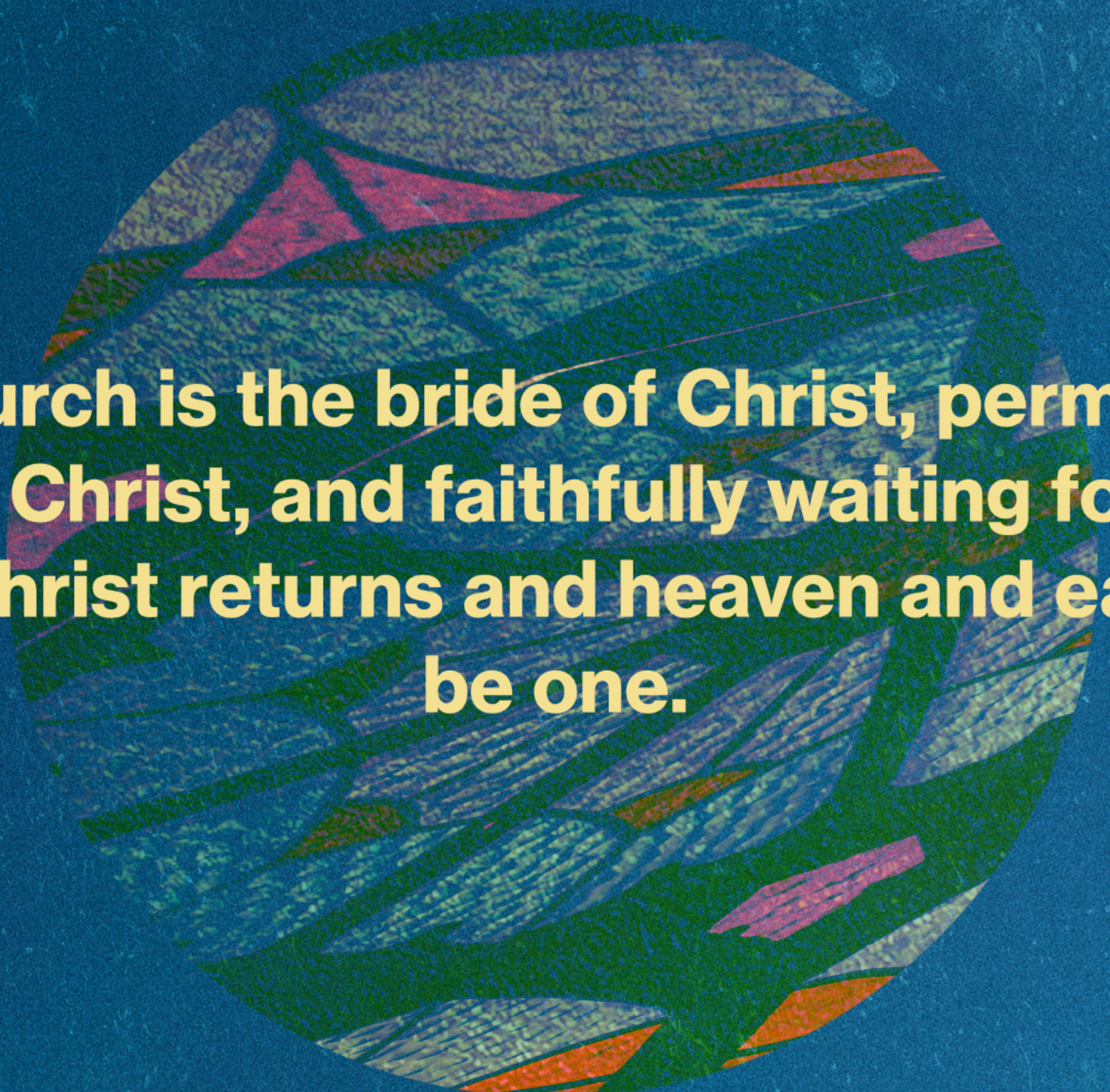


A white dove is shown in flight, positioned above the letter 'S' in the word 'EKKLESIA'. Behind the dove is a large, textured golden sun. The background is a deep blue sky with a few wispy white clouds. The word 'EKKLESIA' is rendered in large, white, outlined letters. Each letter contains a different image: butterflies, a blue sky, and a tree trunk.

