



**STAND FIRM  
IN FREEDOM**



**THE DECLARATION:**  
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**SET US FREE**



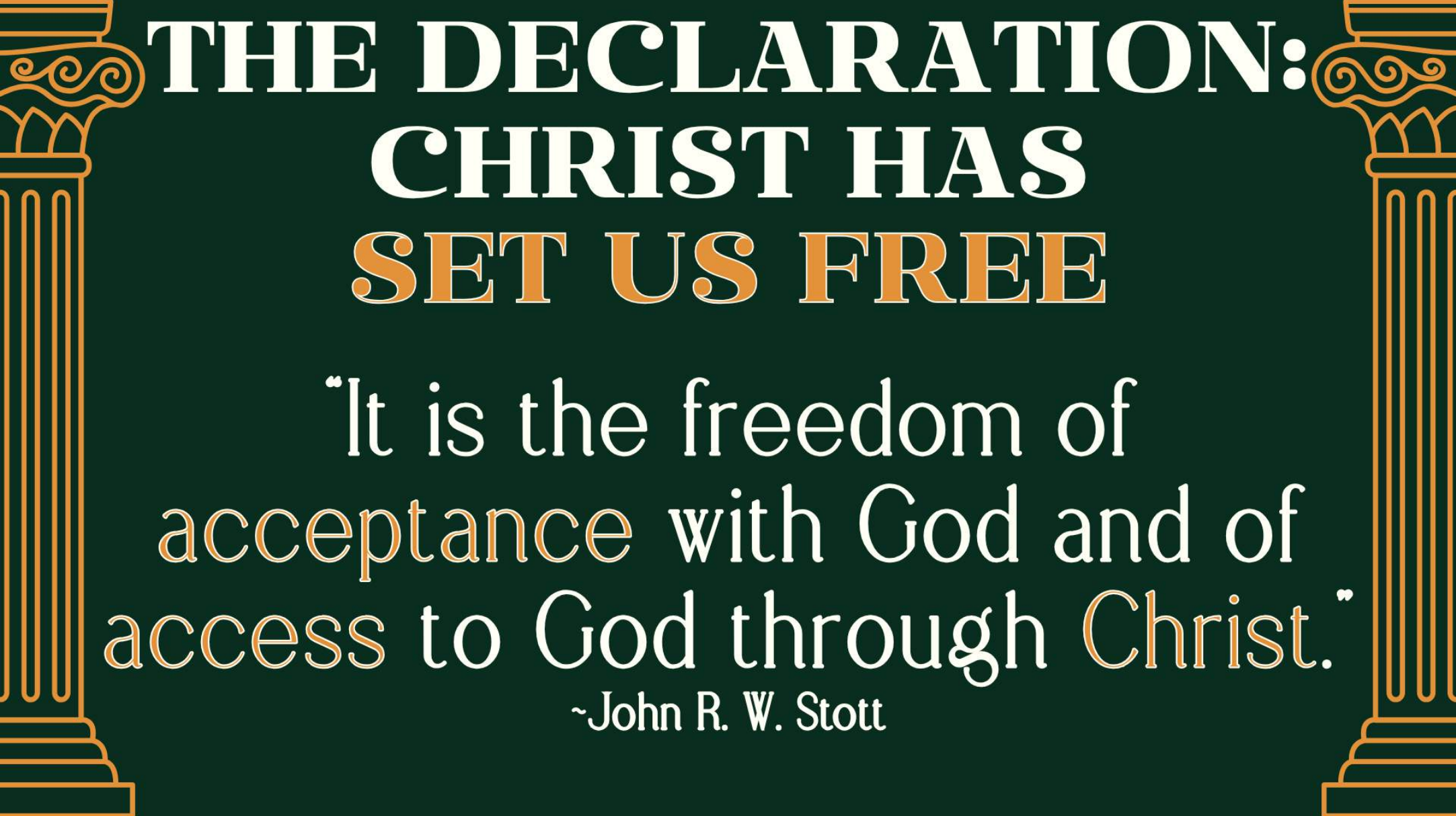
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From: Duty to a code



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From: Duty to a code  
To: Delight in the Creator



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“It is the freedom of  
acceptance with God and of  
access to God through Christ.”

