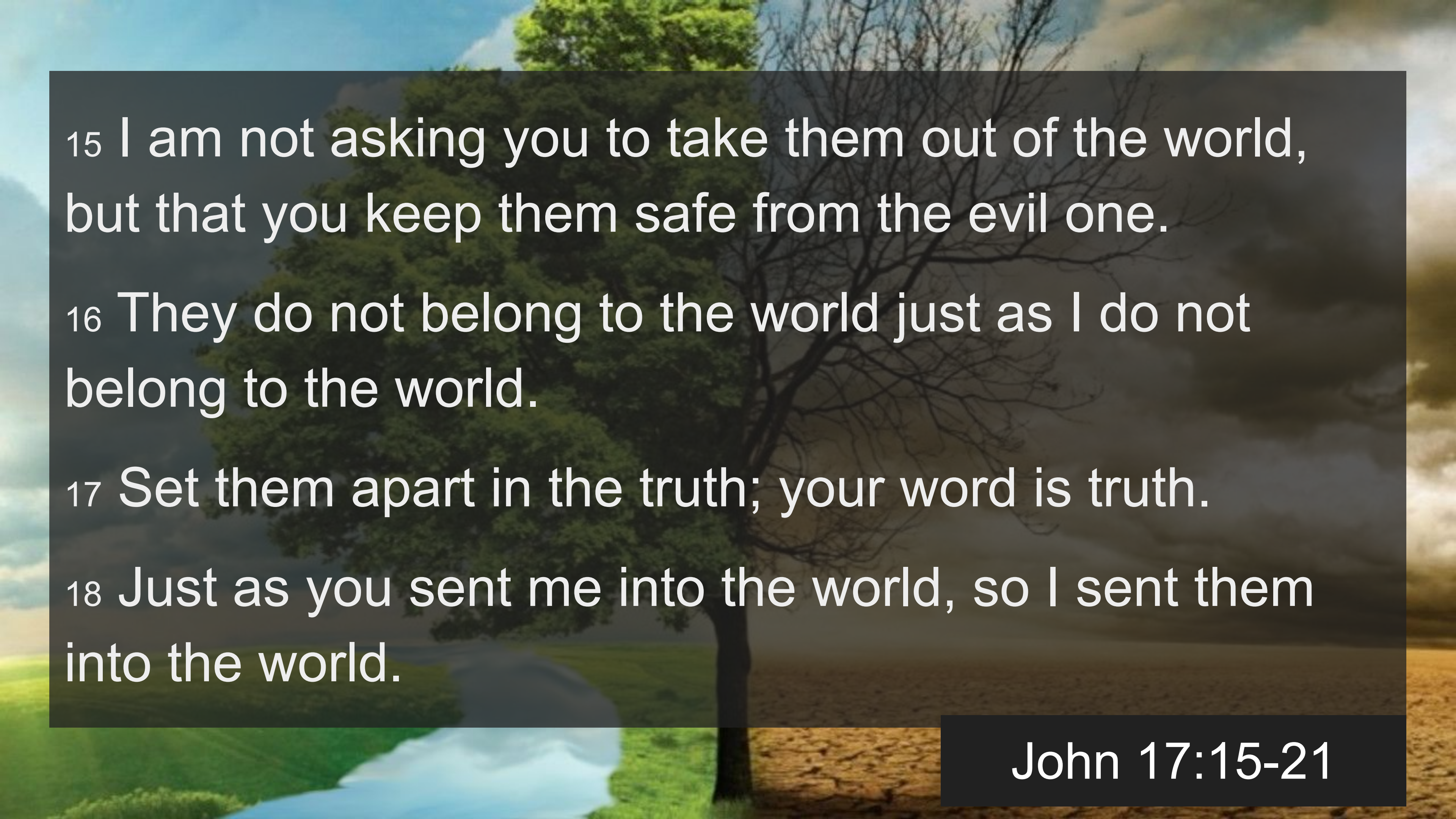


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Colossians 2:1-15



¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but that you keep them safe from the evil one.

¹⁶ They do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁷ Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

