

*Dead  
then  
alive*



Ephesians  
2:1—7



**Eph.**  
**ch 2**  
**v 1**

“As for you,  
you were dead  
in your transgressions and sins,”

# “YOU WERE DEAD...”

## Ephesians 2:1



### **NOT LITERALLY DEAD**

Their bodies, minds and souls alive.

### **SPIRITUALLY DEAD**

Dead to God and his love and grace.

### **LIKE A CORPSE 屍體**

Can't feel & know & experience spiritual life.

### **ALL OF US (WERE) DEAD**

Lifeless & unresponsive to our creator.

**“...IN THE SPHERE THAT MATTERS SUPREME (WHICH IS NEITHER THE BODY, NOR THE MIND, NOR THE PERSONALITY, BUT THE SOUL) WE ARE NOT ALIVE IF WE ARE 'BLIND TO THE GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST AND DEAF TO THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.’”**



**John  
Stott**

**“YOU WERE DEAD  
IN YOUR  
TRANSGRESSIONS  
& SINS,”  
Eph. 2:1**



**TRANSGRESSIONS**  
過犯

When we step  
across Gods  
line.



**SINS** 罪惡

Literally means  
'a miss'. Failure  
to meet God's  
target.



“**1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, **2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. **3** All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts.”

Eph.  
ch 2  
v 1-3a

# WE FOLLOWED A 'TRINITY OF TYRANTS 惡勢力'

"The ways of this world..." v2a



*the world*

EXTERNAL  
CULTURAL  
TYRANNY

"The ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient..." v2b



*the devil*

HOSTILE  
SUPERNATURAL  
TYRANNY

"Gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts." v3



*the flesh*

INTERNAL  
COMPULSIVE  
TYRANNY



Eph.

ch 2

v 3

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath 忿怒.

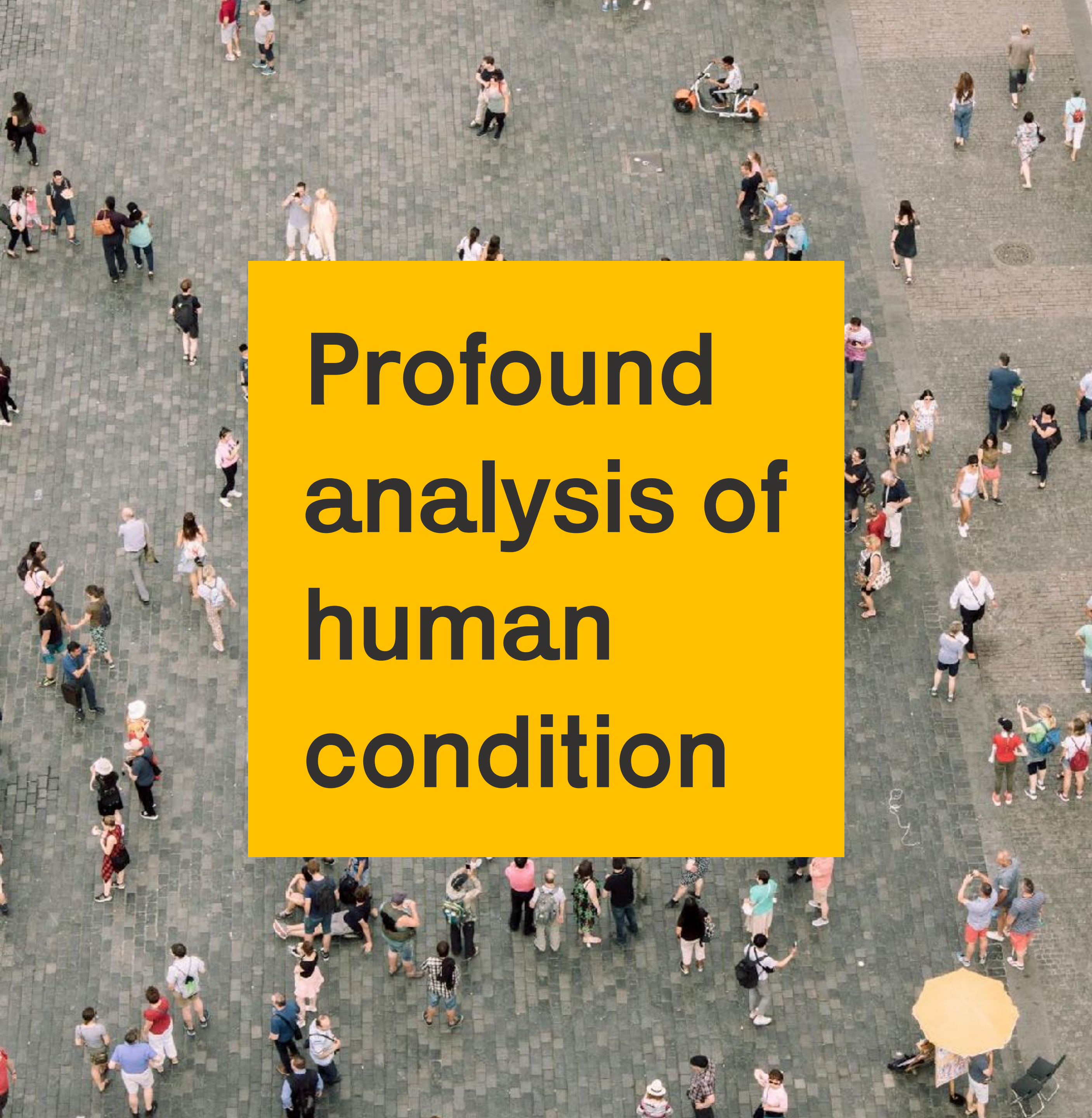
**EPHESIANS 5:6**

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things **God’s wrath** comes on those who are disobedient.”

