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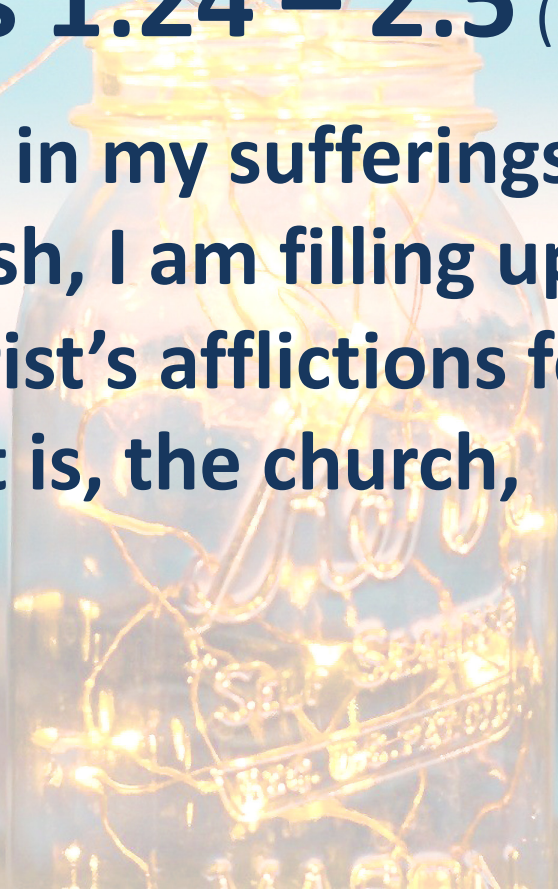
Fulfilled
in Christ

A glass jar filled with warm white string lights, set against a soft, blurred background of a sunset or sunrise over water. The lights are glowing and some are visible through the glass. The background shows a horizon line over water with a warm, golden light from the sun setting or rising.

THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST IN PAUL'S APOSTLESHIP

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5 (ESV)

**Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh, I am filling up what is
lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of
his body, that is, the church,**



Colossians 1:24 – 2:5 (ESV)