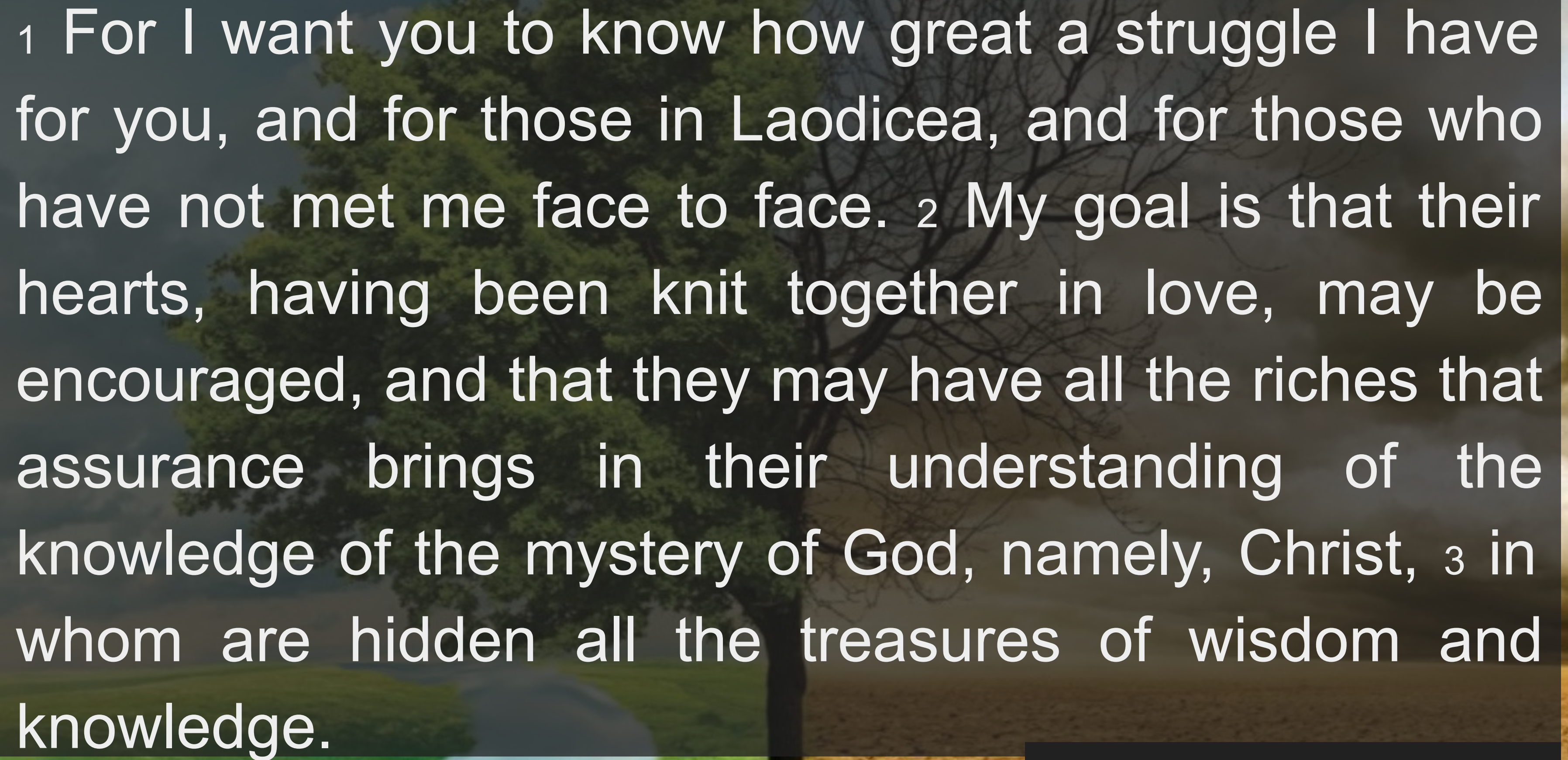
John 17:15-21

¹⁹ And I set myself apart on their behalf, so that they too may be truly set apart.

²⁰ I am not praying only on their behalf, but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their testimony,

