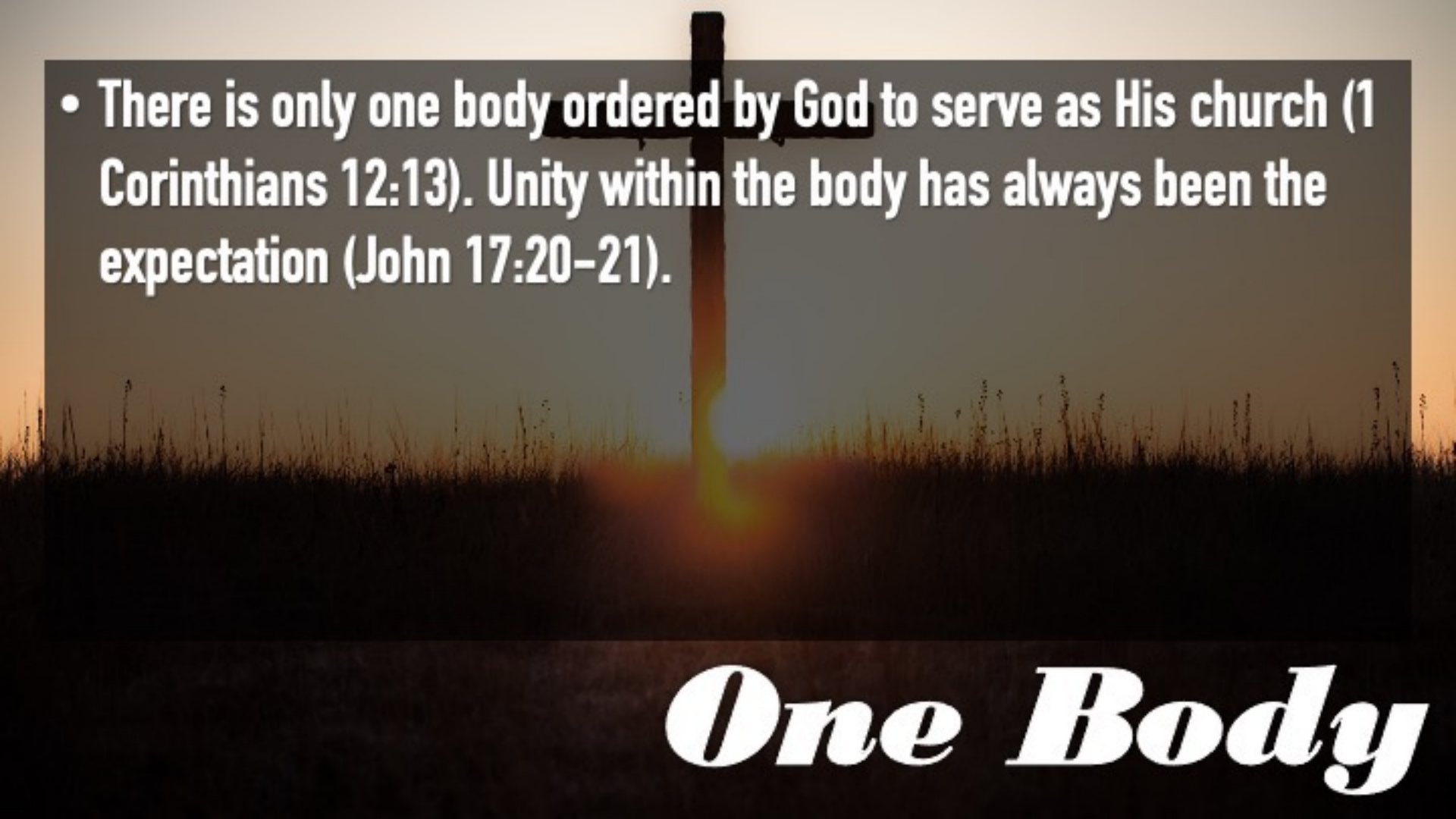




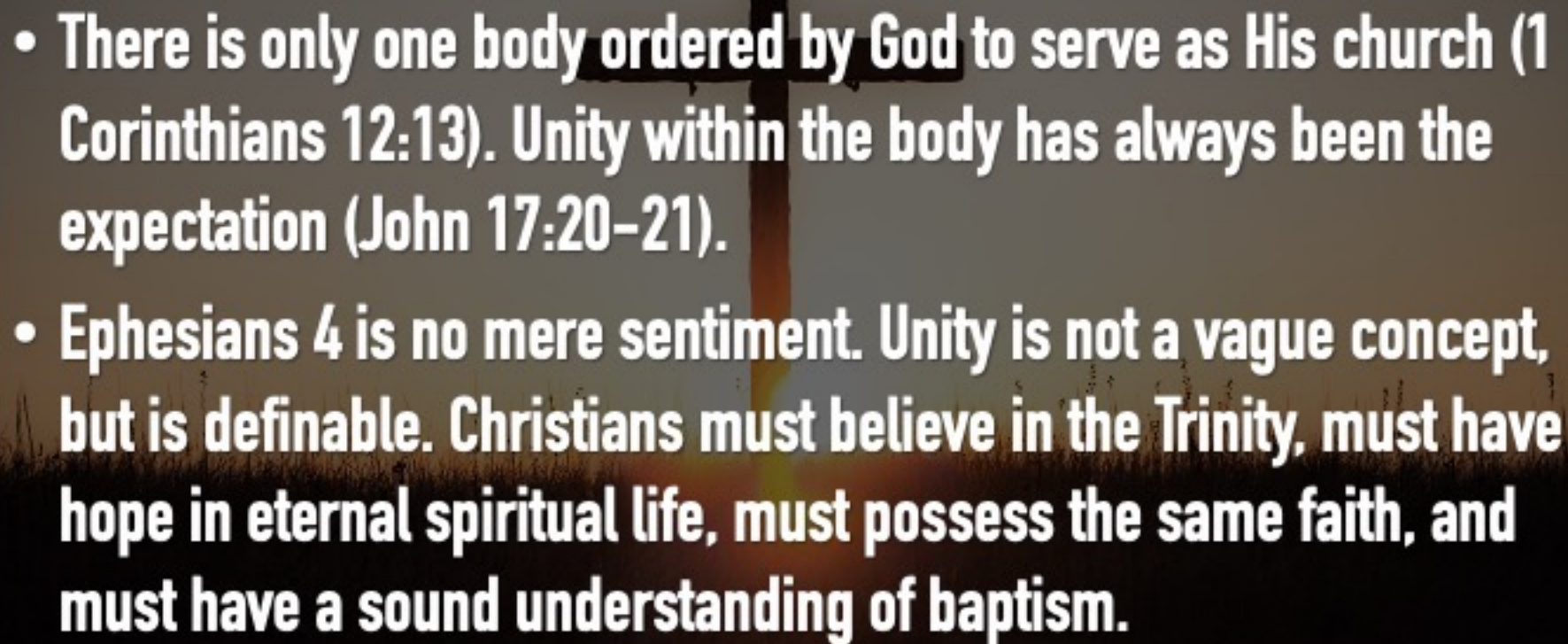
His Church

Ephesians
4:1-6

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”

