

*Philippians*

TO LIVE IS CHRIST



Developing a Joyful Mindset





# A Joy-filled Community

*Philippians* I:I-II

# Overview





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## ✦ Salvation





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Philippians 1:9

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Philippians 1:10



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Philippians 1:11

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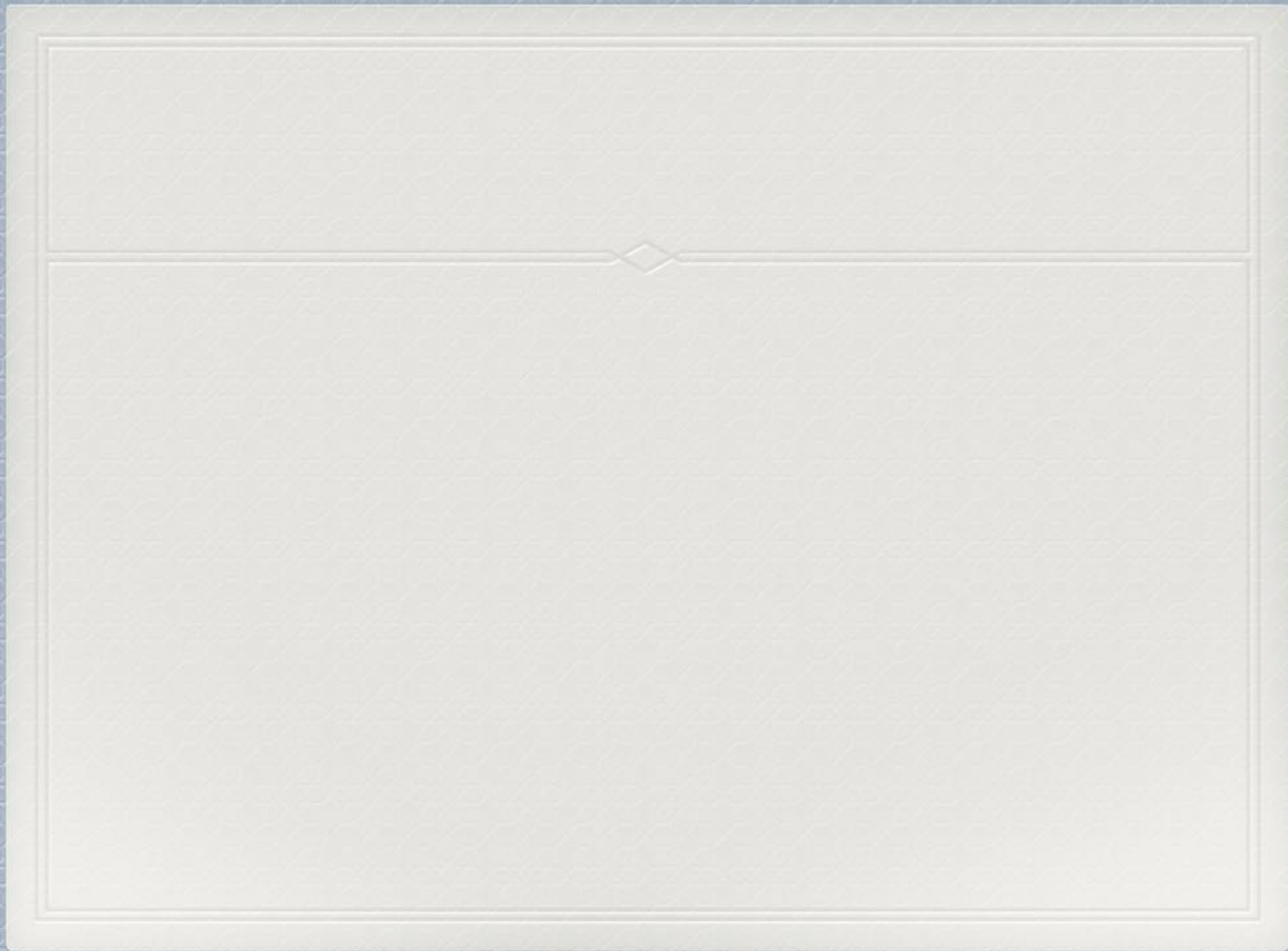
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# JOY

Jesus first.

