

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE FIRST INSTALLMENT OF OUR INHERITANCE



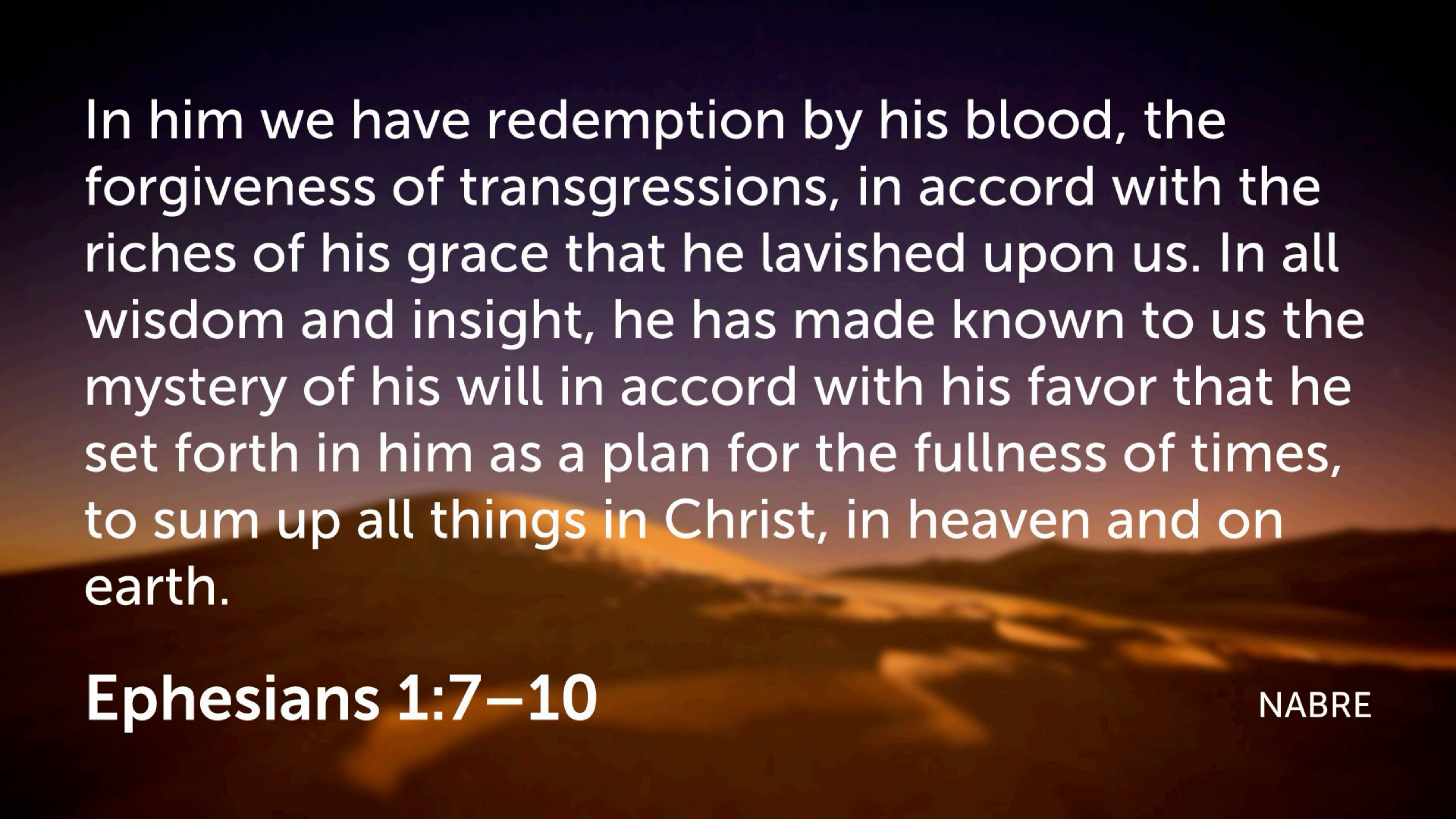
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:3–6