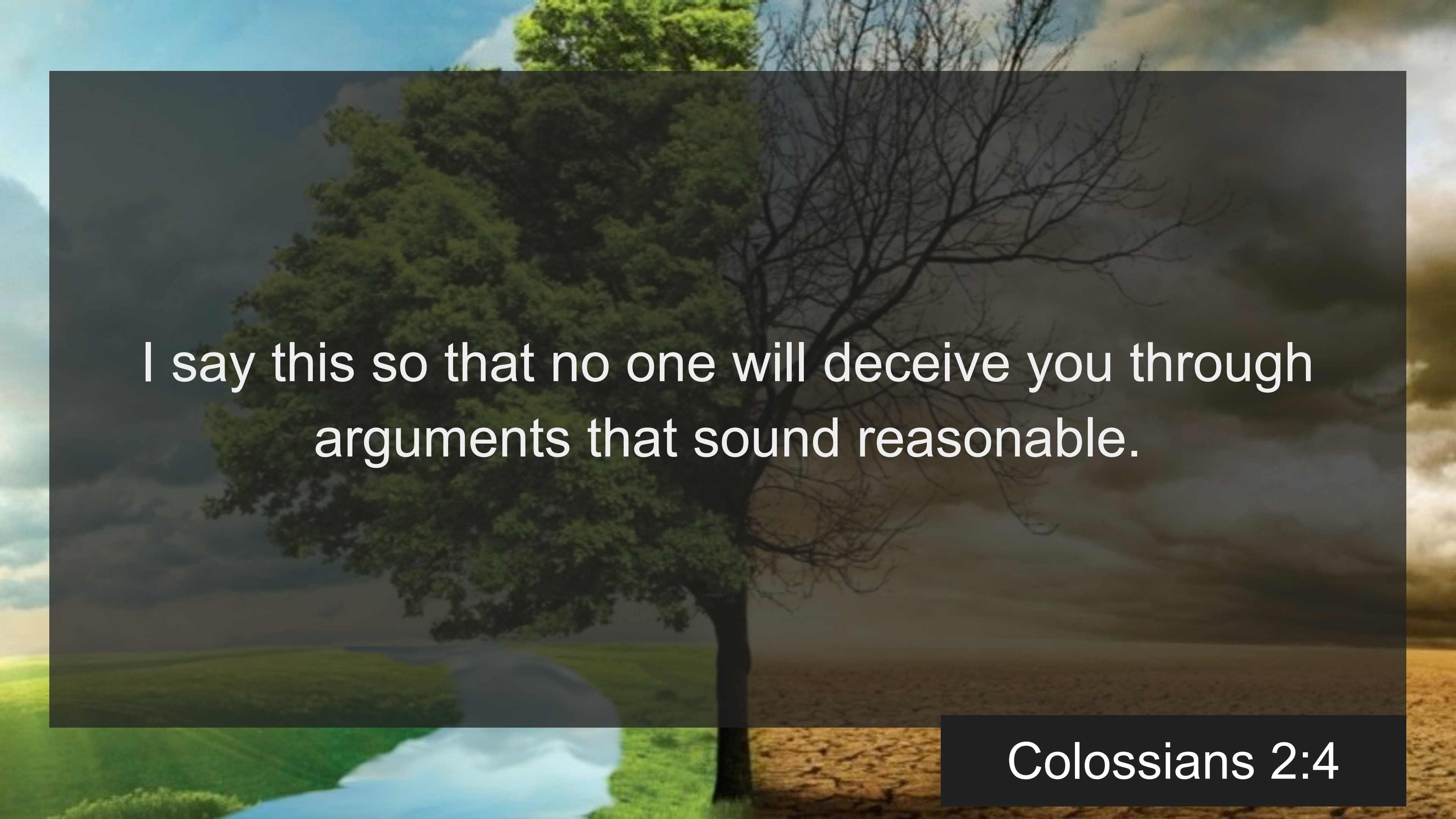
²¹ that they will all be one, just as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. I pray that they will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me.

John 17:15-21



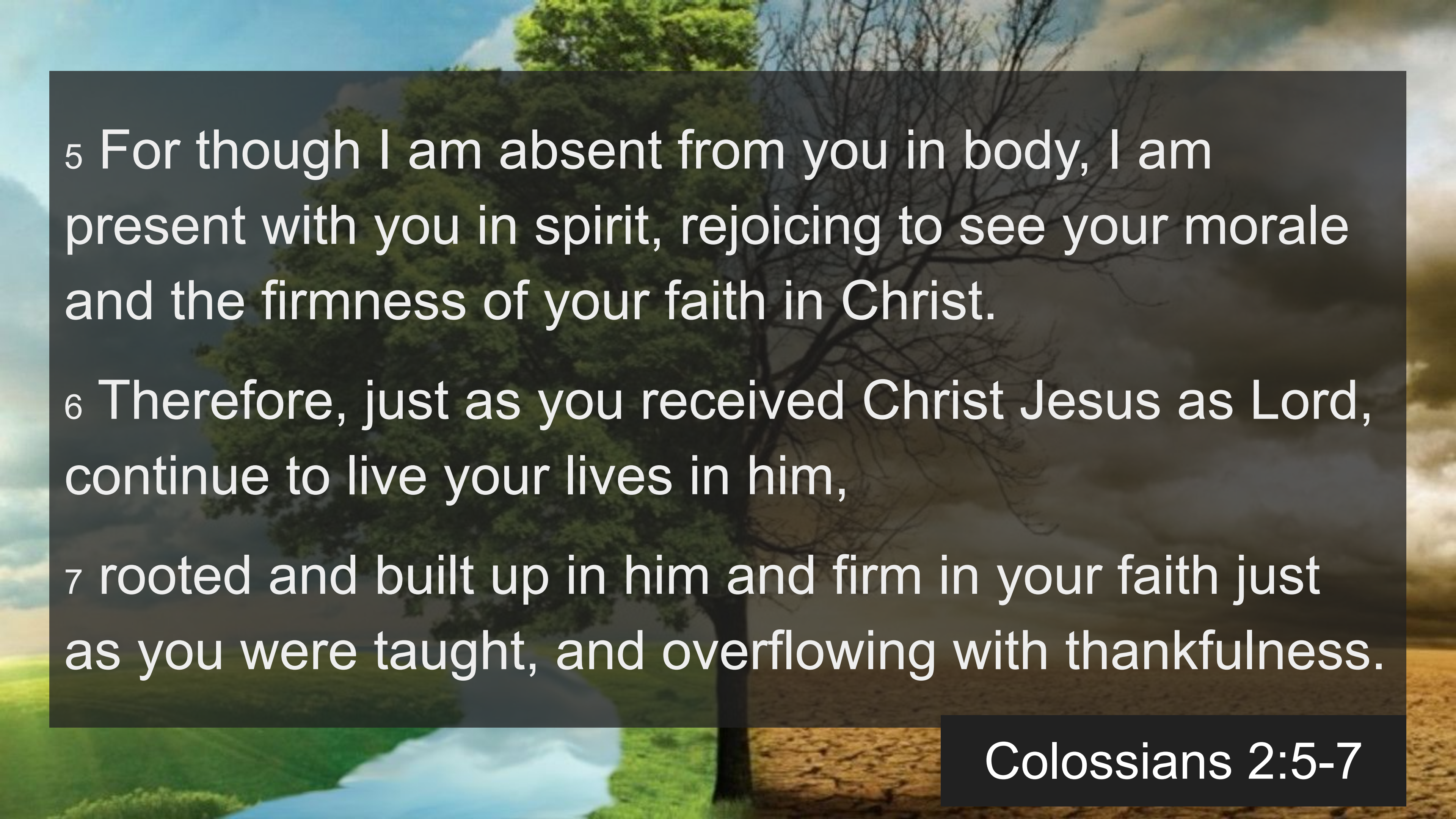
¹ For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you, and for those in Laodicea, and for those who have not met me face to face. ² My goal is that their hearts, having been knit together in love, may be encouraged, and that they may have all the riches that assurance brings in their understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3