Others second.

Yourself last.

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✦ **Gratitude & affection**



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Philippians 1:3-5

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Philippians 1:7b

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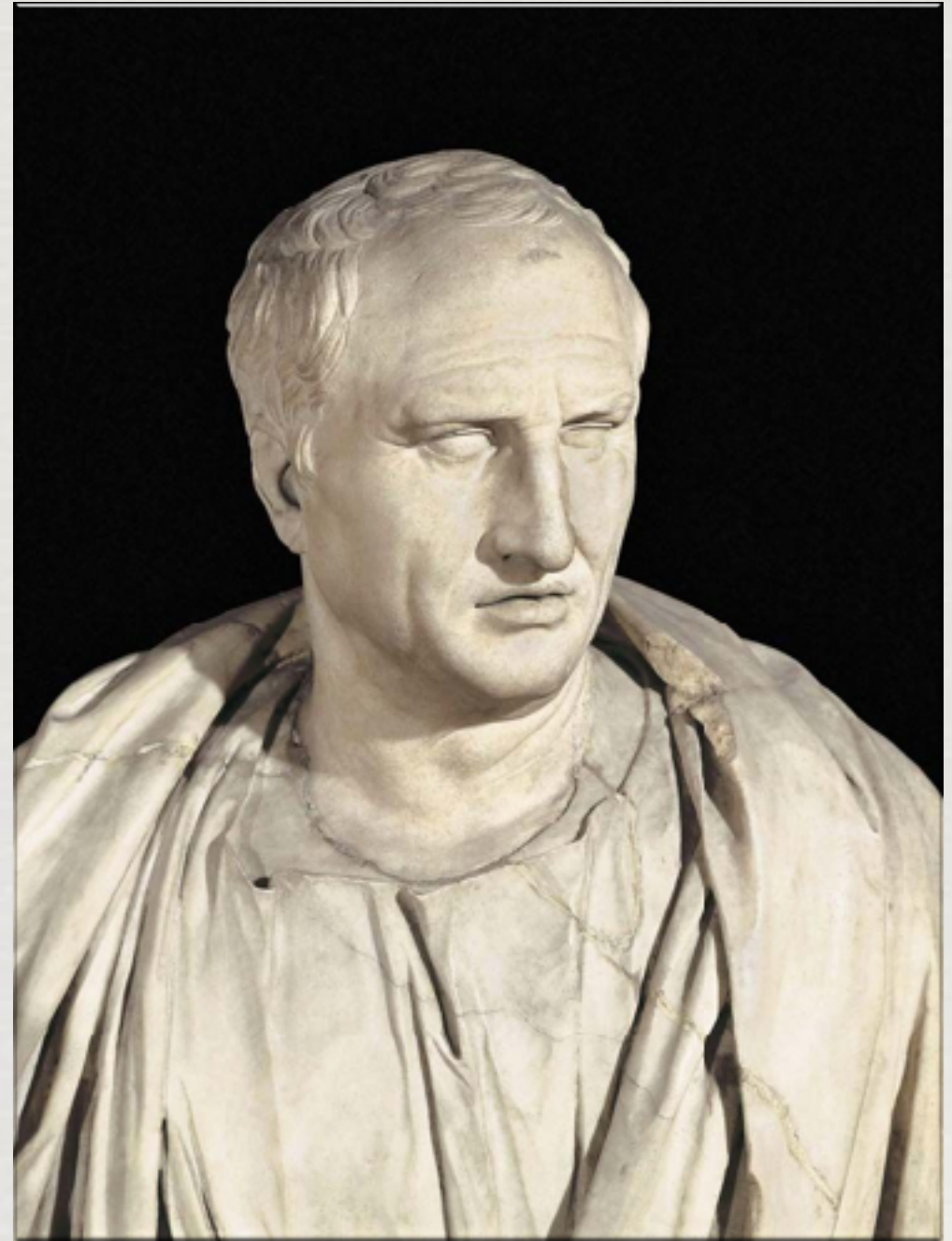
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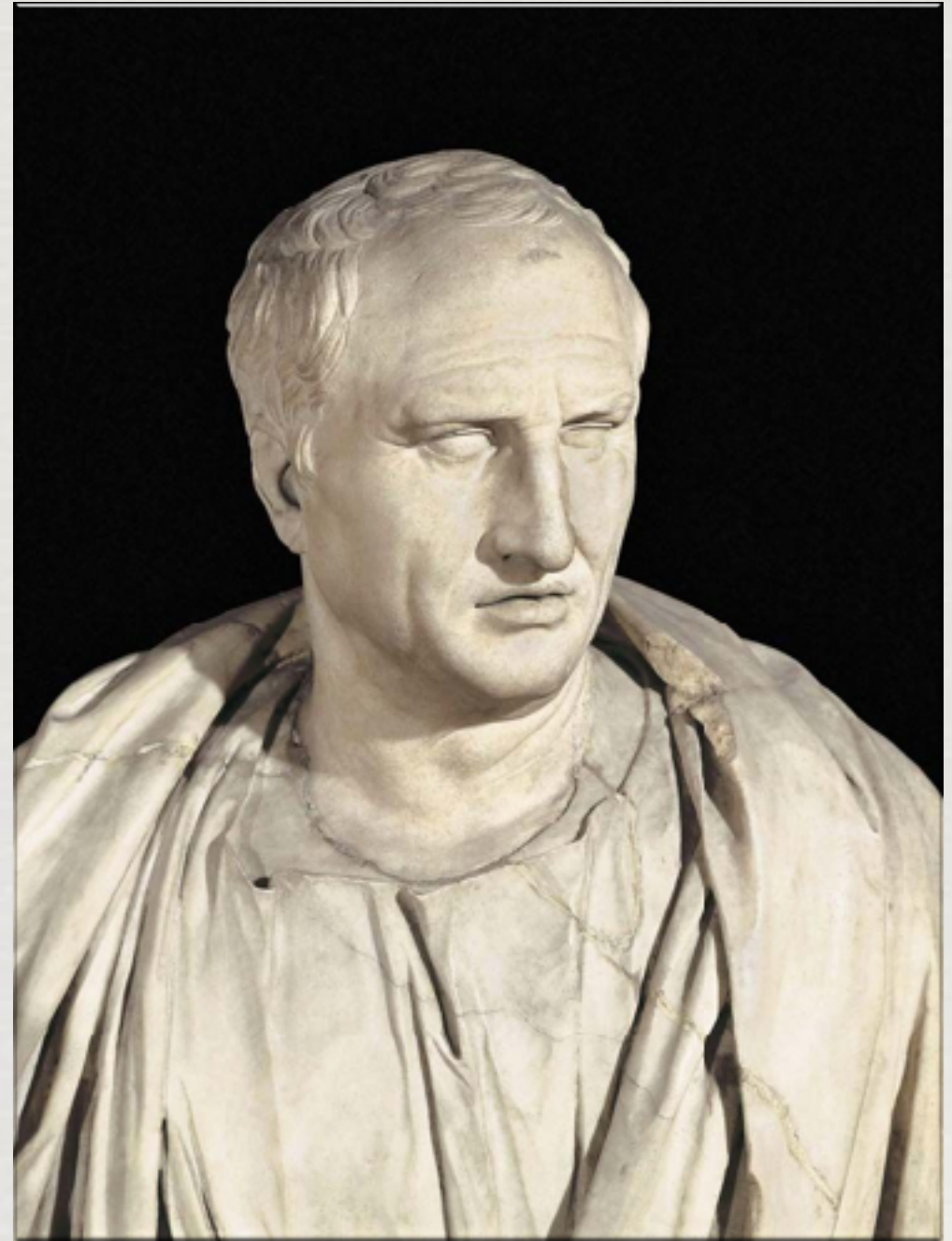
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Romans 15:13