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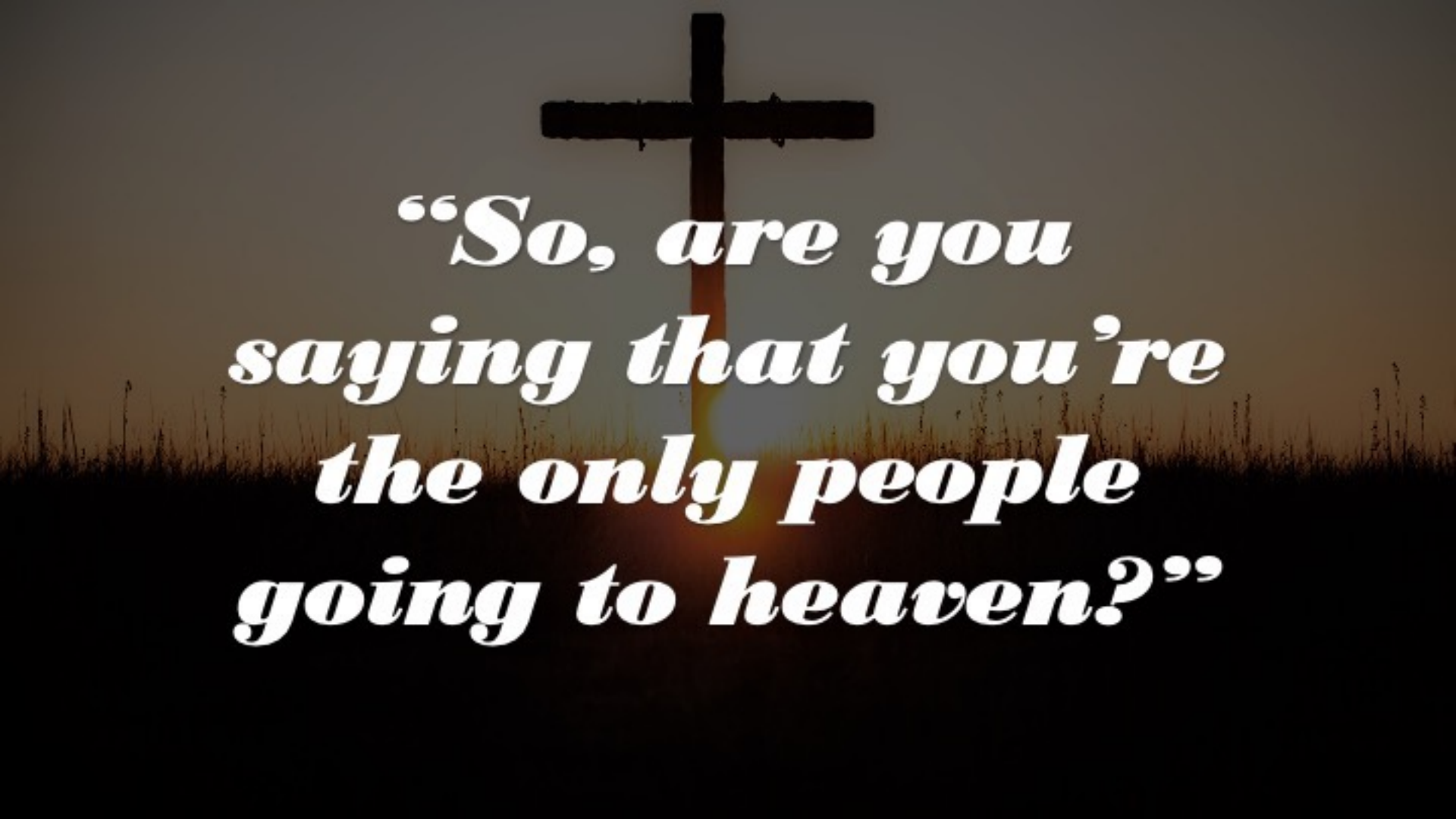
***Christ's Church Is
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Yet all who are willing to practice the truth are welcome (1 John 1:3-7).

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Denominationalism, by its nature, is unbiblical. Any group of believers who define themselves by a manmade doctrine are falling for the same foolish lie that tripped up the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:10ff).



A black silhouette of a cross is centered in the upper half of the image. The background is a sunset or sunrise scene with a field of tall grass in the foreground, silhouetted against a warm, orange and yellow sky. The text is overlaid on the cross and the sky.

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DO YOU SEE IT AS A NAME OR A
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A photograph of a brick wall with a sign that reads "CHURCH OF CHRIST". The sign is made of white, three-dimensional letters mounted on the wall. The wall is made of reddish-brown bricks with dark mortar. The sign is positioned in the lower half of the image, below the text from the top section.

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