A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafy tree on the left and a bare, skeletal tree on the right. A river flows through the foreground, and the background shows a dark, stormy sky with heavy clouds. The scene is split vertically, with the left side being lush and green, and the right side being dry and brown.

I say this so that no one will deceive you through
arguments that sound reasonable.

Colossians 2:4

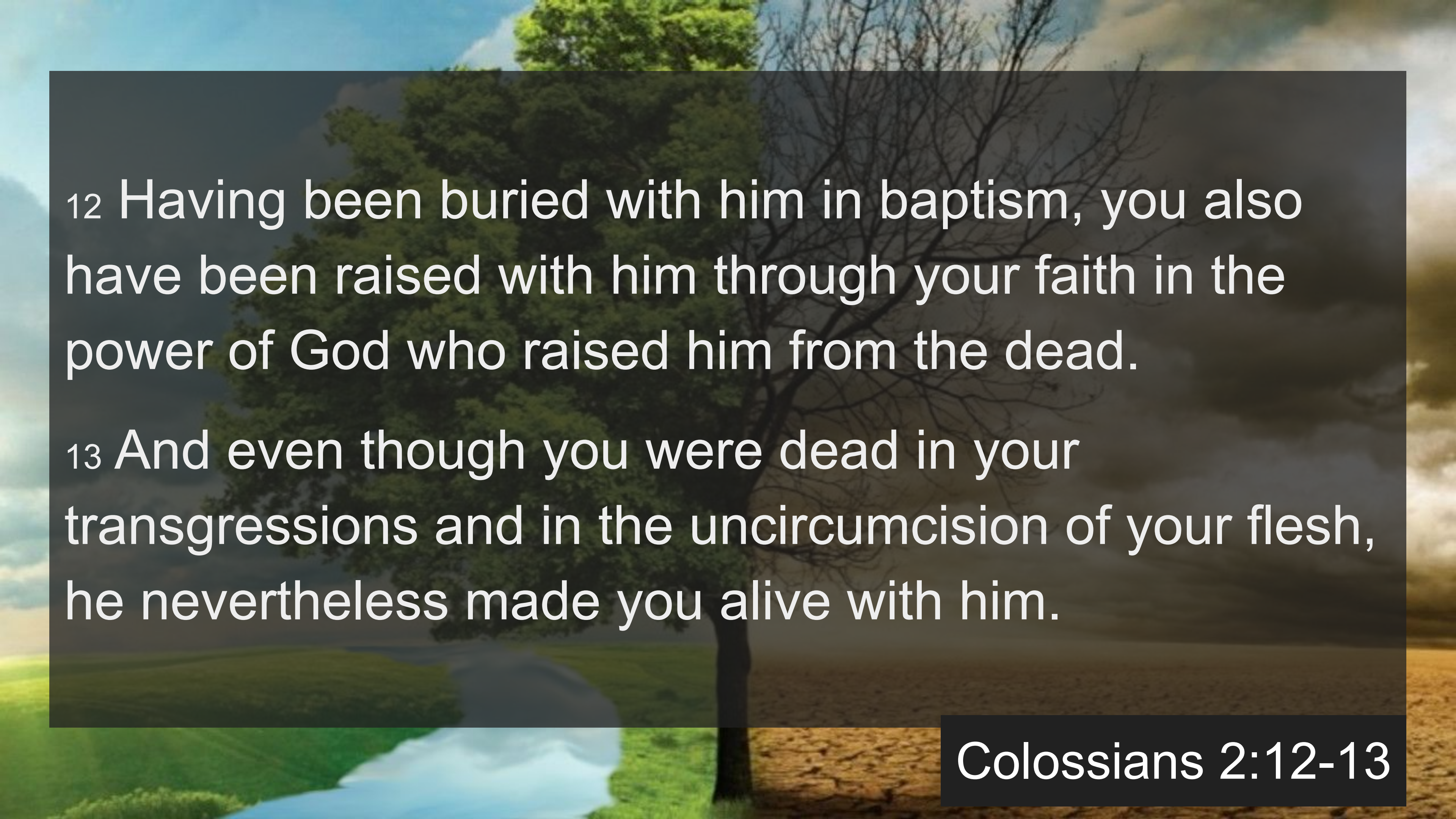


