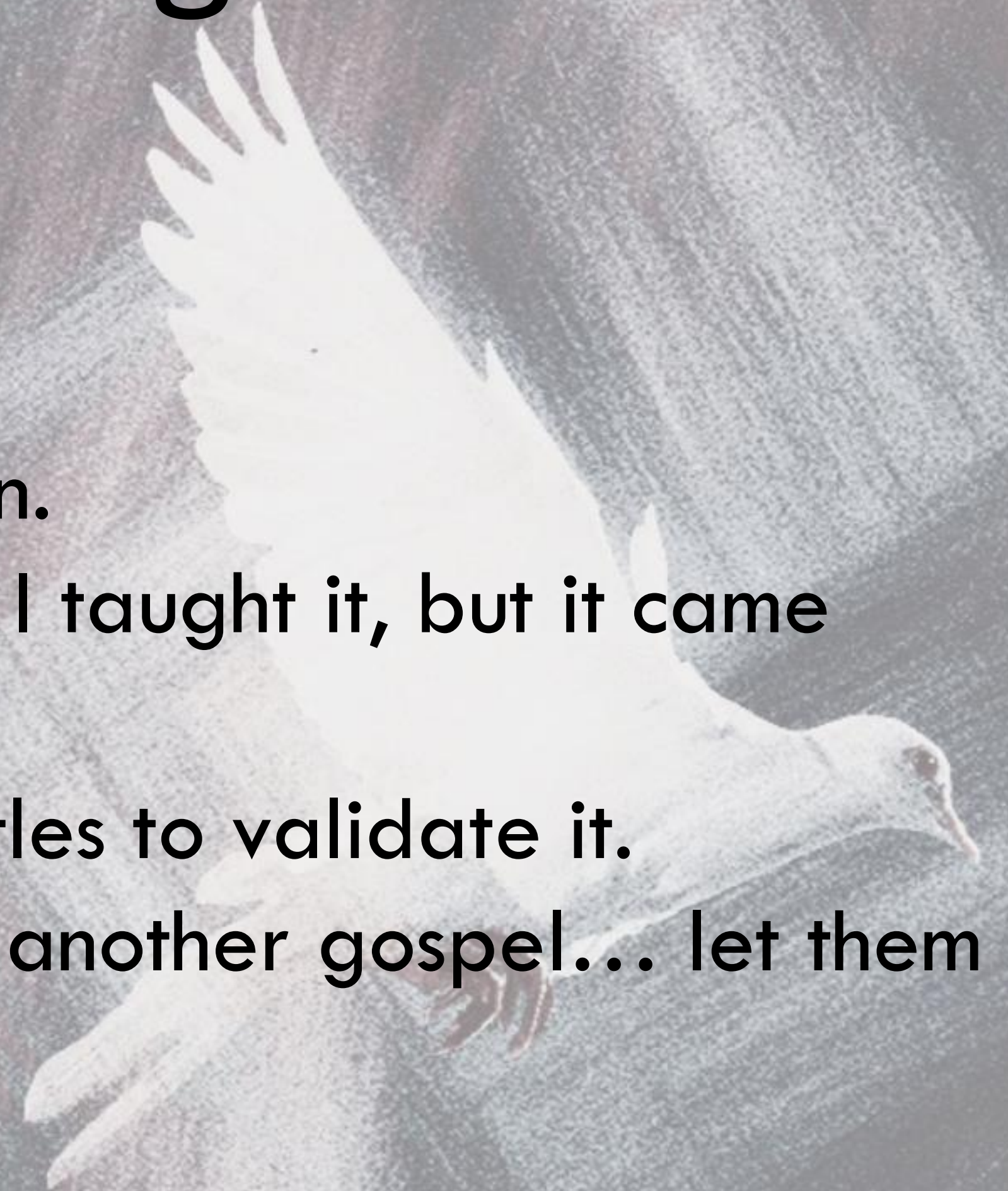
Gal 2:1 - 5

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3 Yet not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), 5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

The Gospel Is Not Segregated

- Gal 1:11 - The gospel I preach is not according to man.
- Gal 1:12 - For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Gal 1:15 - 19 - He didnt go to Jerusalem to get apostles to validate it.
- Gal 1:6 - 9 - Even if an apostle or an angel preached another gospel... let them be accursed.



