



Not of this World

Colossians 2:8-12

Series: The Road Less Traveled



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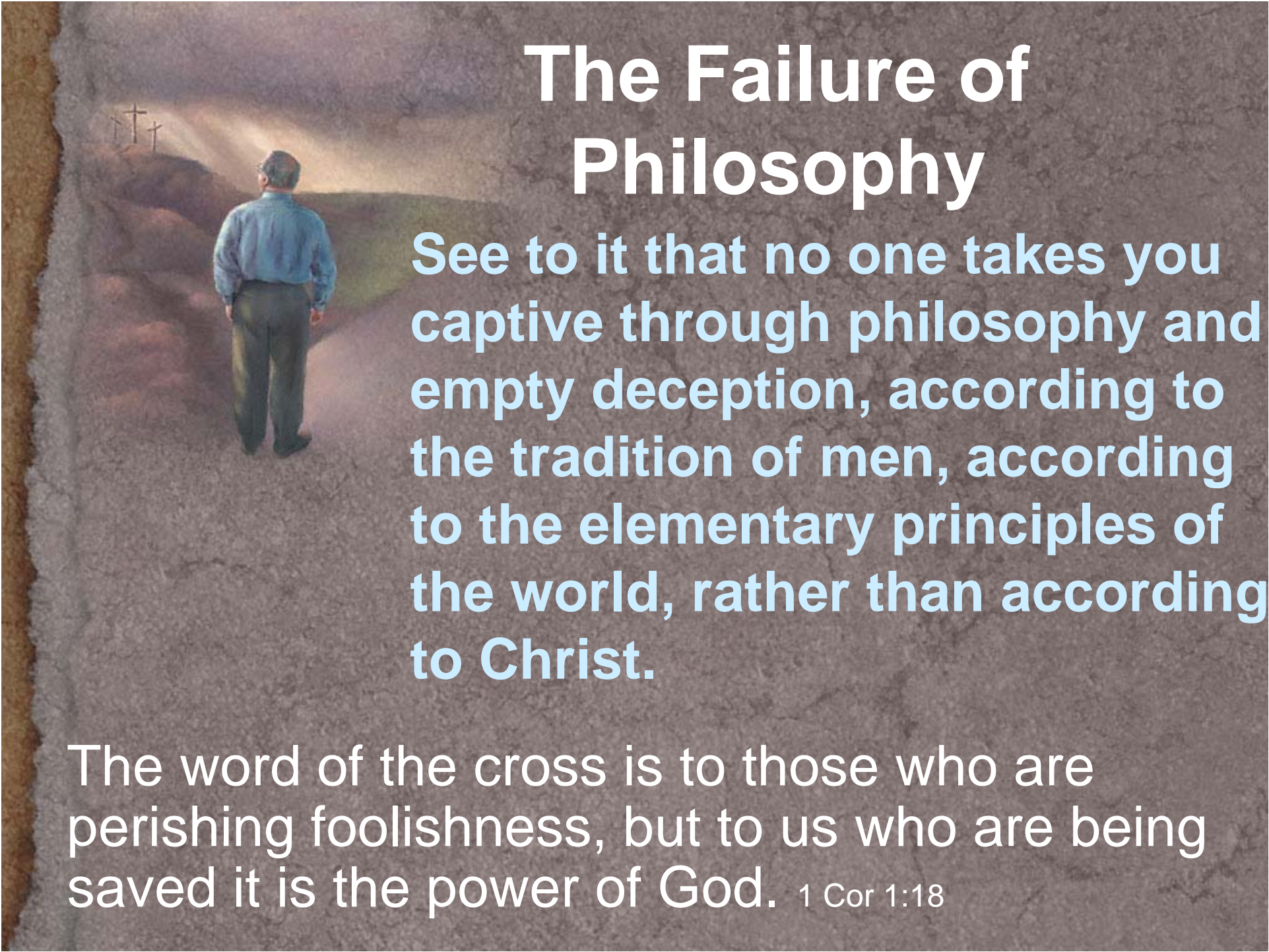
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For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands,



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in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

A man in a blue shirt and dark pants stands on a path, looking towards a hill with three crosses under a bright light. The scene is set in a landscape with rolling hills and a bright light source on the horizon, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere. The path leads towards the crosses, symbolizing a journey or a choice.