**COLOSSIANS 3:5-6**

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the **wrath of God** is coming.”

**What is God’s  
wrath 忿怒 ?  
His calm,  
measured,  
steadfast, holy  
anger against sin  
and the judgement  
that results.**



# Profound analysis of human condition

- Spiritually dead
- Transgressive & sinful
- Following world, devil & flesh
- Deserving of wrath



But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

**Eph.**  
**ch 2**  
**v 4-5**

We were dead, v1

Transgressive & sinful, v1

Followed ways of world, v2a

Satan hates us, v2b

Gratified our flesh, v3a

Deserving of wrath, v3b

**BUT**

God made us alive, v5a

God richly merciful to us, v4b

God raised us with Christ, v6

God has great love for us, v4a

God showed kindness to us, v7

Saved by Grace, v5b



# But *God*

2:4 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,”

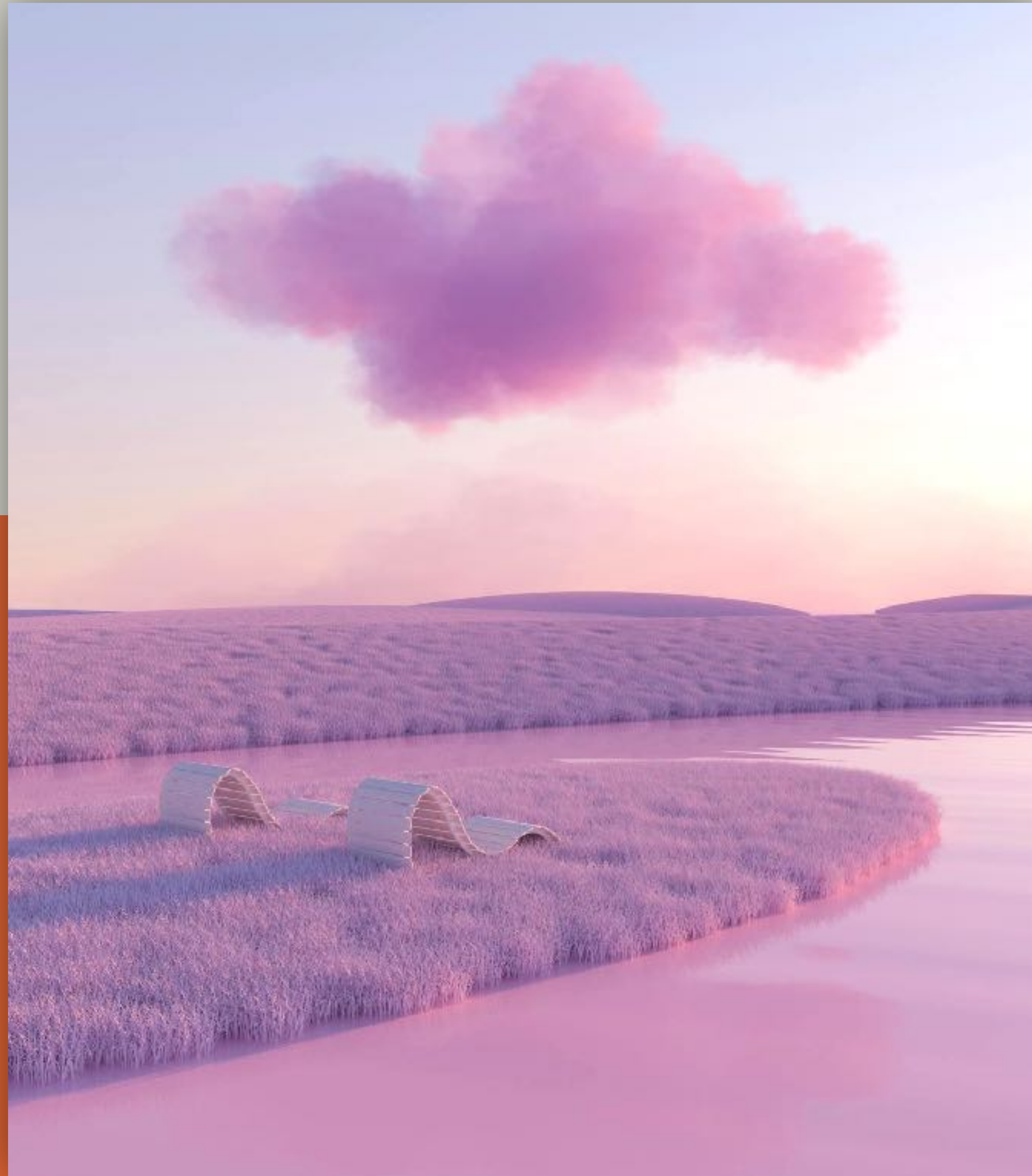
## KEYWORD

The keyword in this passage is: WITH.

What happened to Christ, happens to us, when we are joined by faith in Him.

**“GOD MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST  
EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN  
TRANSGRESSIONS – IT IS BY GRACE YOU  
HAVE BEEN SAVED.” EPHESIANS 2:5**





**“AND GOD RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS IN CHRIST JESUS...” EPHESIANS 2:6**

**OUR NEW POSITION**

Raised up with Christ

**OUR NEW POSTURE**

Seated with Christ

*What is your  
Reaction?*

OUTRAGED?

FURIOUS AT GOD?

OR SHOCKED BUT THANKFUL?

