

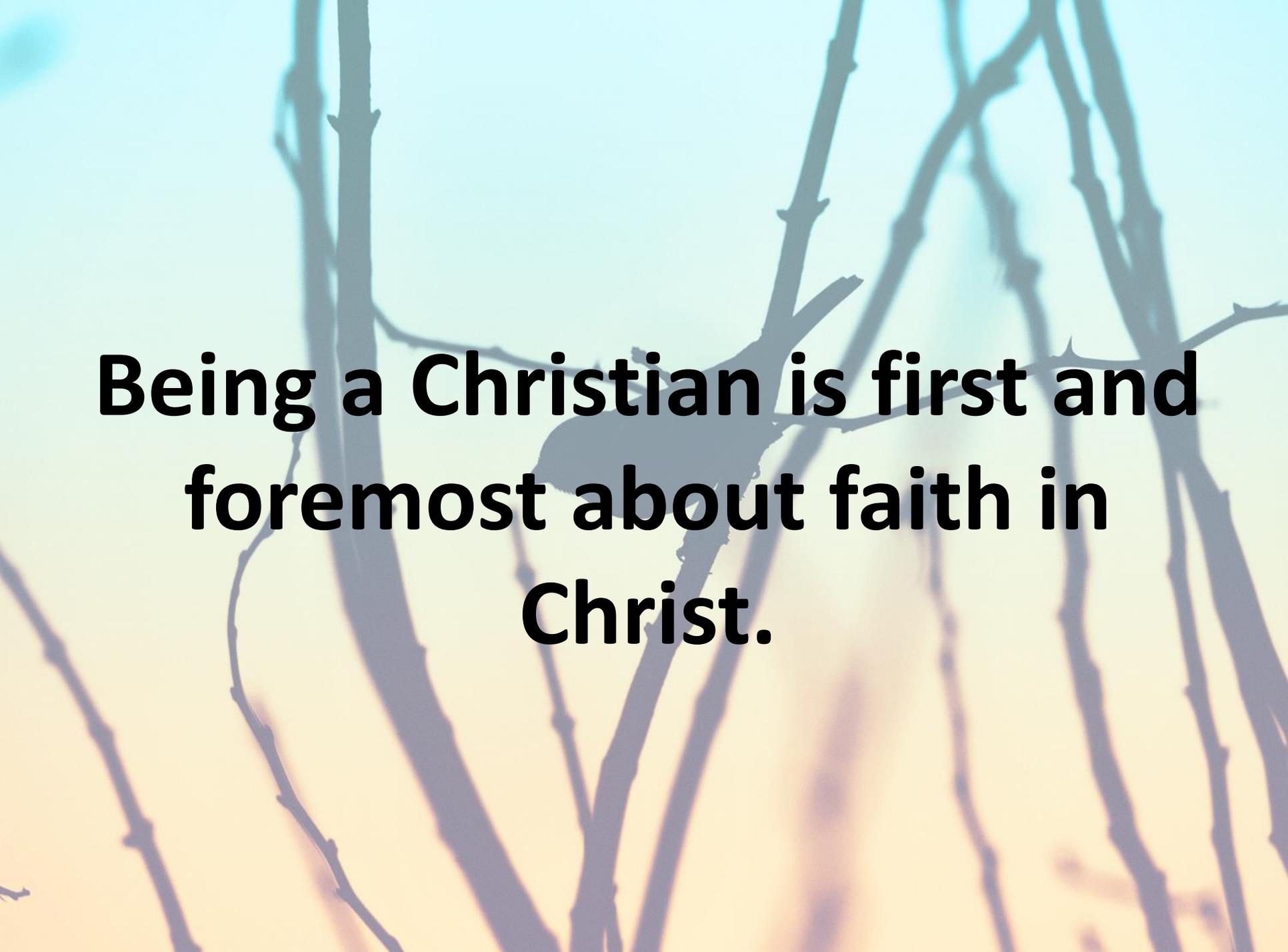
FREEDOM BY FAITH

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with a gradient from light blue to orange. The scene is framed by several dark, vertical branches.