The Gospel Is Not Segregated

Gal 2:6 - 10 (NKJV)

6 But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me. 7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter 8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), 9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 They desired only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.

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Eph 2:11 - 14 (NKJV)

11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

The Temple in Jerusalem

A Simple Overview

Holy Place
& Most Holy Place
(Not open to the public)

“For He Himself is our peace,
who has made the two one,
and has destroyed **the barrier
of the dividing wall (soreg)...**”

Ephesians 2:14

Priests' Court

Court of Women

Court of Women

Court of Israel
(Jewish Men)

The Soreg
(Dividing Wall)

A low stone barrier
with warning inscriptions.
Gentiles were not allowed
to go beyond this point
under penalty of death.

Court of the Gentiles
(All Nations Welcome)

The Soreg kept Jews and Gentiles
apart in the temple. But in Christ,
that dividing wall has been destroyed.
No more separation. One people in Him.
Ephesians 2:14

Southern Entrance



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Eph 2:15 - 18 (NKJV)

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Guarding Against Legalism

Gal 2:1 - 5

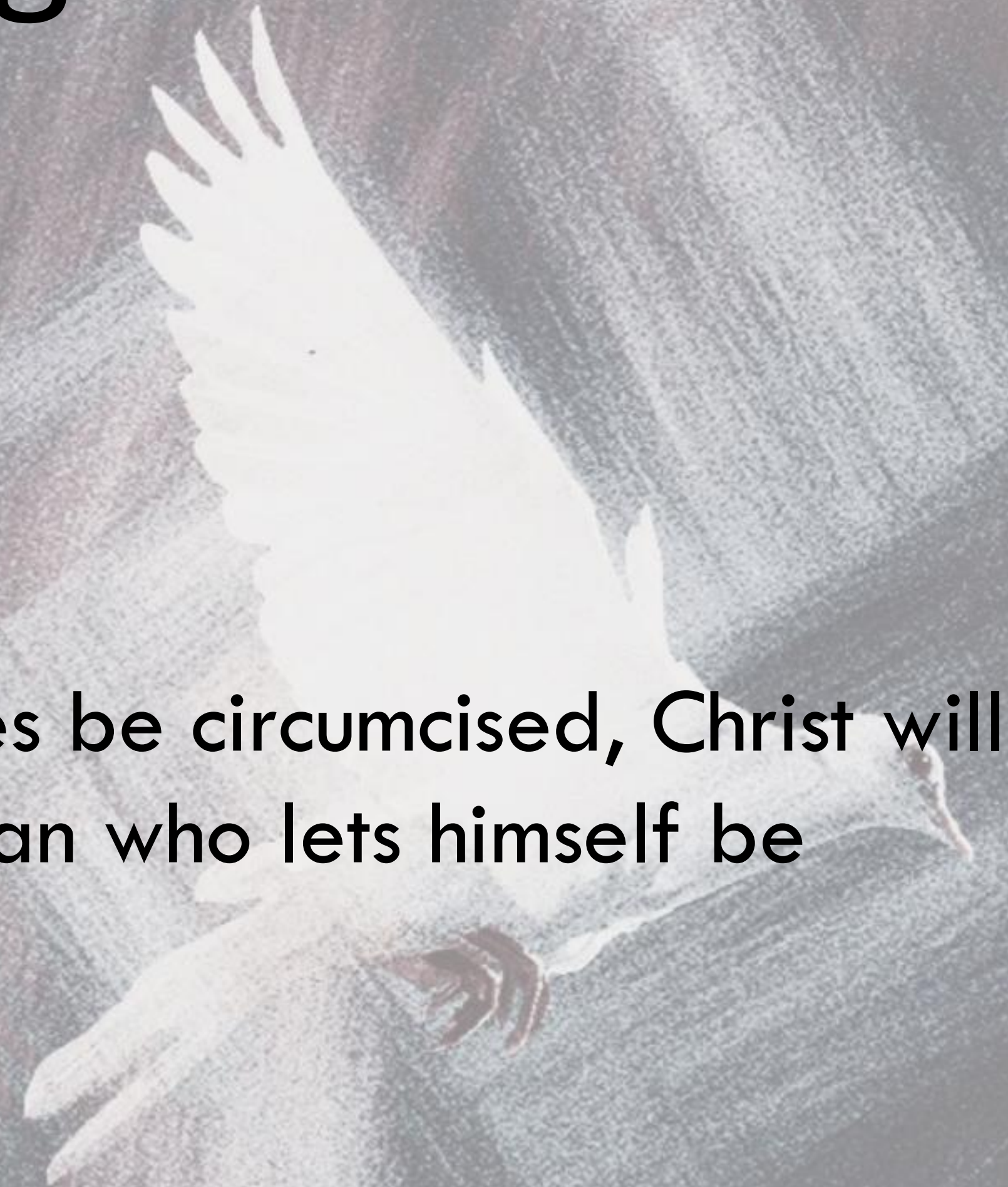
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Guarding Against Legalism