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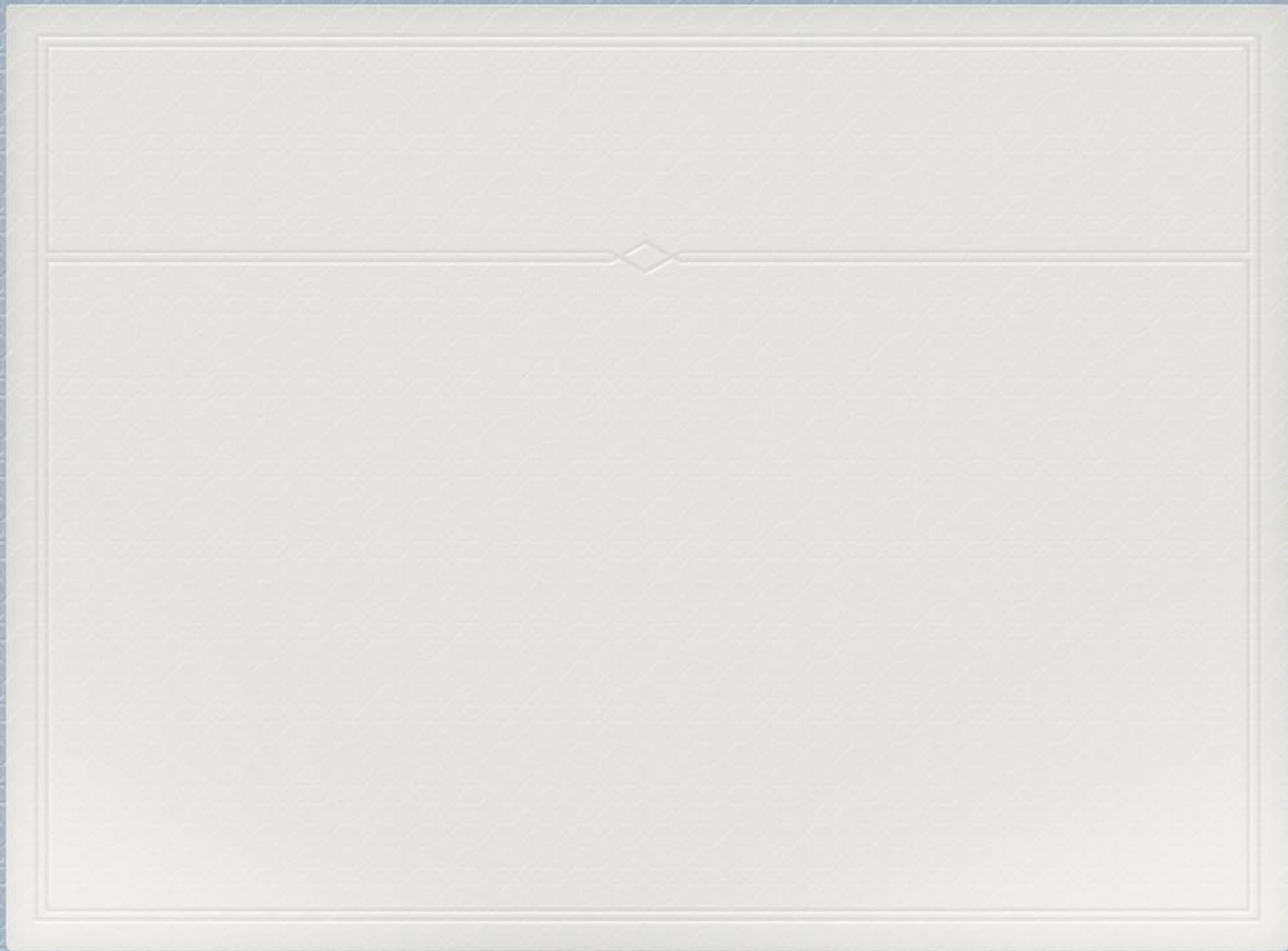
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Philippians 2:12b-13

