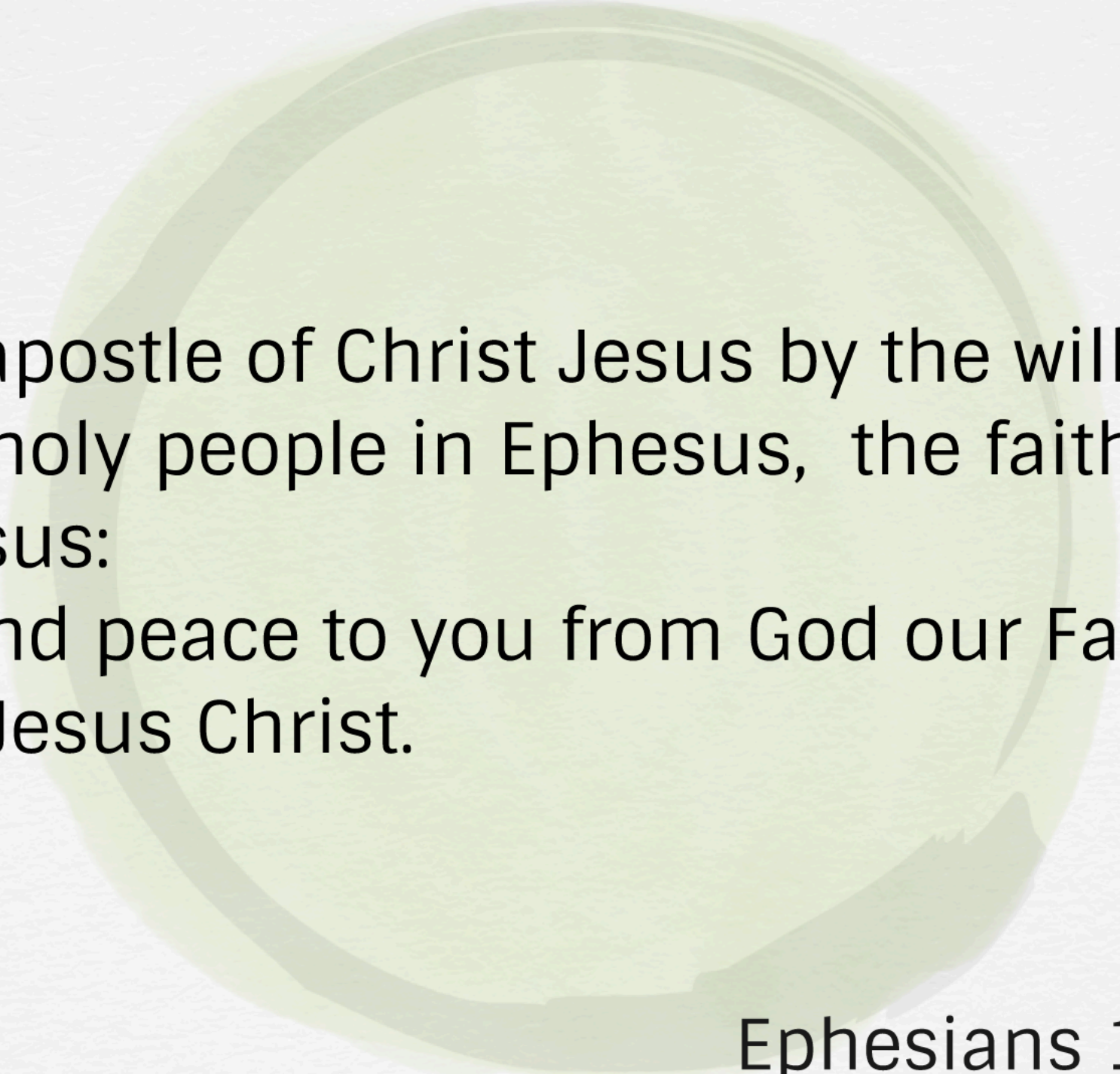




UNION

*One with Jesus*



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in  
Christ Jesus:

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Ephesians 1:1–14 NIV

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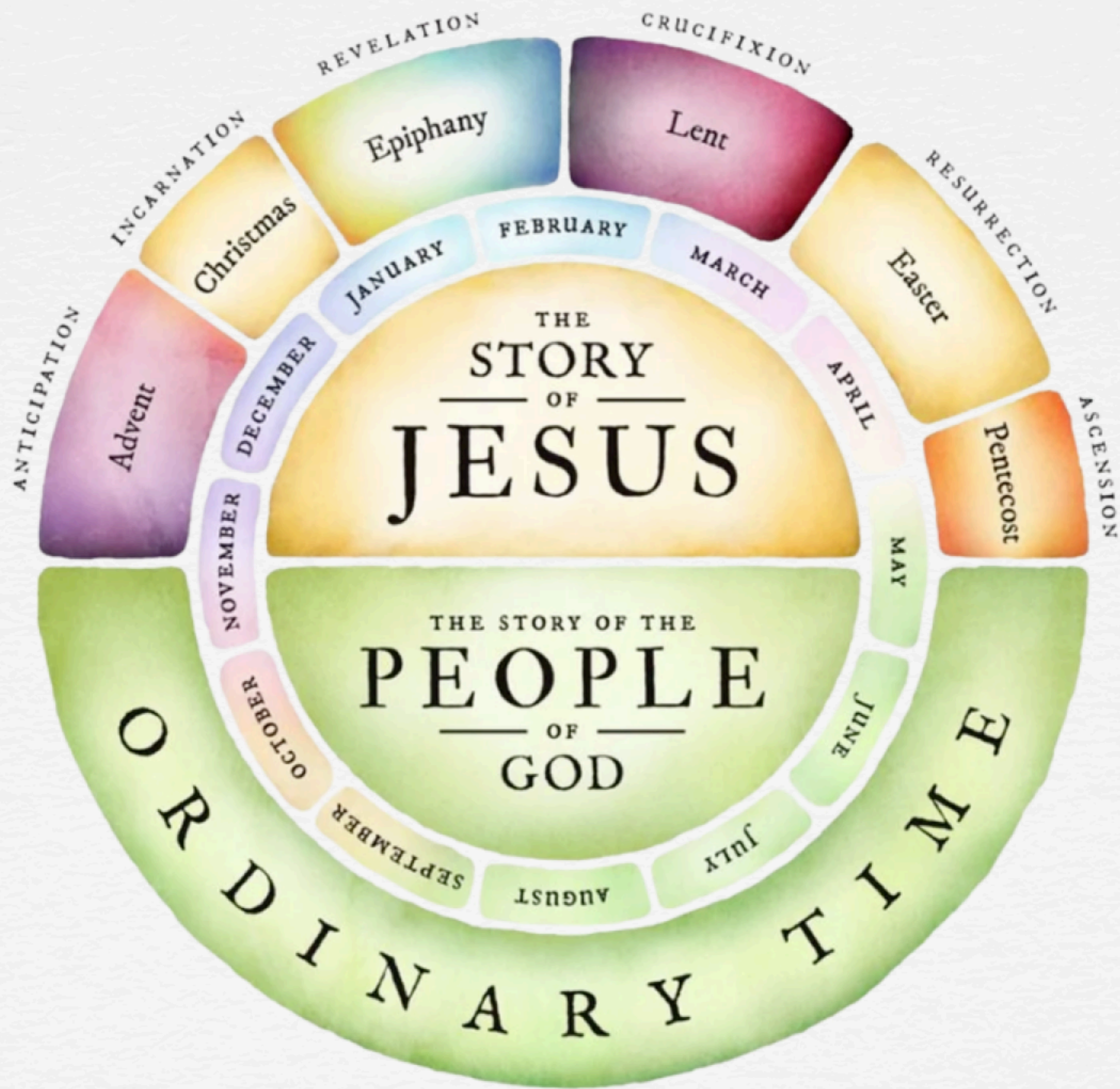
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Ephesians 1:1–14 NIV

<sup>11</sup> **In him** we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope **in Christ**, might be for the praise of his glory.

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Ephesians 1:1–14 NIV



# One with Jesus - Four Elements:

1	Union	Eph 1:1-14	I am 'In Christ'
2	Participation	Eph 2:1-10	I am 'Raised with Christ'
3	Identification	Eph 2:11-22	I am 'Joined together in Christ'
4	Incorporation	Eph 4:1-16	I am in the 'Body of Christ'