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In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

Ephesians 1:7–10

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In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:11–14

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Lavishing In The Holy Spirit

- The profession of FAITH. “Who do you say that I am?”
- The power of our testimony. (My testimony)
- Dolores’ testimony. (The joy of watching others be touched by the Holy Spirit and seeing them experience freedom.) 2 For 5:17 “new creation”
- The devil is trying to rob us of this gift. So many distractions, Synod, dissenters, “another gospel”. (1 Corinthians 12:2)
- “Pursue love, strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts but especially that you may prophecy. (1 Cor 14) To edify, console, and comfort.
- Walking in confidence and overcoming fear. (Following Slides)

See, days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke my covenant, though I was their master—oracle of the LORD. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days—oracle of the LORD. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They will no longer teach their friends and relatives, “Know the LORD!” Everyone, from least to greatest, shall know me—oracle of the LORD—for I will forgive their iniquity and no longer remember their sin.

Jeremiah 31:31–34

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Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD—oracle of the Lord GOD—when through you I show my holiness before their very eyes. I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you back to your own soil. I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:23–28

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For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Romans 8:14–17

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For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

2 Timothy 1:6–8

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Going Deeper

- Know the Goodness of God. Our Blessed Mother shows us in the Magnificat. Satan is a liar and tries to steer us away.
- Renounce the lies of the Enemy. He doesn't want us living our our identity as children of God. (See 1 John 3)
- Suffer for doing good. Overcome evil with good. (Colossians 1)
- People are watching us. (Partners in the Gospel) How we conduct ourselves matters. (Recent incident and the support the Lord provided.)

Renunciation of Powerlessness

Powerlessness: “In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce the lie that I am powerless, weak, unable to change, not capable; that I am stuck, trapped, that I don’t know what to do”. In Jesus name, I announce the Truth that Jesus promised that his grace is perfected in my weakness, so that when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Co. 12:8-10). I announce the Truth, that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). I announce the Truth that “Where the Holy Spirit is there is freedom. (2 Co. 3:17). Therefore I accept the truth that I am empowered by Christ and liberated by the Holy Spirit. I announce the Truth that through Confirmation, I am anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives and dwells in me.”

In Particular

- We don't need to reinvent things. We need the current of the Holy Spirit to animate, purify, and empower what God has given us. (2 Peter 1)
- “Restore The Glory Podcast” (www.restoretheglorypodcast.com)
- Holy Indifference - “Insecurity is exhausting”
- Proclaim His Marvelous deeds. (1 Peter 3:15)
- Uproot unforgiveness. (Next slide)

Thus the Lord's words on forgiveness, the love that loves to the end, become a living reality. The parable of the merciless servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion, ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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It is there, in fact, "in the depths of the heart," that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.

The Beauty of the Mass

“When you bring to your Mass all that you have experienced—your whole life story—you allow Me to redeem those things that are most dark, bitter, and painful by taking them into the mystery of My sacrifice. Come to the altar with your sins, even with those of which you are most ashamed, and I shall show you that I have already taken them upon Myself and expiated them in My Blood.