Gal 5:2 - 3

‘Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.’



Guarding Against Legalism

Acts 16:1 - 3

1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

Legalism and Hypocrisy

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Legalism and Hypocrisy

Gal 2:11 - 13 NIV1984

11 When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. 12 Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID of those who belonged to the circumcision group. 13 The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

Legalism and Hypocrisy

Gal 2:14 - 16 NIV1984

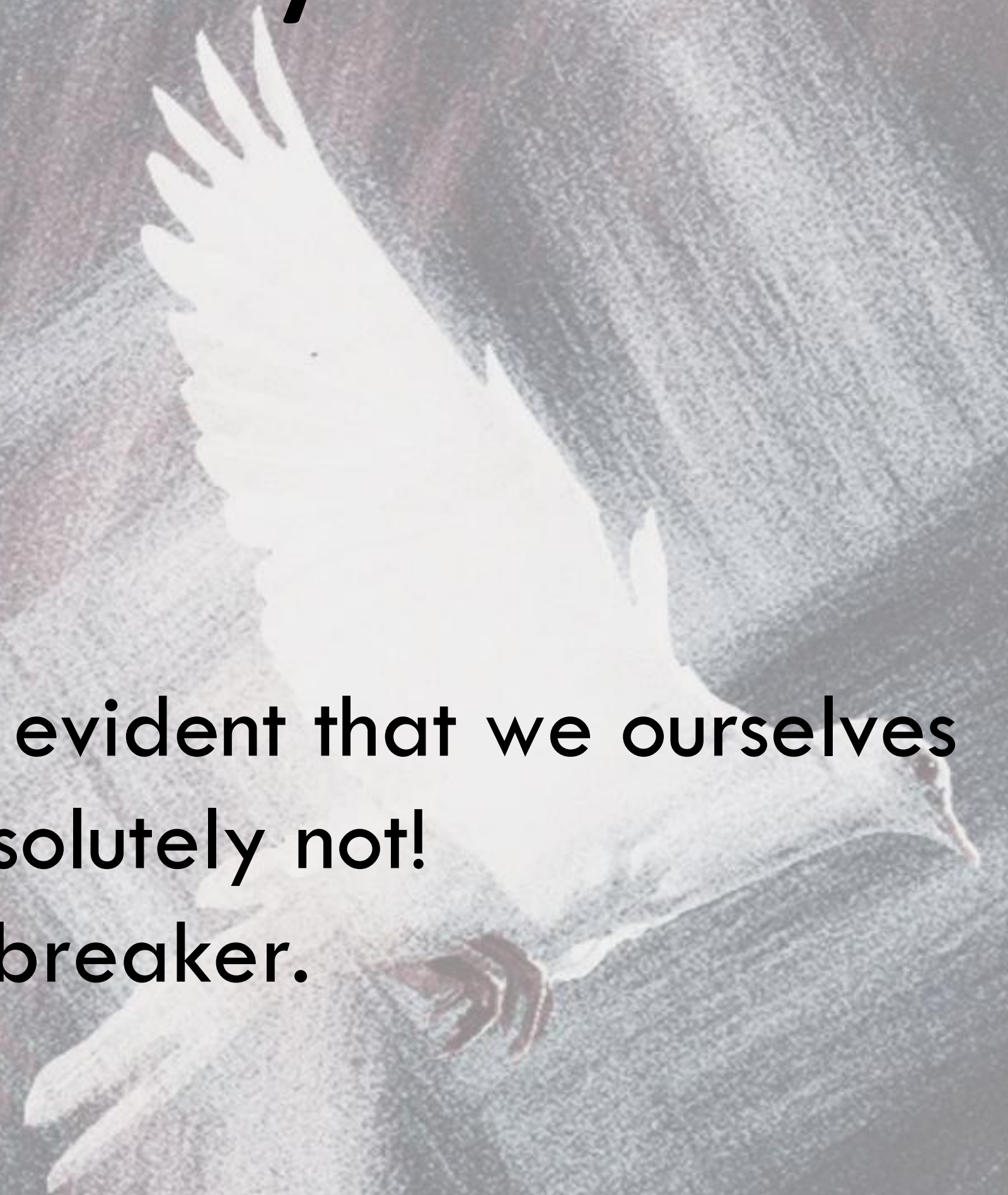
14 When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? 15 "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' 16 know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Legalism and Hypocrisy