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Ephesians 1:1–2 NIV



**Temple of Artemis, Ephesus**



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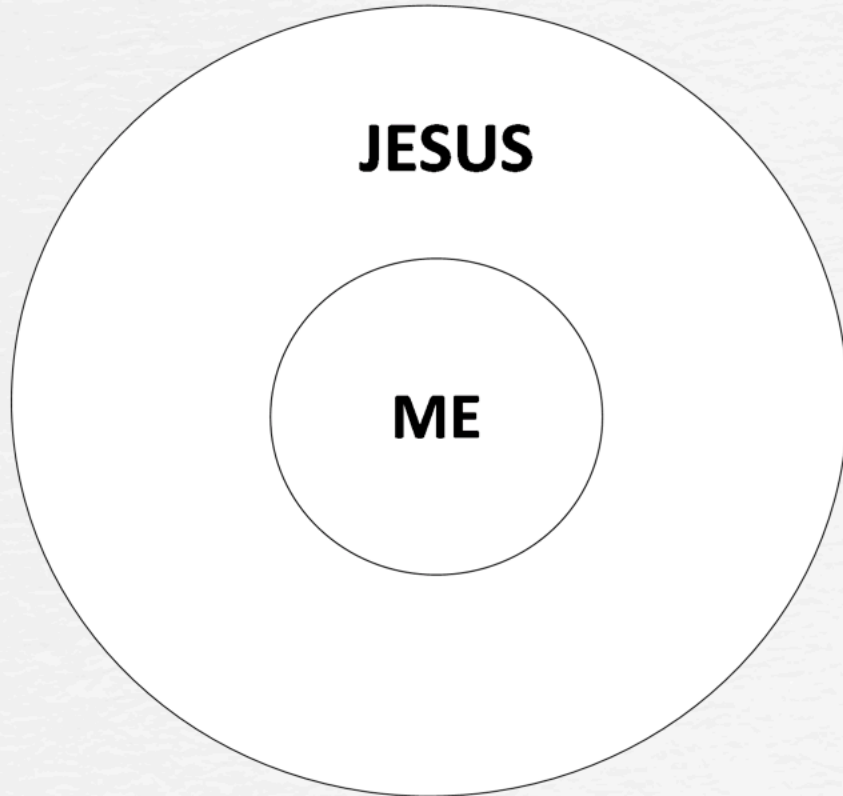
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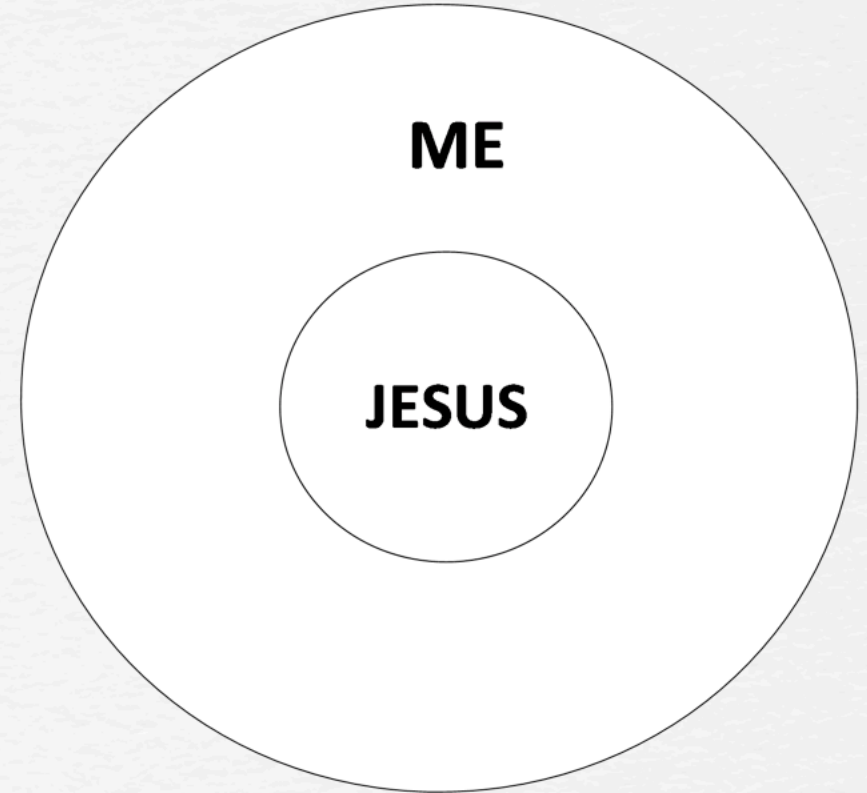
Ephesians 1:3 NIV

# The two sides of Salvation

**Union/‘In Christ’**



**In the world**



# The Father's election

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Ephesians 1:4–6 NIV

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Ephesians 1:4–6 NIV

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Ephesians 1:13–14 NIV

“A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”

This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

Ephesians 5:31–32



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## U.S. STRIKES IRAN

### TRUMP CALLS FOR OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT



#### Attack, With Airstrikes, Risks a Broad

This article is by Aaron Berman, Tyler Pager, Farnaz Fassihi and Rosen Bergman.

The United States and Israel attacked Iran on Saturday in a major assault that threatened a broader regional conflict, with President Trump vowing to devastate the country's military, eliminate its nuclear program and bring about a change in its government.

Waves of large explosions shook the Iranian capital, Tehran, starting around 9 a.m. local time — 1 a.m. in Washington — and witnesses described chaos in the streets as people rushed to seek shelter, find loved ones or flee the city. Israel's military said it had, in part, targeted a gathering of senior Iranian officials in the opening strikes.

Satellite imagery showed a plume of smoke and extensive damage at the high-security compound of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader. Though the status of Iran's leadership was not immediately known, Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, told NBC News that Ayatollah Khamenei and Iran's president, Masoud Pezeshkian, were still alive "as far as I know."


Mr. Trump had threatened an attack for weeks, saying earlier that he was considering limited strikes to compel Iran to accept U.S. terms for a deal restricting its nuclear program. Instead, he launched a much more ambitious venture that analysts call more

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### Trump's War of Choice, With a Key Question: Why Now?

# Secondary Identities





DISCUSSION  
QUESTIONS

1. What do people commonly place their identity in other than Jesus?
2. Read Ephesians 1:1-14. There are ten 'in Christ/Him' references from verses 3-14. What does it mean to be One with Jesus? To be 'in Christ'?
3. Name one thing that most challenges your identity in Christ? Your oneness with Jesus?