²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

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²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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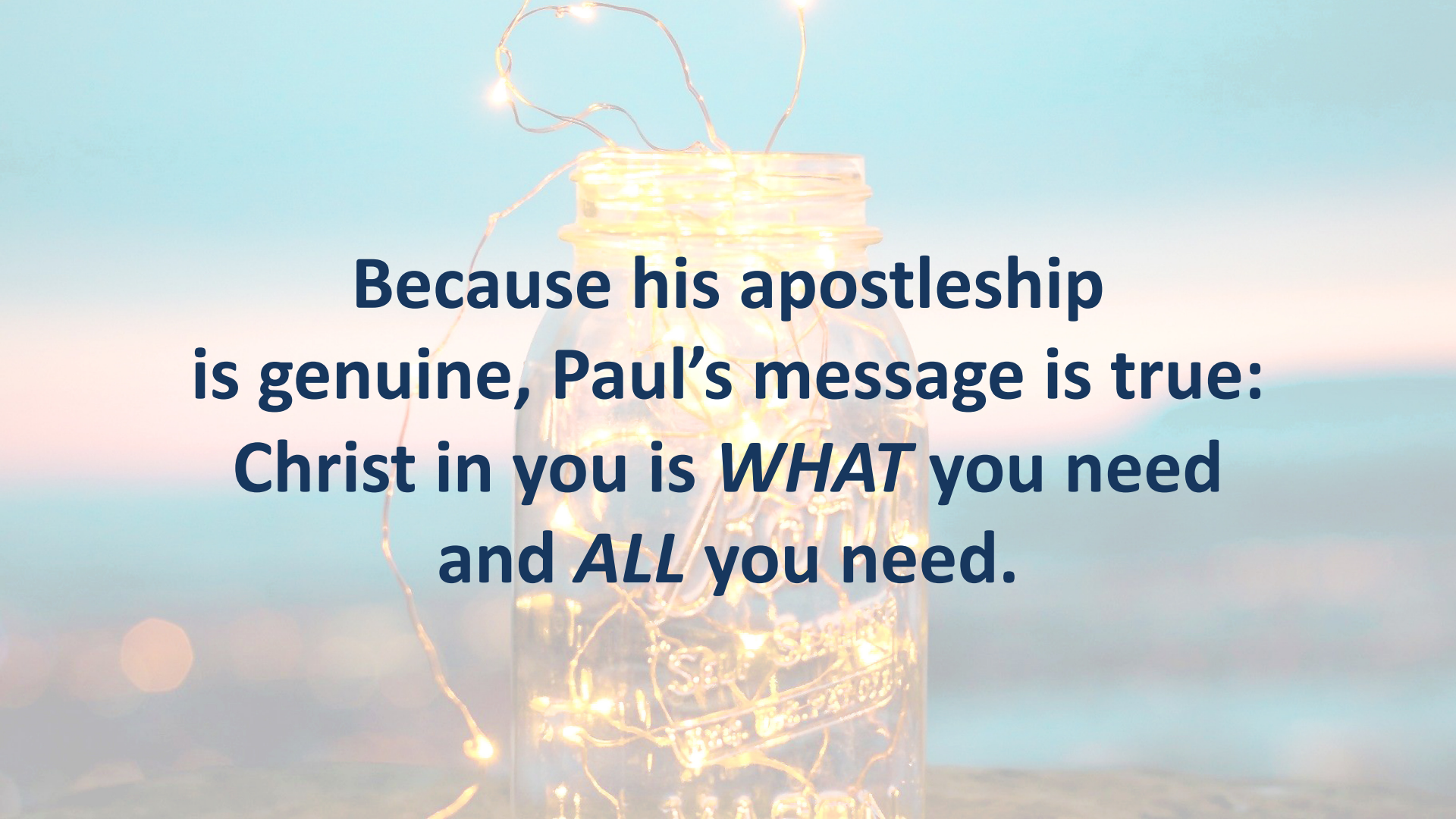
2 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love,

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to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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⁴ I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. ⁵ For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.



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Christ in you is *WHAT* you need
and *ALL* you need.**