Gal 2:17 - 18 NIV1984

17 "If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not!

18 If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker.



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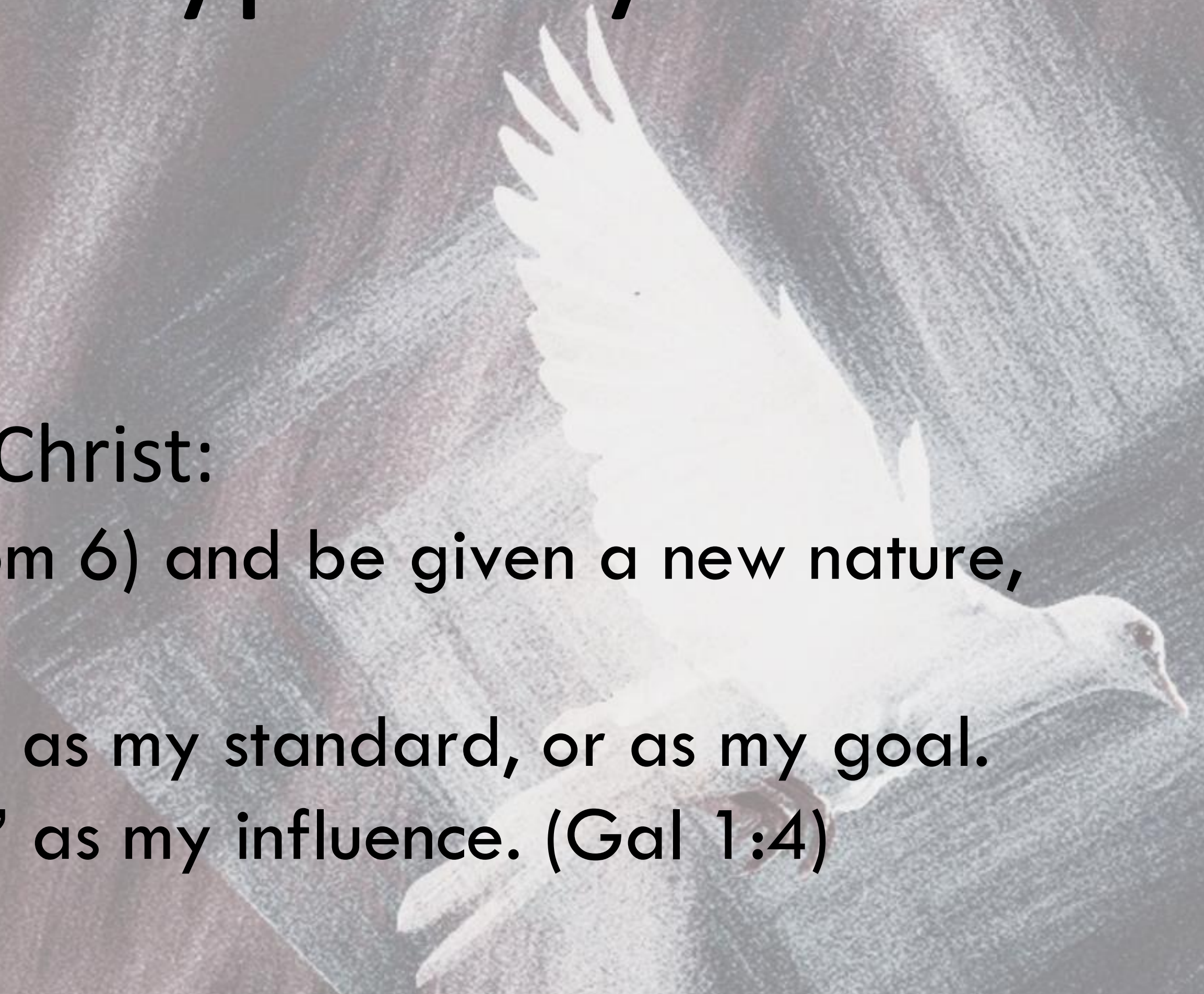
Gal 2:19 - 21 NIV1984

19 For through the law I died to the law *SO THAT I MIGHT LIVE FOR GOD*. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 *I DO NOT SET ASIDE THE GRACE OF GOD, FOR IF RIGHTEOUSNESS COULD BE GAINED THROUGH THE LAW, CHRIST DIED FOR NOTHING!"*

Legalism and Hypocrisy

Every believer has been crucified with Christ:

- ... in order to die to sin as my master (Rom 6) and be given a new nature, removing the penalty of sin.
- ... in order to die to the law (Rom 4 + 7) as my standard, or as my goal.
- ...in order to die to this 'present evil age' as my influence. (Gal 1:4)