~John R. W. Stott





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We have a relation to the  
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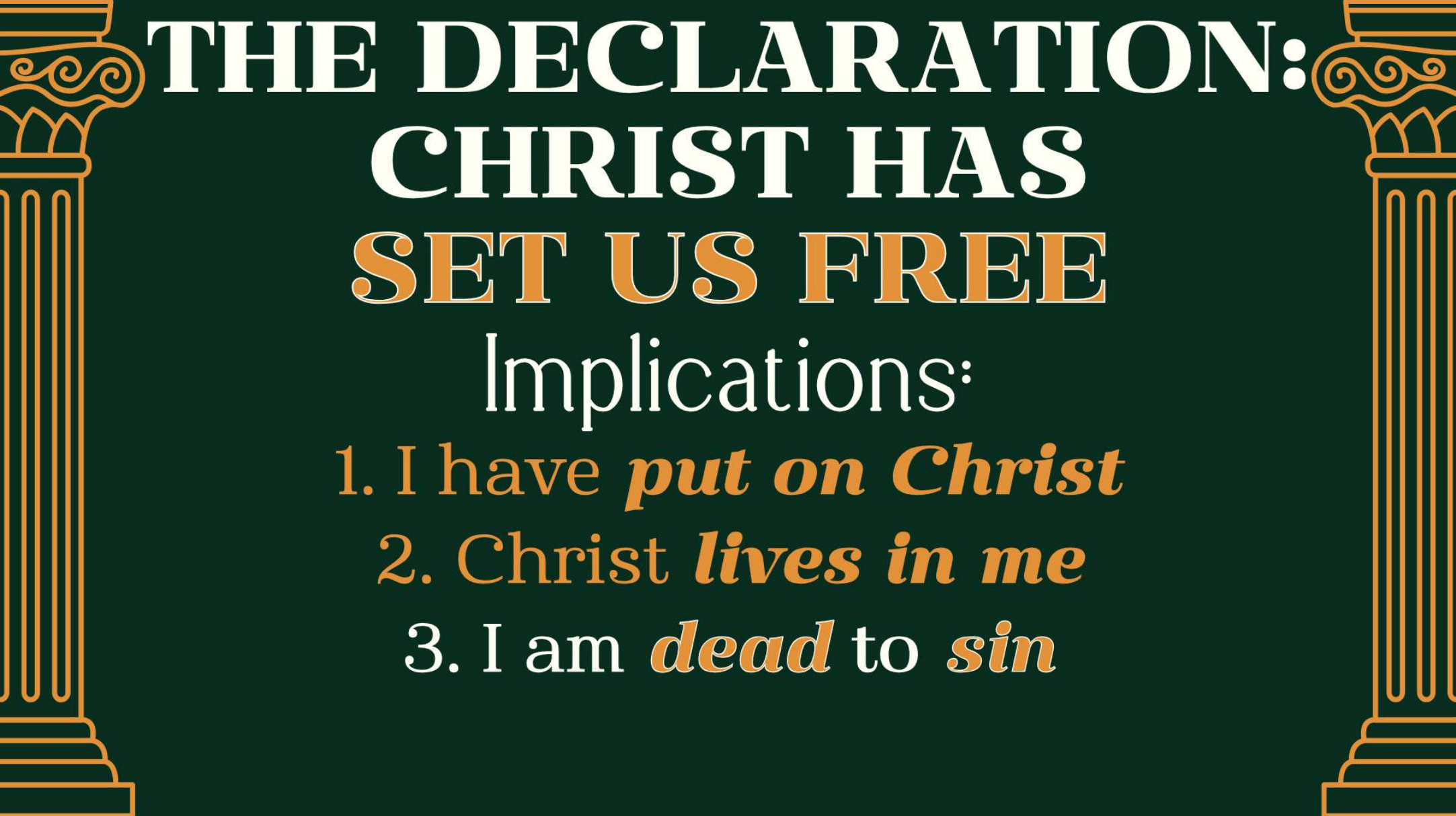
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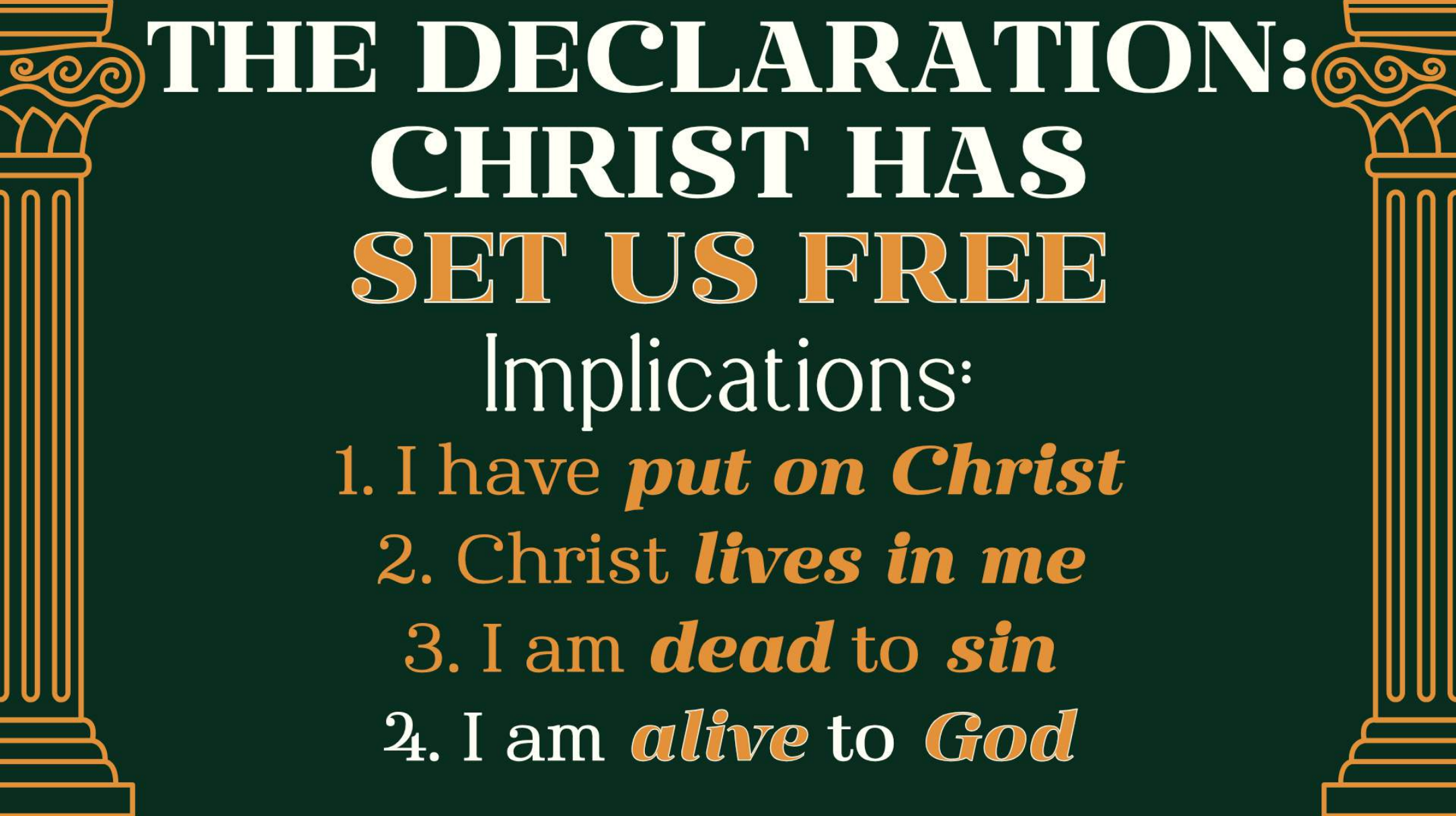
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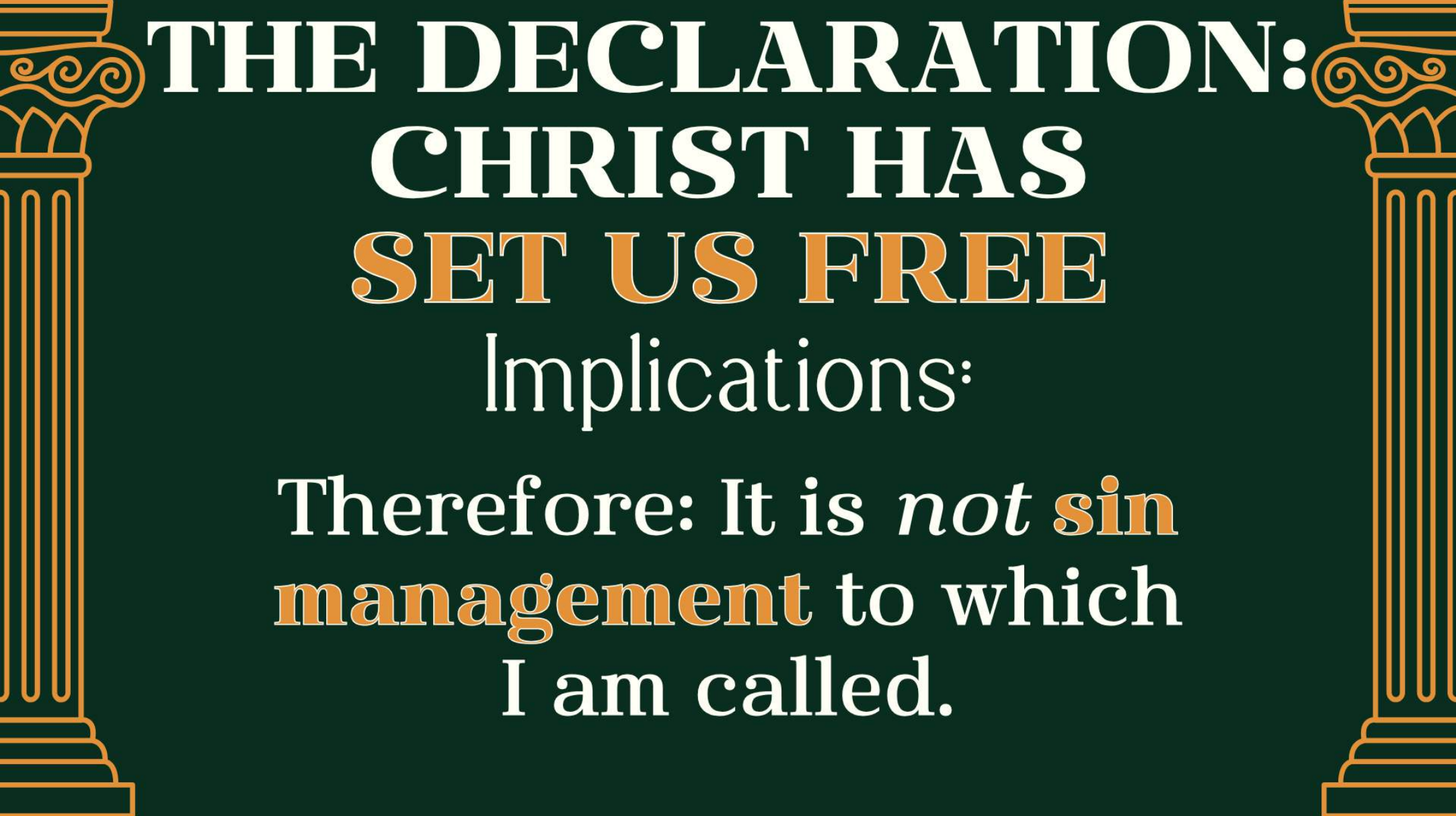


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3. I am *dead to sin*
4. I am *alive to God*





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Implications:

Therefore: It is *not* **sin**  
**management** to which  
I am called.





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“But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.”

~Romans 7:6



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We are called to realize the  
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- a *loving, delighting relationship*



# **THE APPEAL: STAND FIRM**

Standing firm involves:

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Standing firm involves:

1. Know, contemplate, remember  
your status



# THE APPEAL: STAND FIRM

Standing firm involves:

2. Draw near, abide in





# THE APPEAL: STAND FIRM

Standing firm involves:

3. Surrender to daily



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**Mitigates:**

*Distraction by other yokes of  
bondage/control*

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**Mitigates:**

*Drift into self-righteousness*





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We find our greatest freedom  
in surrender



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The truly free person  
lovingly serves



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*“...He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.”*

2 Corinthians 5:15