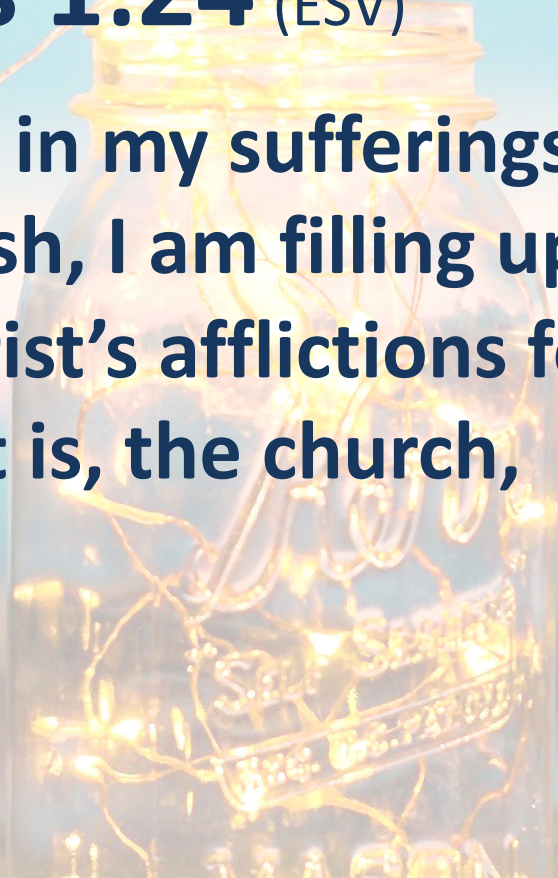


A CHRIST-COMMISSIONED APOSTELSHIP

1:24-25

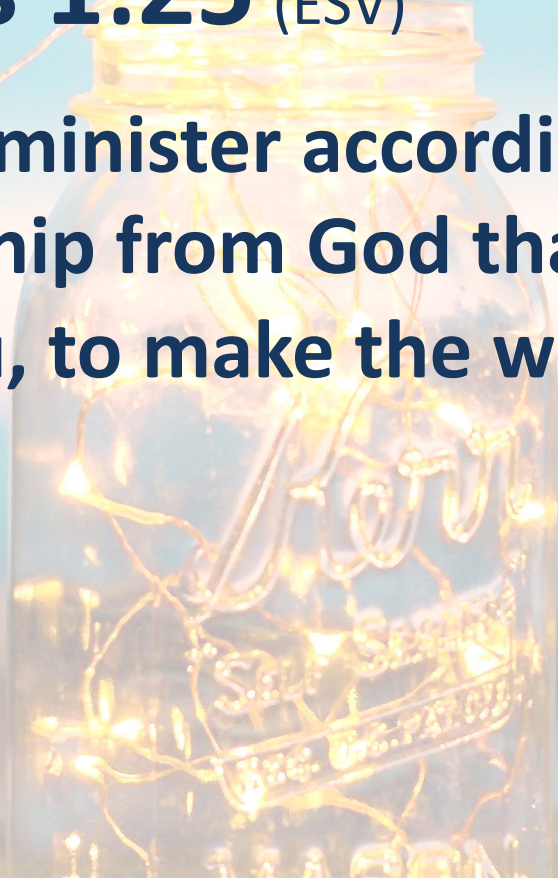
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Colossians 1:25 (ESV)

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A CHRIST-CENTERED APOSTELSHIP

1:26-28

Colossians 1:26-27 (ESV)

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Colossians 1:28 (ESV)

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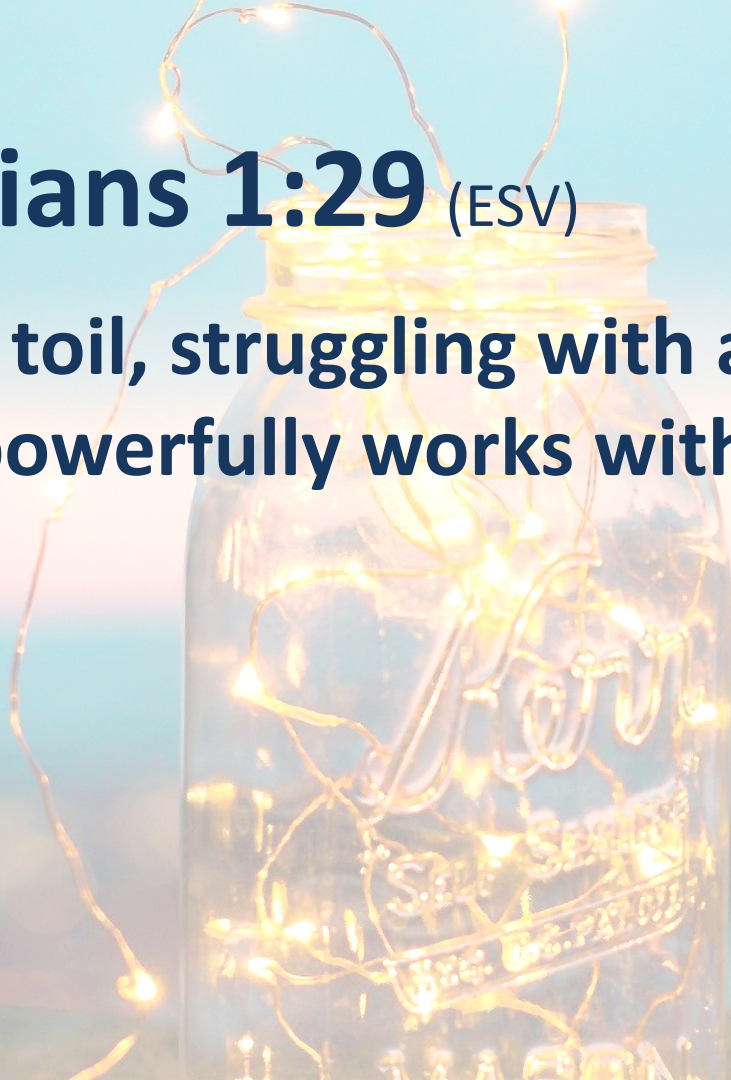
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A CHRIST-EMPOWERED APOSTELSHIP