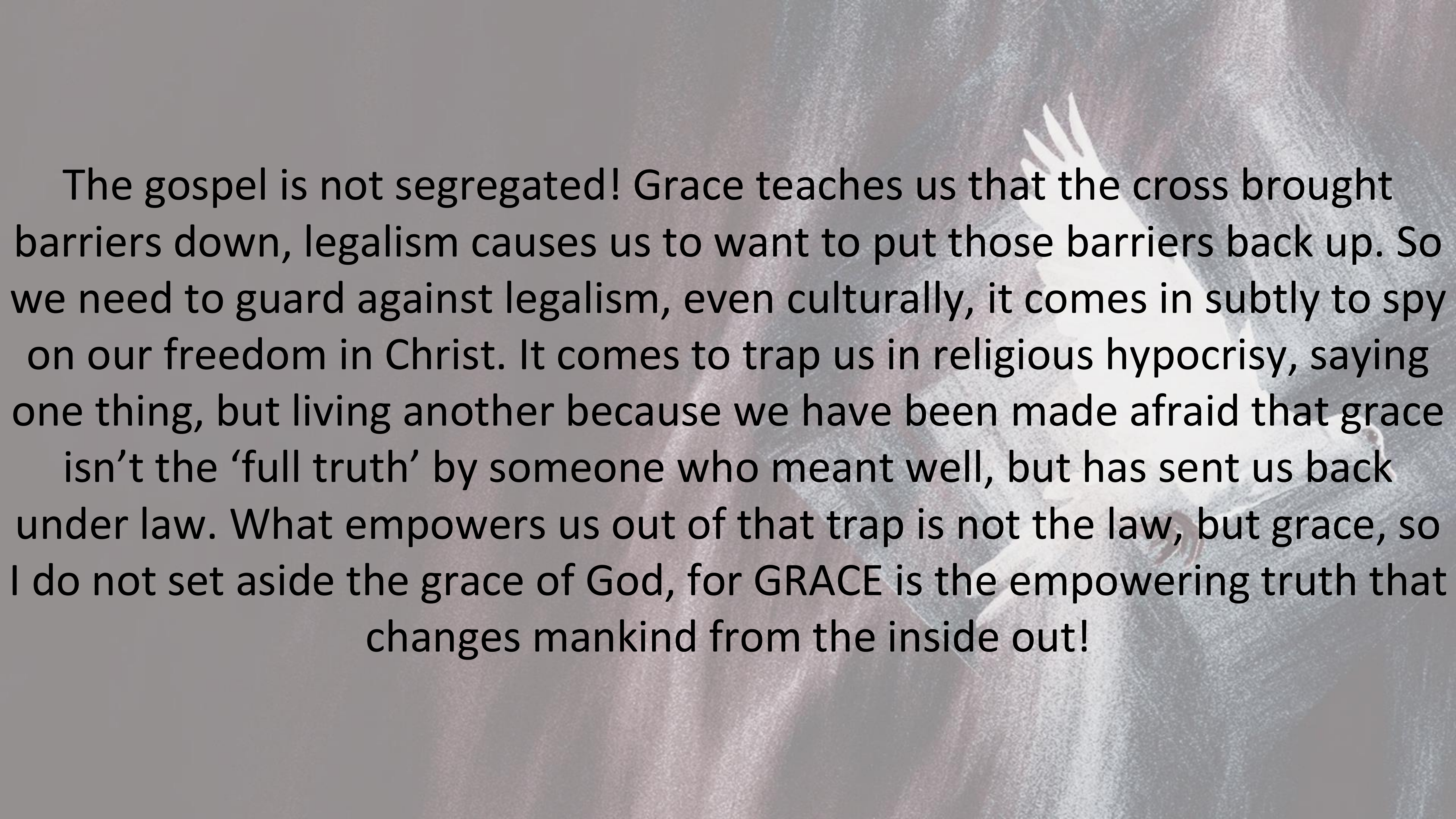


The Empowerment Of Grace

Gal 2:21

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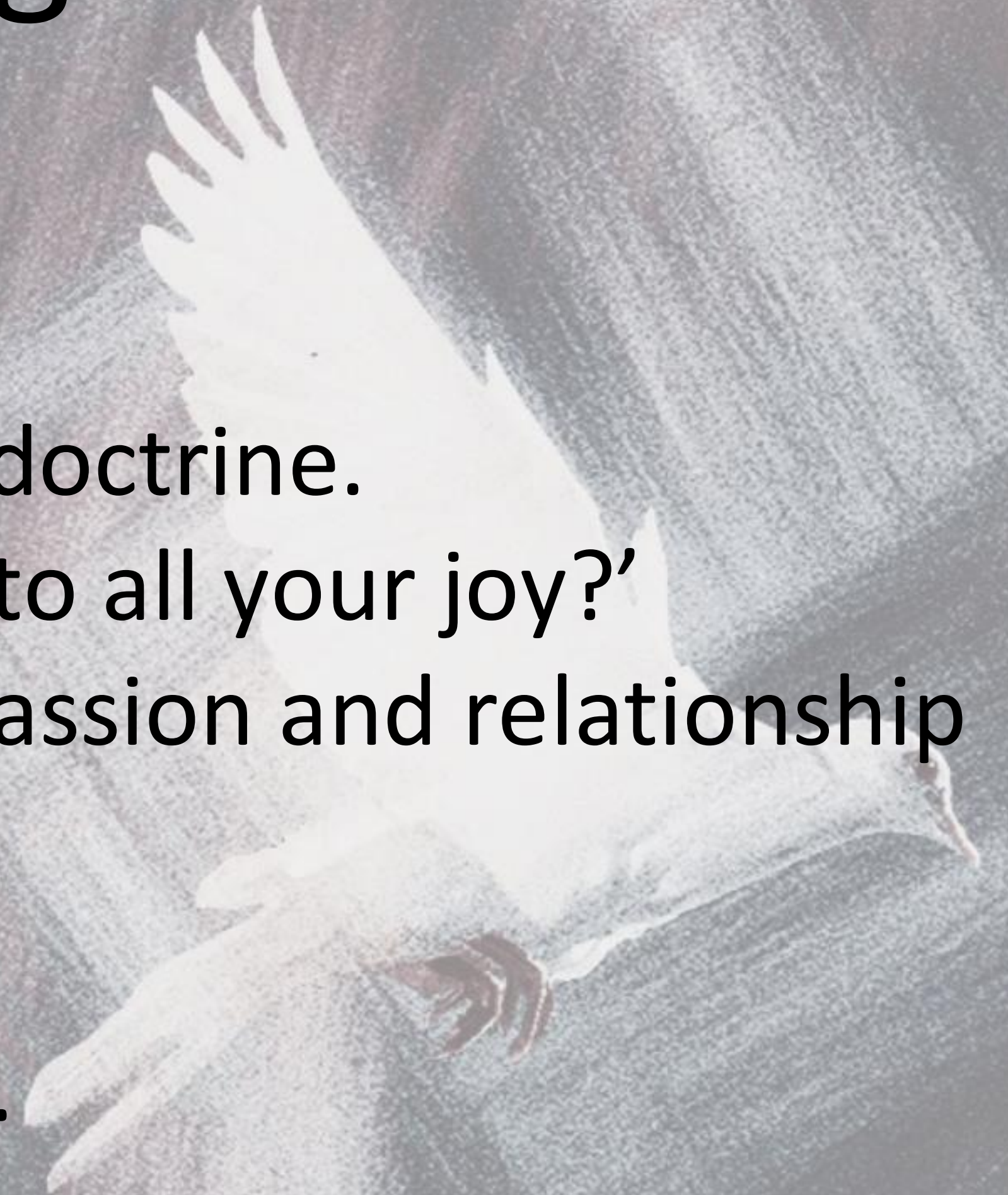


A person is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender. Their hands are open and facing upwards. A bright, ethereal light shines down from above, illuminating their hands and creating a strong contrast with the darker background. The person's face is partially visible, looking upwards. The overall mood is one of spiritual uplift and devotion.

The gospel is not segregated! Grace teaches us that the cross brought barriers down, legalism causes us to want to put those barriers back up. So we need to guard against legalism, even culturally, it comes in subtly to spy on our freedom in Christ. It comes to trap us in religious hypocrisy, saying one thing, but living another because we have been made afraid that grace isn't the 'full truth' by someone who meant well, but has sent us back under law. What empowers us out of that trap is not the law, but grace, so I do not set aside the grace of God, for GRACE is the empowering truth that changes mankind from the inside out!

Guarding Against Legalism

- Have people who can speak into your life.
- Don't get caught up in every wind and wave of doctrine.
- Check your joy. Gal 4:15, 'What has happened to all your joy?'
- Nurture a desire to be with Jesus, emphasize passion and relationship over rule keeping.
- What do you do when you fall or falter?
- Preach the truth of grace to yourself every day.



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