# EKKLESIA

**#11 WE ARE HIS BRIDE**



**The Church is the bride of Christ, permanently united to Christ, and faithfully waiting for the day when Christ returns and heaven and earth will be one.**

## **Hosea 11:4**

**I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, And I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.**

## **Jeremiah 31:3**

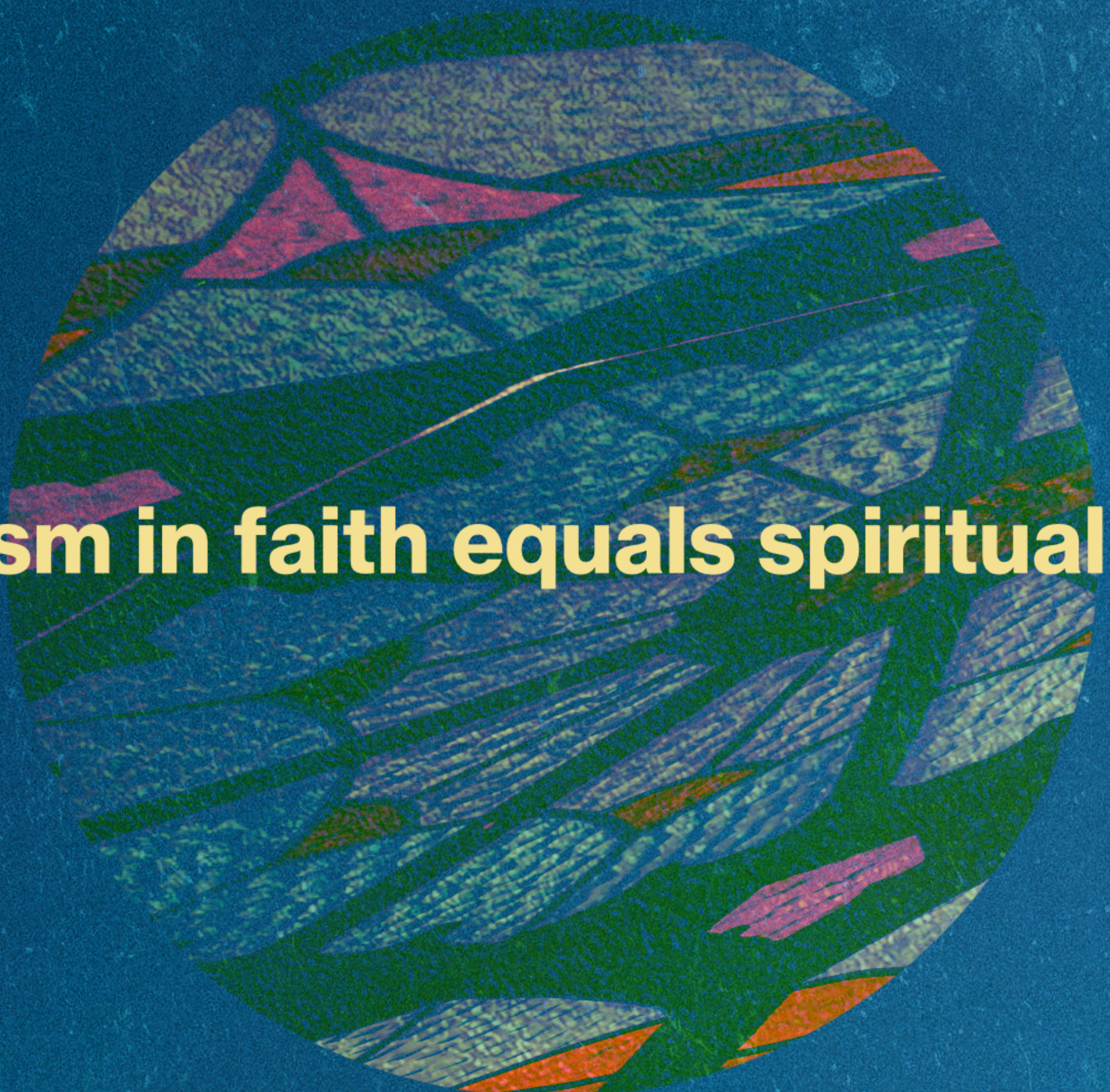
**The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you.**