⁵ For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,

⁷ rooted and built up in him and firm in your faith just as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

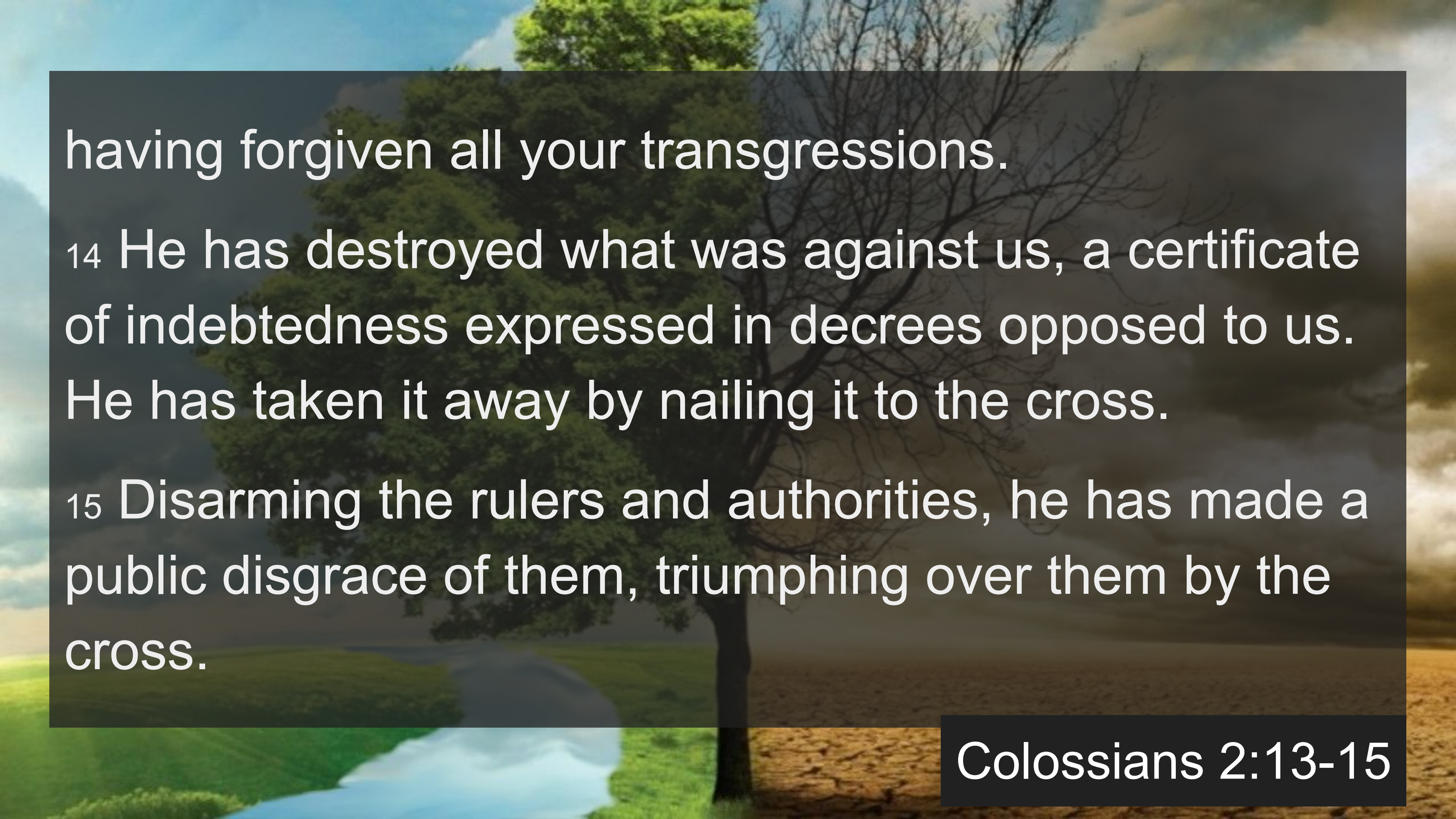
Colossians 2:5-7

A scenic landscape featuring a large, leafy tree in the foreground, a river flowing through a green field, and a cloudy sky in the background. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey box.