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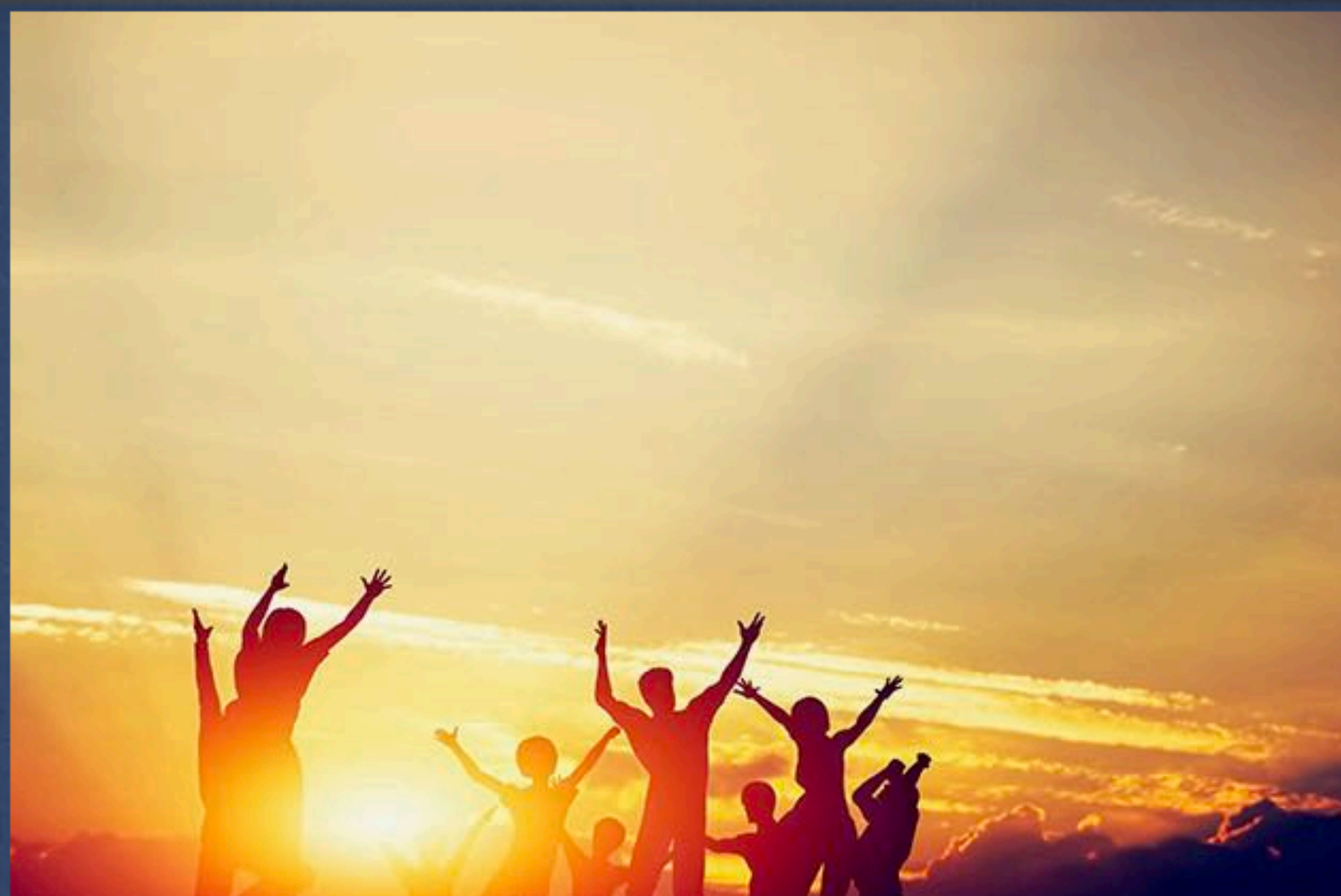
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