

mission & vision

**I'll be there for you
When the rain starts to pour
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Like I've been there before
I'll be there for you
Cause you're there for me too**

Mark 3:31-32 ^{NIV}

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

Mark 3:33-35 ^{NIV}

“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

Philippians 4:1 ^{NIV}

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

1 Peter 5:12-14 ^{NIV}

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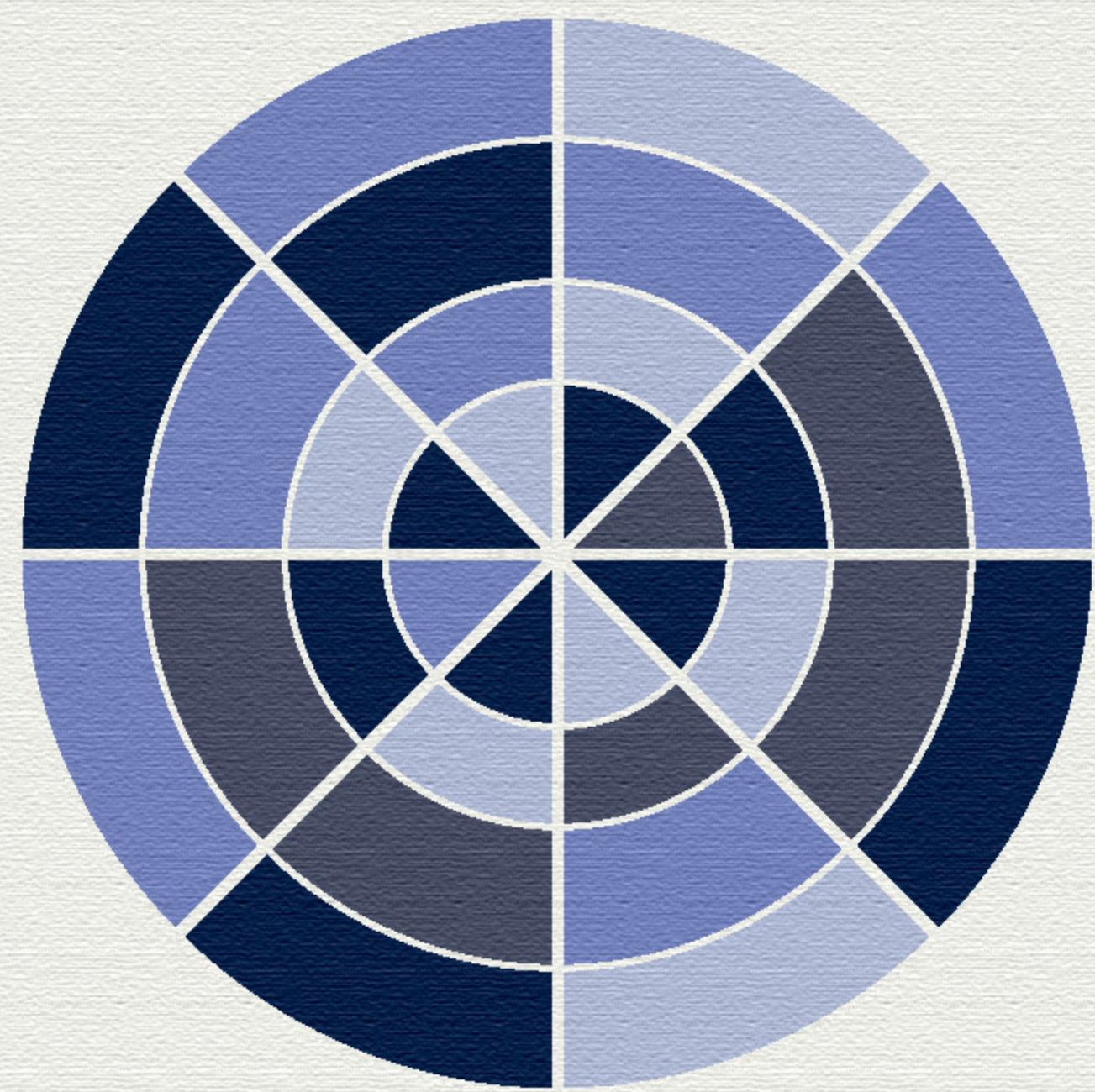
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Christians are not distinguished from the rest of humanity by country, language, or custom. They demonstrate the remarkable and admittedly unusual character of their own citizenship.

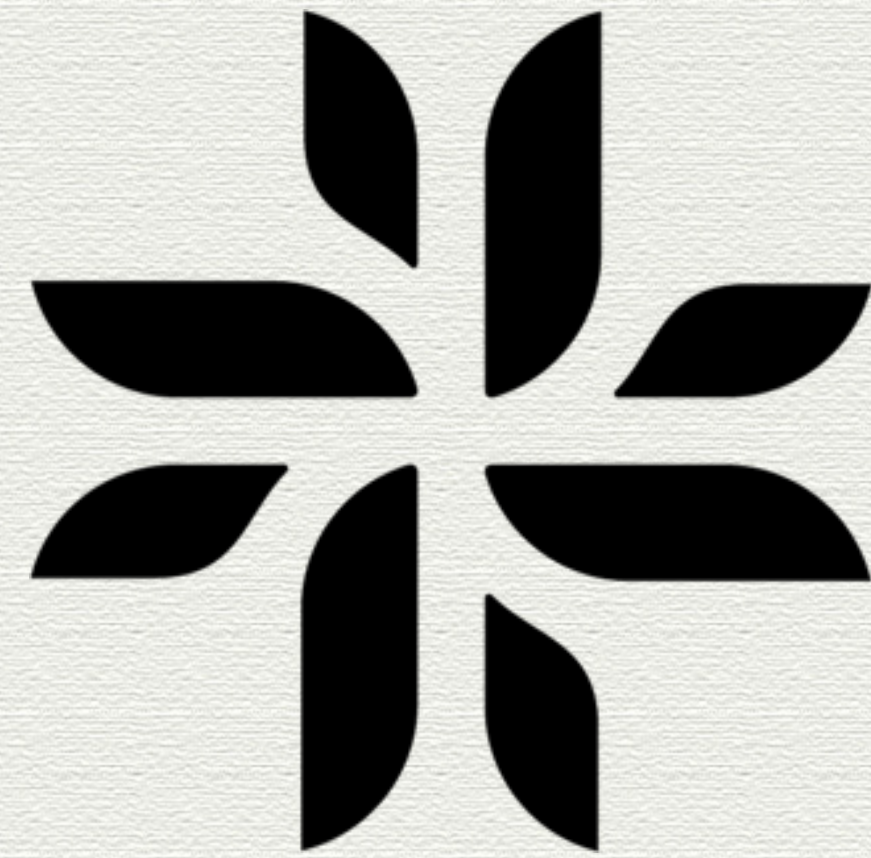
Epistle to Diognetus

**LIVING IN THE
FAMILY OF GOD**

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**To change the heart and soul
of Northwest Arkansas and
the world**

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1 Peter 1:3 ^{NIV}

Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

Early Christianity was the only new religious movement of the Roman era that demanded exclusive loyalty to one deity, thereby defining all other cults and gods of the time as rivals... If at one time you had participated in these activities, but then renounced them, you could be in for a good deal of harassment and ostracism.

Larry Hurtado, *Destroyer of the Gods*

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Mark 10:29-31 NIV

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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Acts 15:37-40 NIV

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸ but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹ They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.

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Colossians 4:10 ^{NIV}

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

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Galatians 5:22-23; 6:1-2 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control...

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



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John 14:27 ^{NIV}

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.