The Failure of Philosophy

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The word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor 1:18

A man in a blue shirt and dark pants stands on a path leading to a hill with three crosses, symbolizing the crucifixion. The scene is set against a dramatic, cloudy sky with light breaking through. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

The Fullness of Christ

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As a result of the Fall, man is in a sad state of incompleteness. He is spiritually incomplete because He is totally out of fellowship with God.



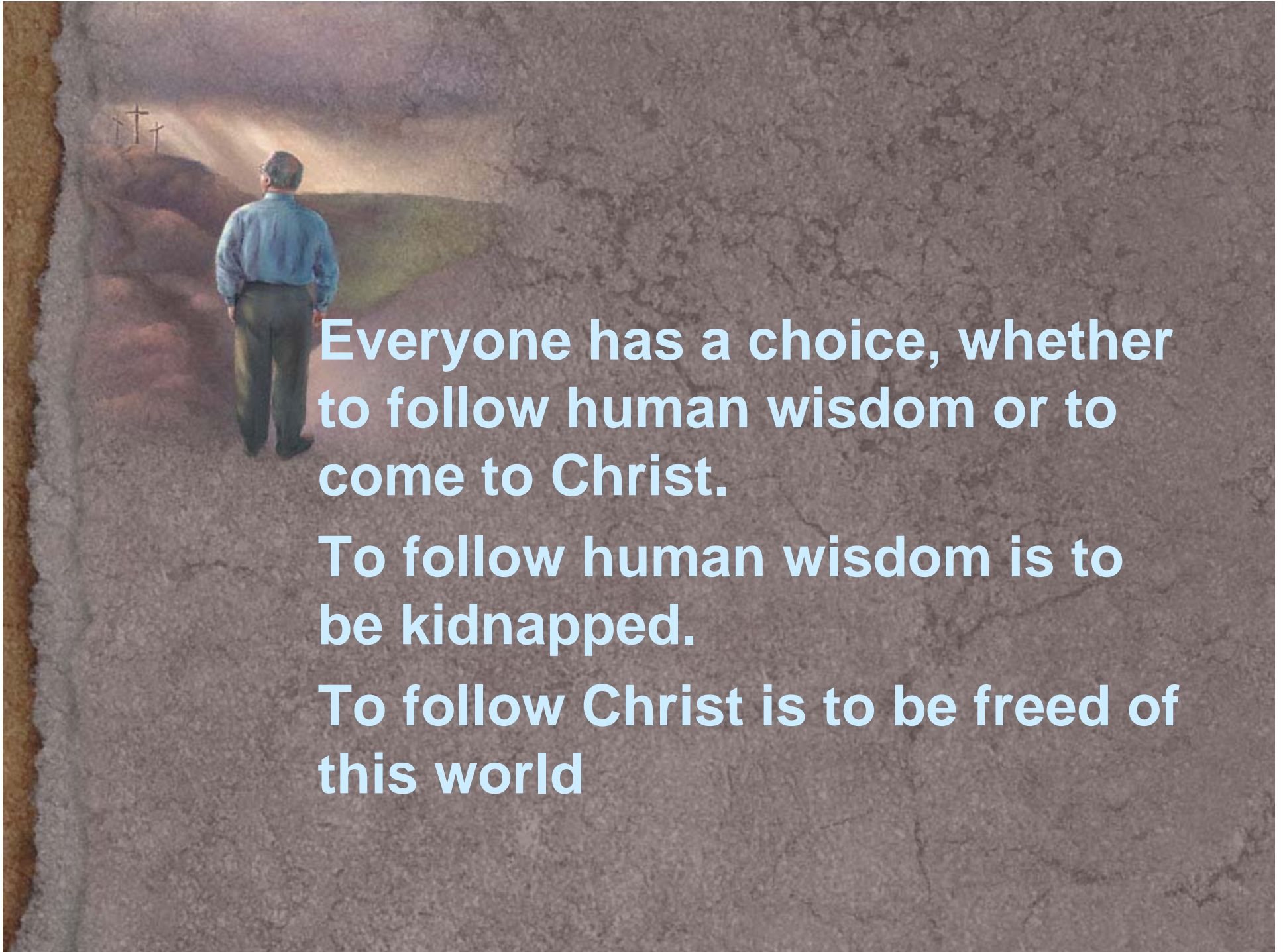
The Purpose of Baptism

having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God,

Shows we were buried with Him

Shows we were raised with Him

Shows the world our faith in Christ



Everyone has a choice, whether to follow human wisdom or to come to Christ.

To follow human wisdom is to be kidnapped.

To follow Christ is to be freed of this world