Galatians 2:11

¹¹But when Cephas [Peter] came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

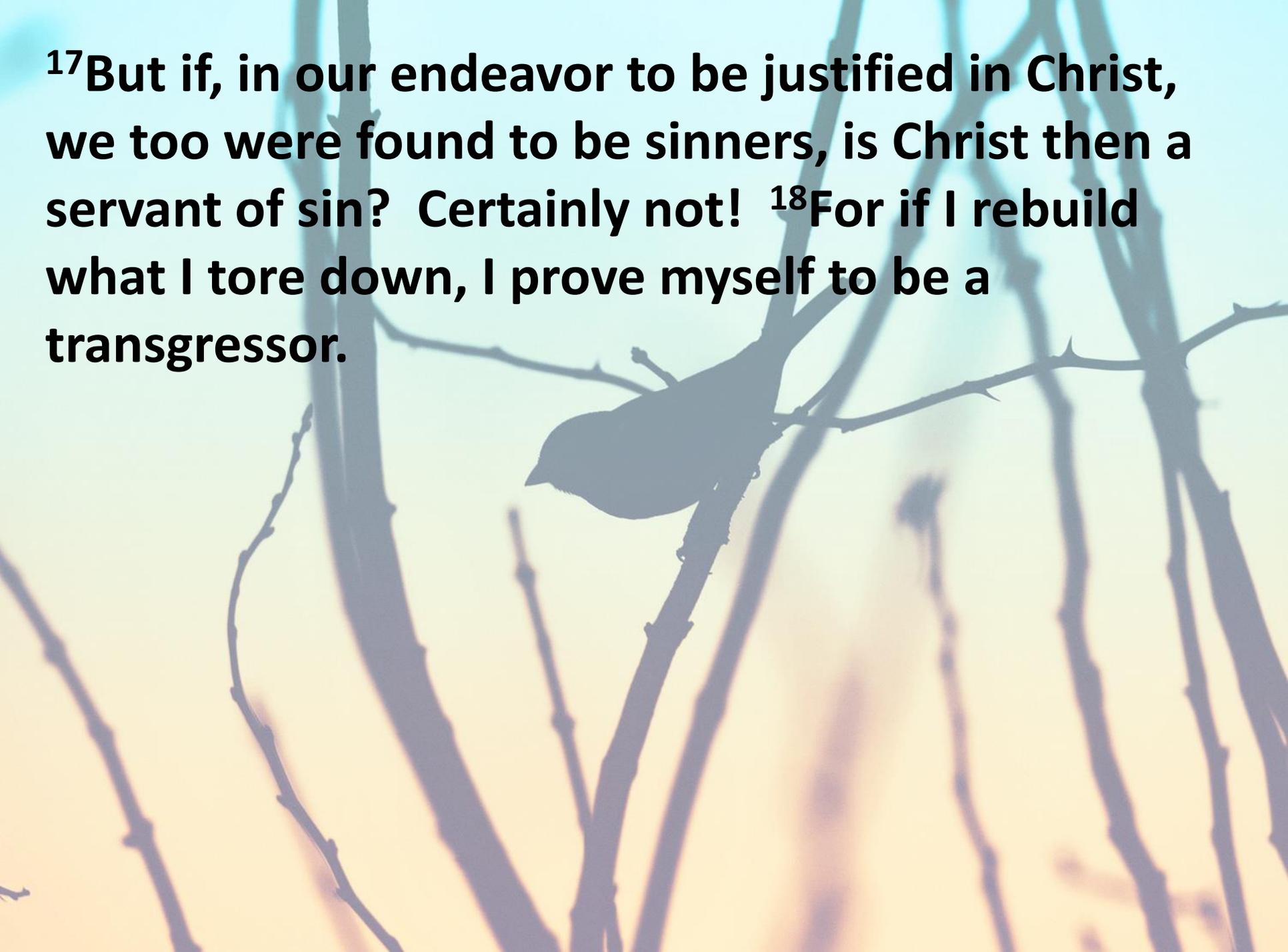


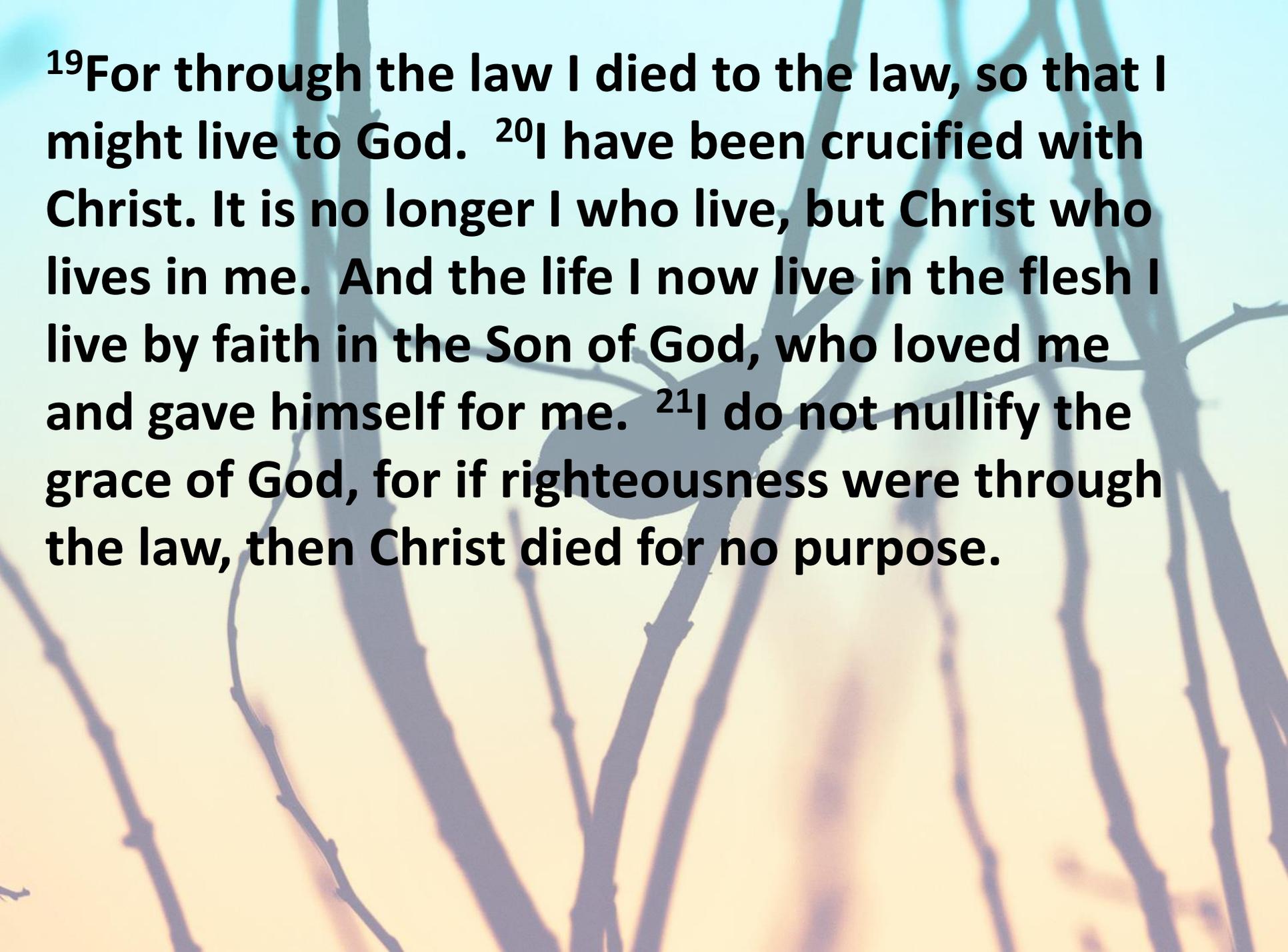
Being a Christian is first and foremost about faith in Christ.

¹⁵We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; ¹⁶yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

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¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch against a soft, warm background. The bird is facing left, and its form is dark against the lighter, hazy background. The background has a gradient from light blue at the top to a warm, golden-yellow at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Several thin, dark branches are visible, some with small buds or leaves, creating a delicate, naturalistic frame around the bird.



¹⁹For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**What table are you at this
morning?**