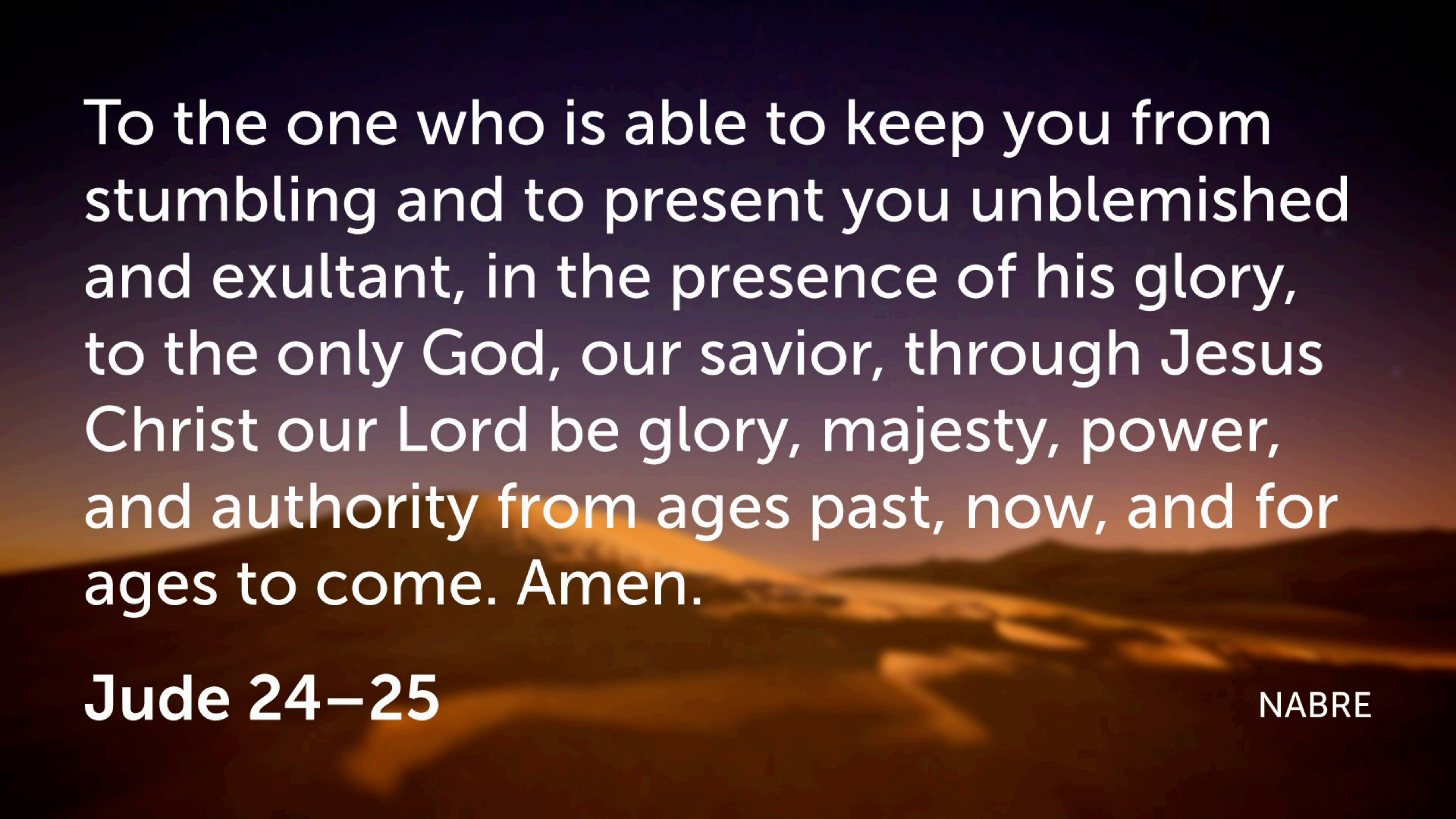
Come to the altar with every troubled and broken relationship of your past, with every betrayal, every failure, and every sacrilege, and I shall cast all these things into the ocean of My mercy, never again to be recovered or named or used by the Accuser against you.”

Monk, A Benedictine. In *Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart--The Journal of a Priest at Prayer* (pp. 345-346). (Function). Kindle Edition.

But you, beloved, remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, for they told you, "In the last time there will be scoffers who will live according to their own godless desires." These are the ones who cause divisions; they live on the natural plane, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh.

Jude 17–23

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To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of his glory, to the only God, our savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

Jude 24–25

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