

*Do not be
discouraged*



Ephesians
3:7 — 13

“I ask you therefore not to be discouraged” v13

Encouragement from Paul’s life (v7—8)

Encouragement through church (v9–13)





Encouragement from Paul's life to share
the gospel with people

Servant



“I became a **servant** of this
gospel by the gift of God's
grace given me through the
working of his power.” v7

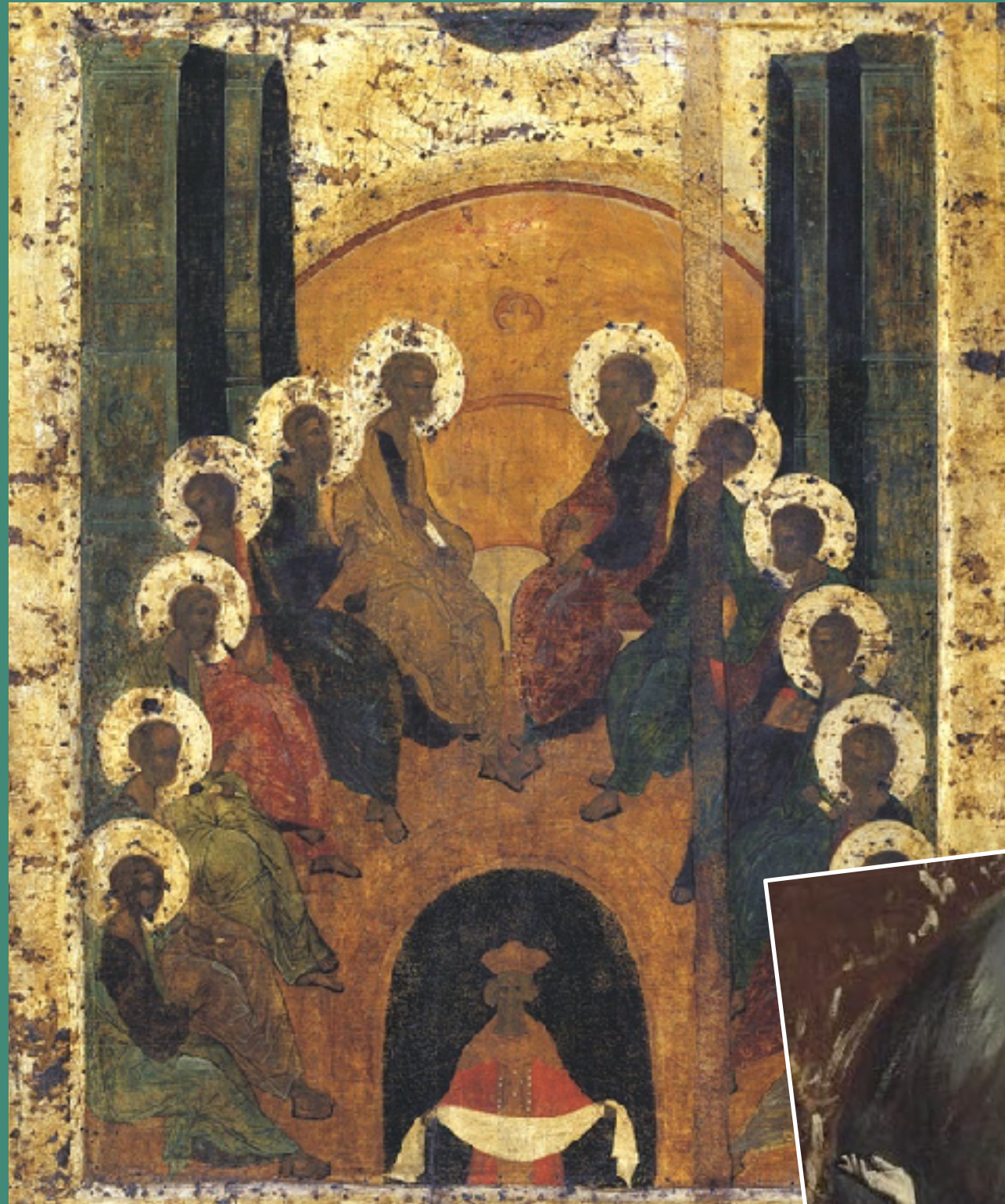


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Grace

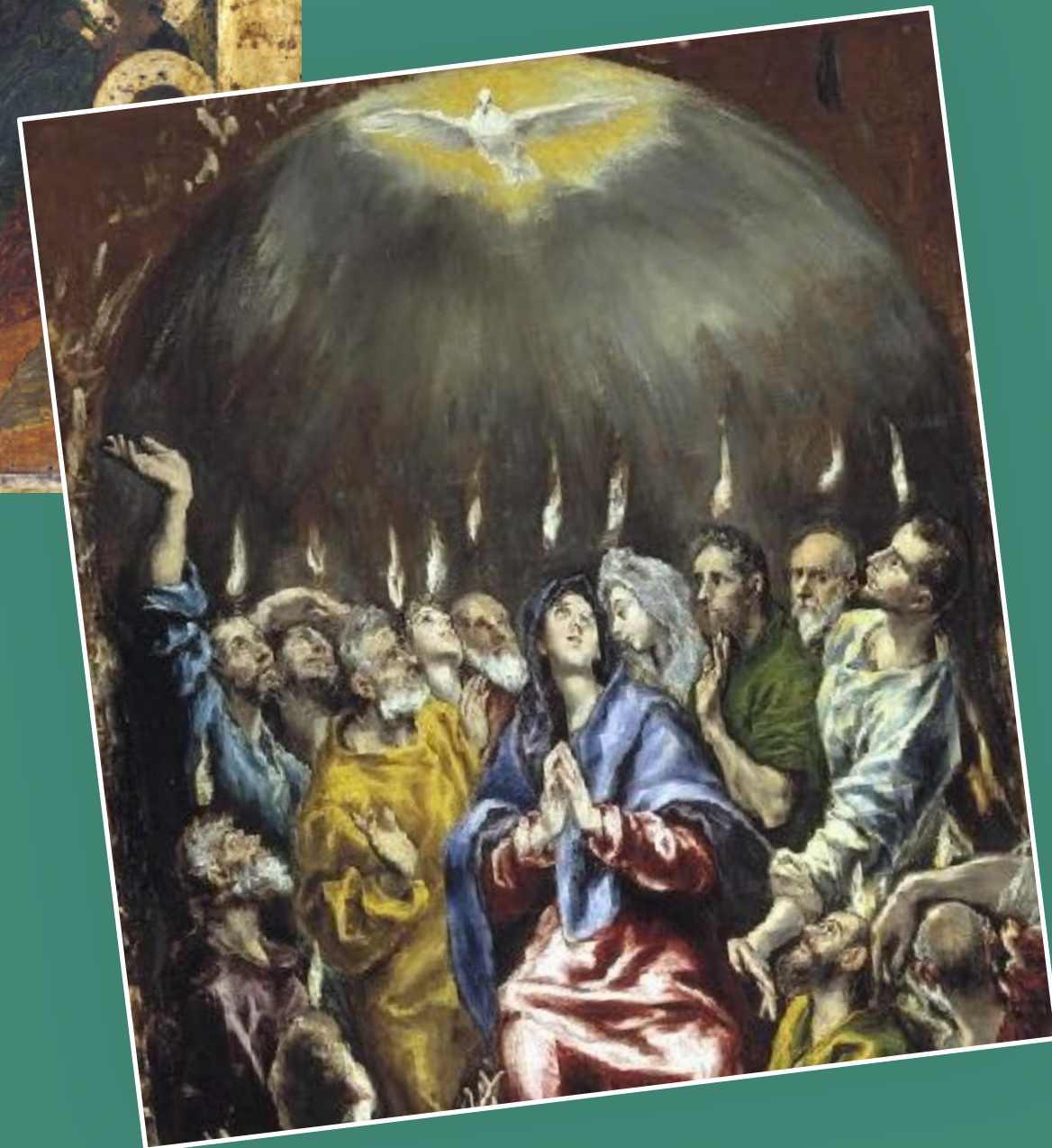


"I became a servant of this gospel by **the gift of God's grace given me** through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, **this grace was given me**: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ." v7—8



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Power



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Eph.
ch 3
v 9

“...to make plain to everyone the administration (plan; strategy) of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.”



“His intent was that now, **through the church, the manifold (multifaceted) wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,** according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Eph.
ch 3
v
10-11**



The church is a trophy cabinet displaying God's victorious unity in Christ to evil powers in the heavenly realms

*The church:
a showcase of
God's wisdom*





“I ask you,
therefore, not to
be discouraged
because of my
sufferings for
you, which are
your glory.”

Eph. 3:13

Communion



**“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”
Eph. 3:12**