¹² Having been buried with him in baptism, you also have been raised with him through your faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead.

¹³ And even though you were dead in your transgressions and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he nevertheless made you alive with him.

Colossians 2:12-13

A scenic landscape featuring a large, leafy tree in the foreground, a winding river or path leading into the distance, and mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The scene is partially obscured by a dark, semi-transparent overlay where the text is placed.

having forgiven all your transgressions.

¹⁴ He has destroyed what was against us, a certificate of indebtedness expressed in decrees opposed to us. He has taken it away by nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ Disarming the rulers and authorities, he has made a public disgrace of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

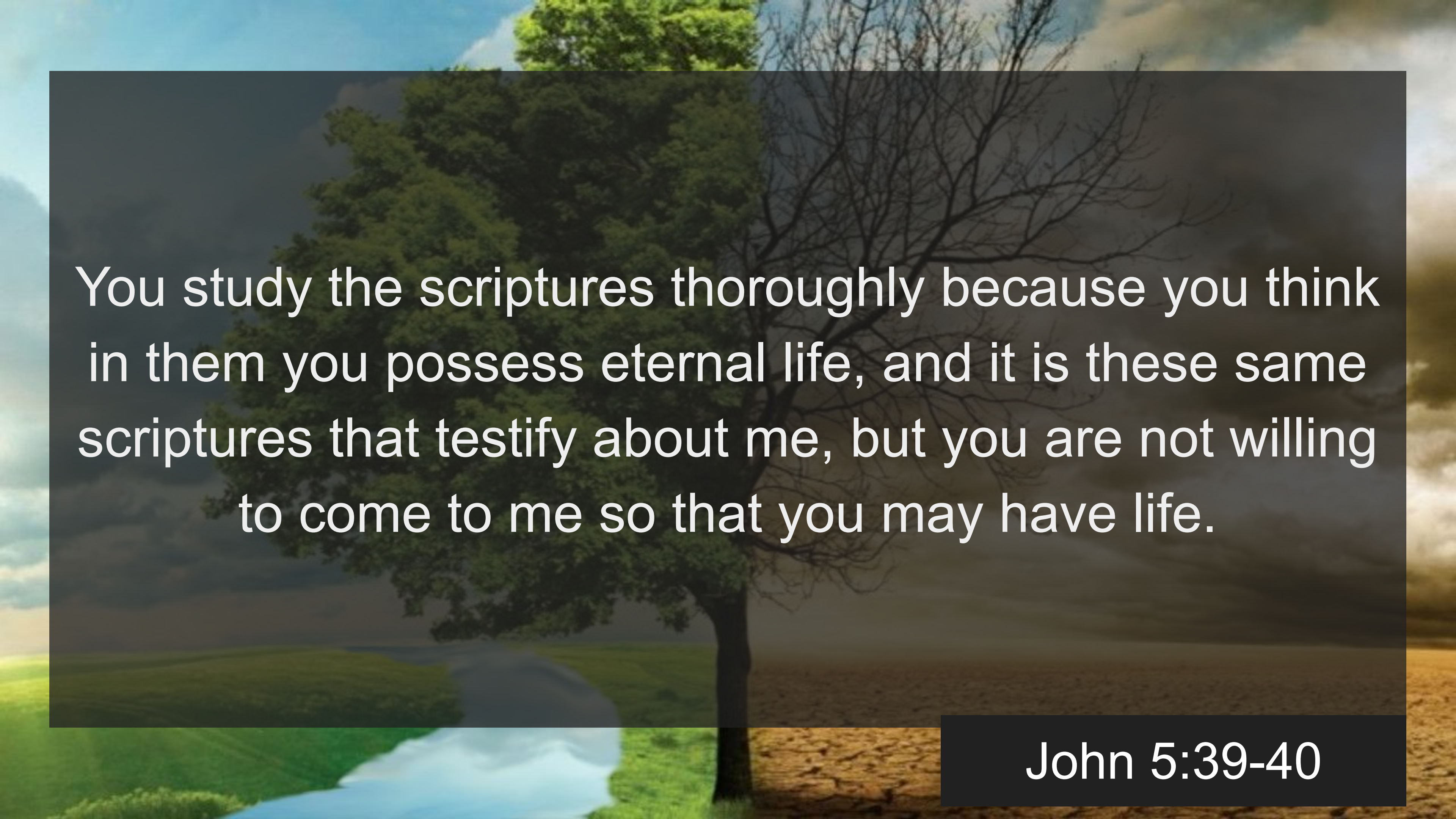
Colossians 2:13-15

Psalm 1

How blessed is the one who does not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand in the pathway with sinners, or sit in the assembly of scoffers! Instead he finds pleasure in obeying the LORD's commands; he meditates on his commands day and night. He is like a tree planted by flowing streams; it yields its fruit at the proper time, and its leaves never fall off. He succeeds in everything he attempts.

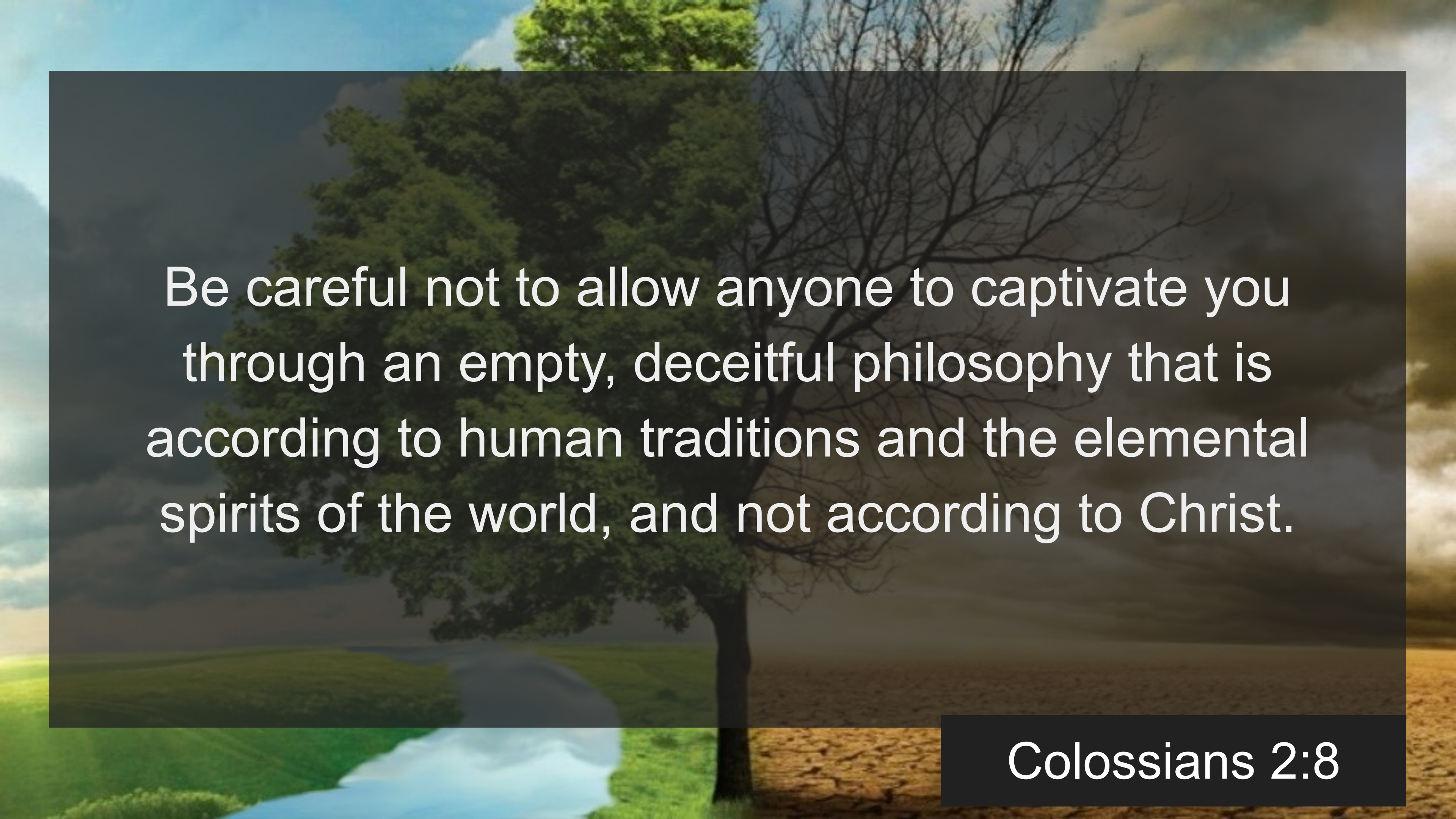
Not so with the wicked! Instead they are like wind-driven chaff. For this reason the wicked cannot withstand judgment, nor can sinners join the assembly of the godly. Certainly the LORD guards the way of the godly, but the way of the wicked ends in destruction.



