

*The Motivation
and Mystery of
Godliness*

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Introduction:

Give me one good reason to
not give up on the church.

It's God's household!

Give me one good reason to
not give on becoming
more godly.

God has revealed the secret!



I. Why you shouldn't give up on the Church.

1. The church is God's household.

- ~ *We are family!*
- ~ We have a place to belong!
- ~ *We have responsibilities*



I. Why you shouldn't give up on the Church.

2. The church has the presence of the living God.

~ *Master's protection*

~ *Master's provision*

~ *Master's guidance*



I. Why you shouldn't give up on the Church.

3. The church exists to protect and promote the truth.



II. Why you shouldn't give up on becoming more like Christ.

The mystery of godliness

Means: the revealed secret that produces godliness in people



A. Notice the focus...

Christ is the key!

Christ is the content!

Christ is the secret!



Christ is the secret

Colossians 1:25-27 "I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— "the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." NIV



B. The song worth singing

1 Corinthians 14:26 "What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church."



B. The song worth singing

Ephesians 5:18-20 "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." NIV



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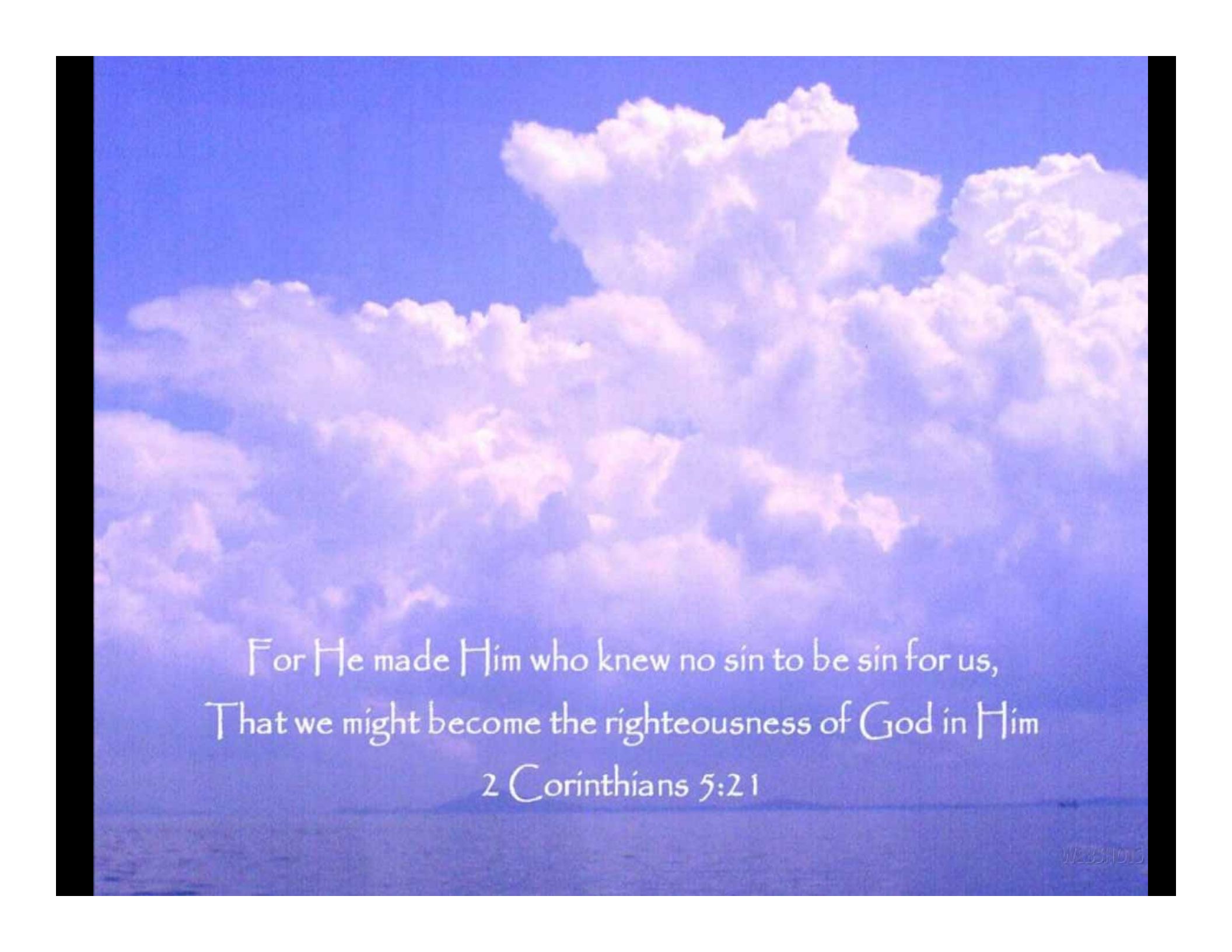
Colossians 3:16-17 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." NIV



C. Christ is the song worth singing

1. The conception of the mystery
2. The communication of the mystery
3. The conclusion of the mystery





For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,
That we might become the righteousness of God in Him

2 Corinthians 5:21