1:29

Colossians 1:29 (ESV)

**For this I toil, struggling with all his energy
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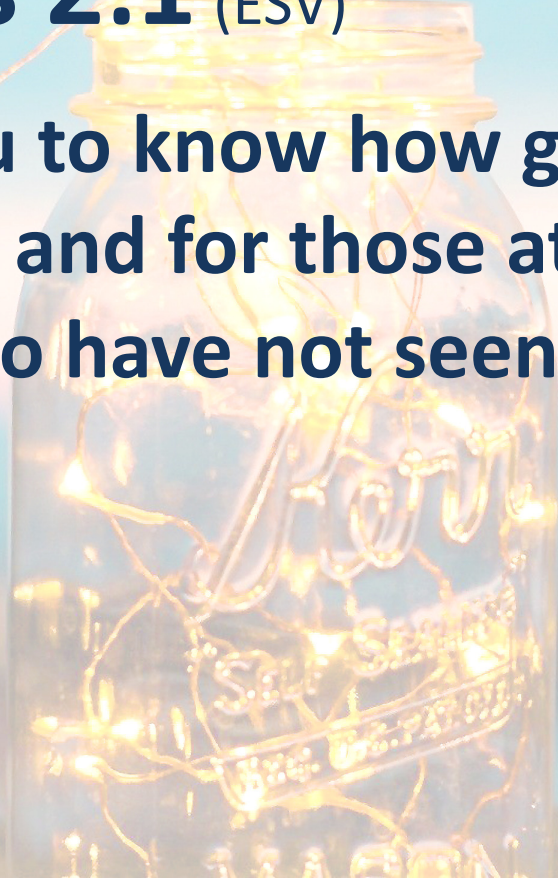


**AN APOSTLESHIP FOCUSED
FOCUSED ON EQUIPPING
THE BODY OF CHRIST**

2:1-5

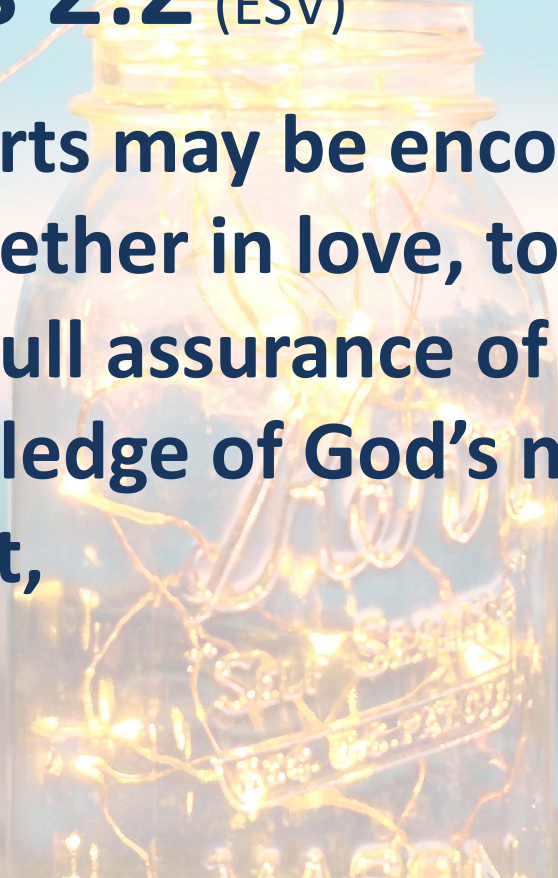
Colossians 2:1 (ESV)