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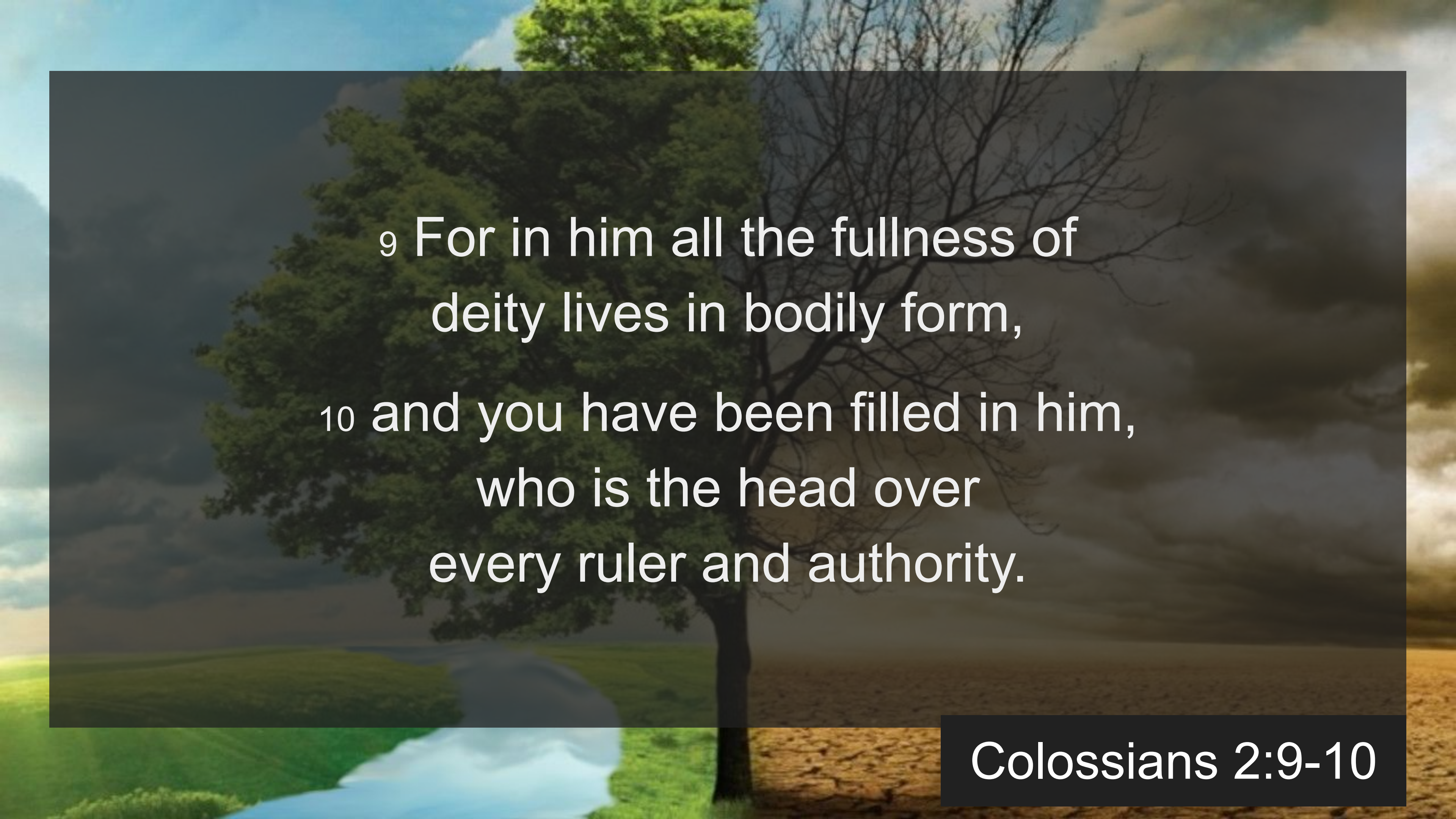
You study the scriptures thoroughly because you think in them you possess eternal life, and it is these same scriptures that testify about me, but you are not willing to come to me so that you may have life.

John 5:39-40

A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafy tree on the left and a bare, skeletal tree on the right. A river flows through the foreground, reflecting the sky. The background shows rolling hills under a dramatic, cloudy sky. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing white text.

Be careful not to allow anyone to captivate you through an empty, deceitful philosophy that is according to human traditions and the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

Colossians 2:8

A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafy tree on the left and a bare, skeletal tree on the right. A river flows through the foreground, and the background shows a vast, open field under a sky with dark, dramatic clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

⁹ For in him all the fullness of
deity lives in bodily form,
¹⁰ and you have been filled in him,
who is the head over
every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

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