**IF WE WANT TO BE READY, WE NEED TO  
RESPOND TO JESUS' LOVE**



**IF WE WANT TO BE READY, WE NEED TO  
LIVE LIKE WE BELONG TO JESUS**



**Syncretism in faith equals spiritual adultery**

## **2 Corinthians 11:2**

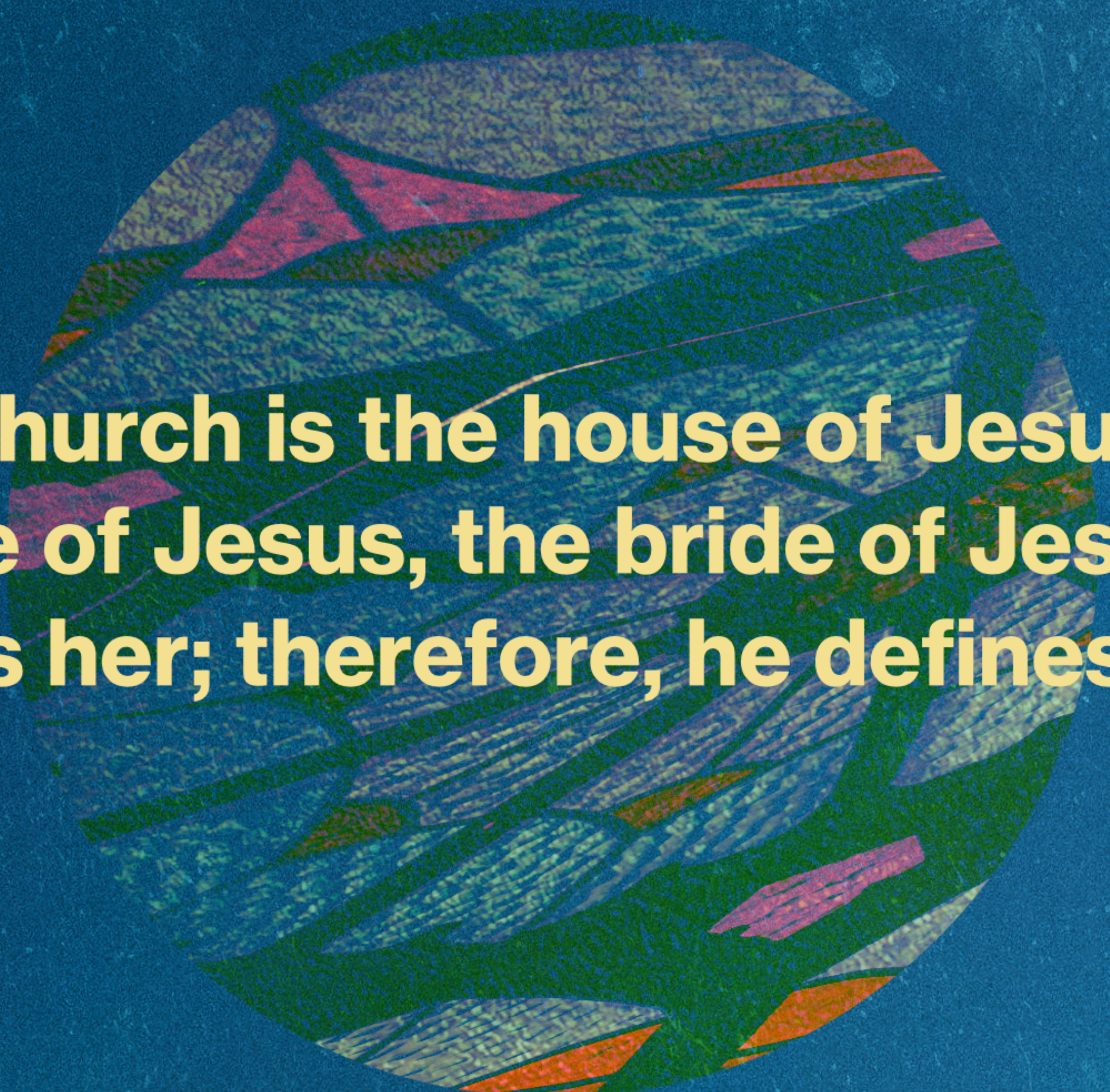
**For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy.**

**For I have betrothed you to one husband, that  
I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**



## **Ephesians 5:25-27**

**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**



**The church is the house of Jesus, the people of Jesus, the bride of Jesus. He owns her; therefore, he defines her.**



**IF WE WANT TO BE READY, WE NEED TO  
LOOK FORWARD TO OUR ETERNAL UNION  
WITH HIM**