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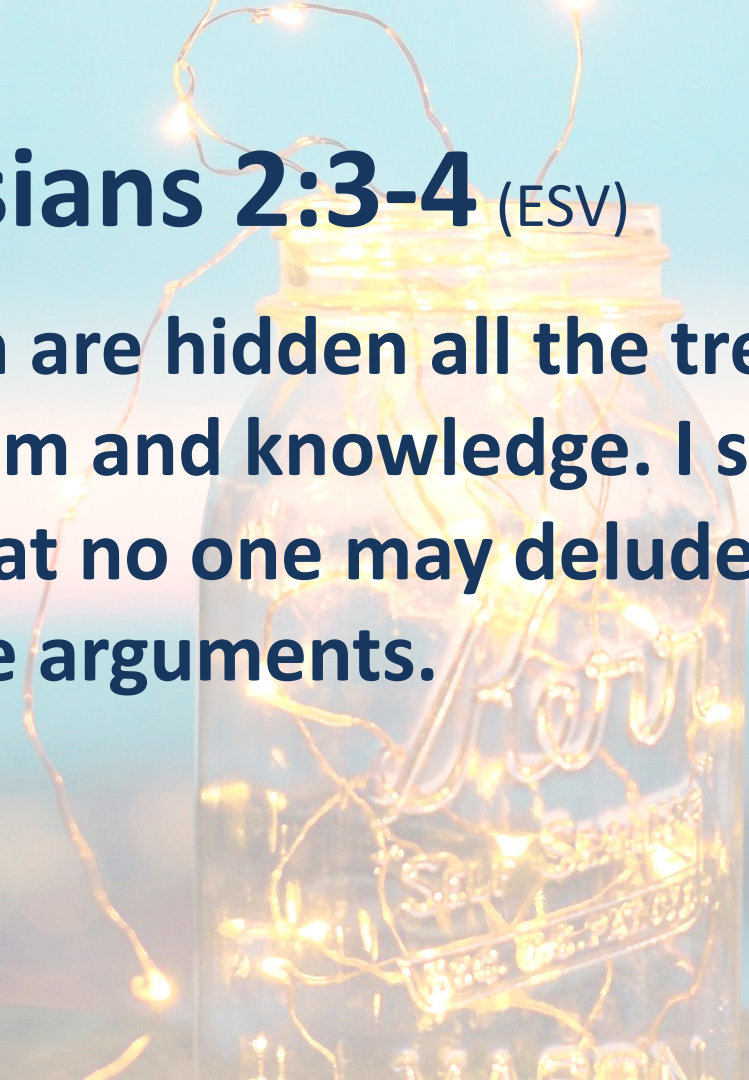
Colossians 2:2 (ESV)

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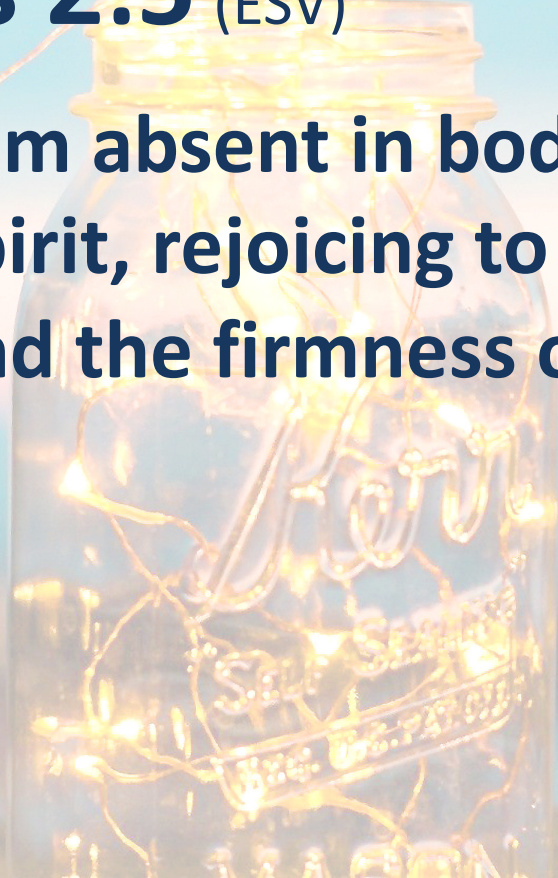
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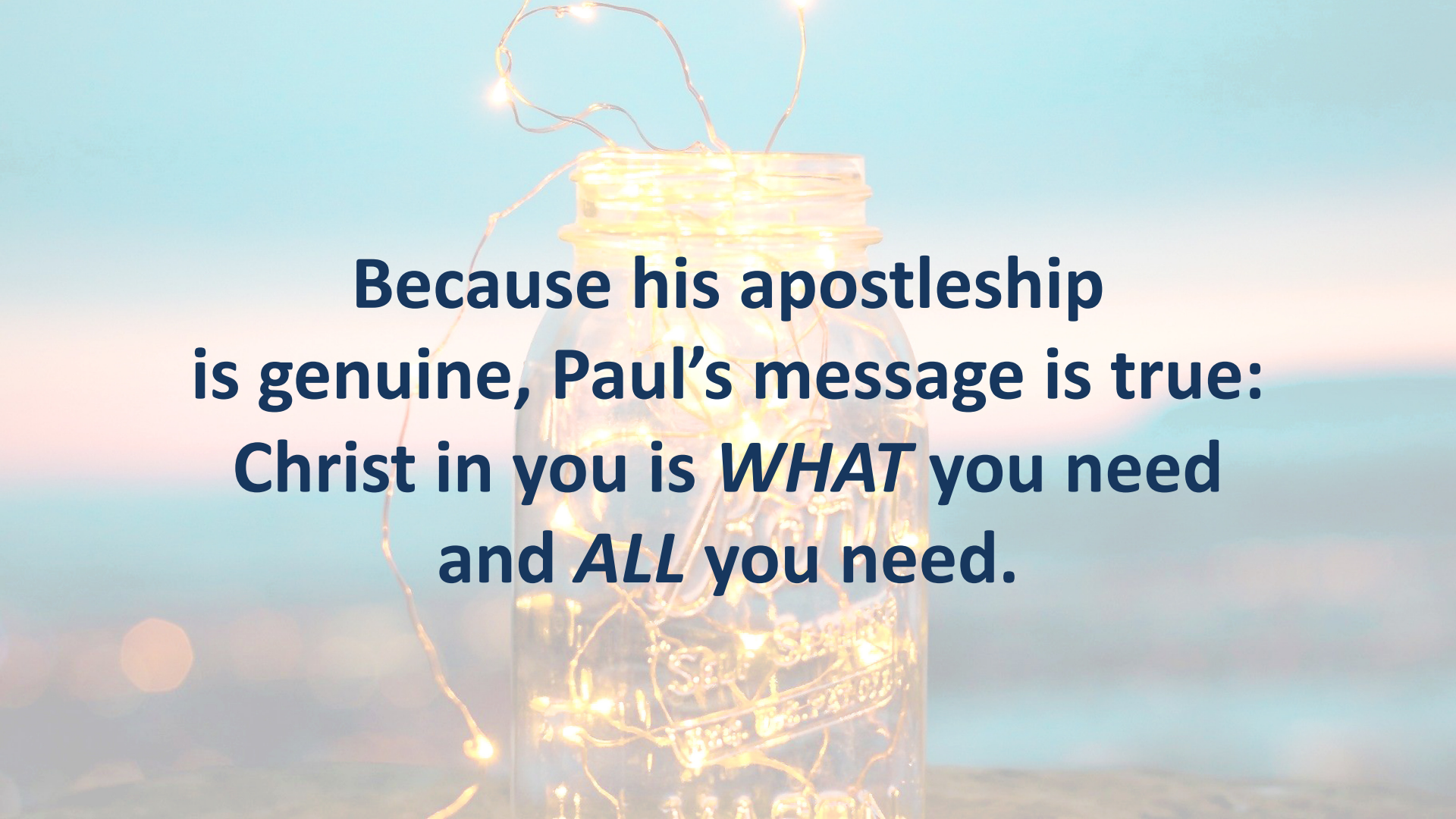
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