

*Philippians*

TO LIVE IS CHRIST



Developing a Joyful Mindset





A Cure for the Common . . . Grumble!

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Philippians 2:14



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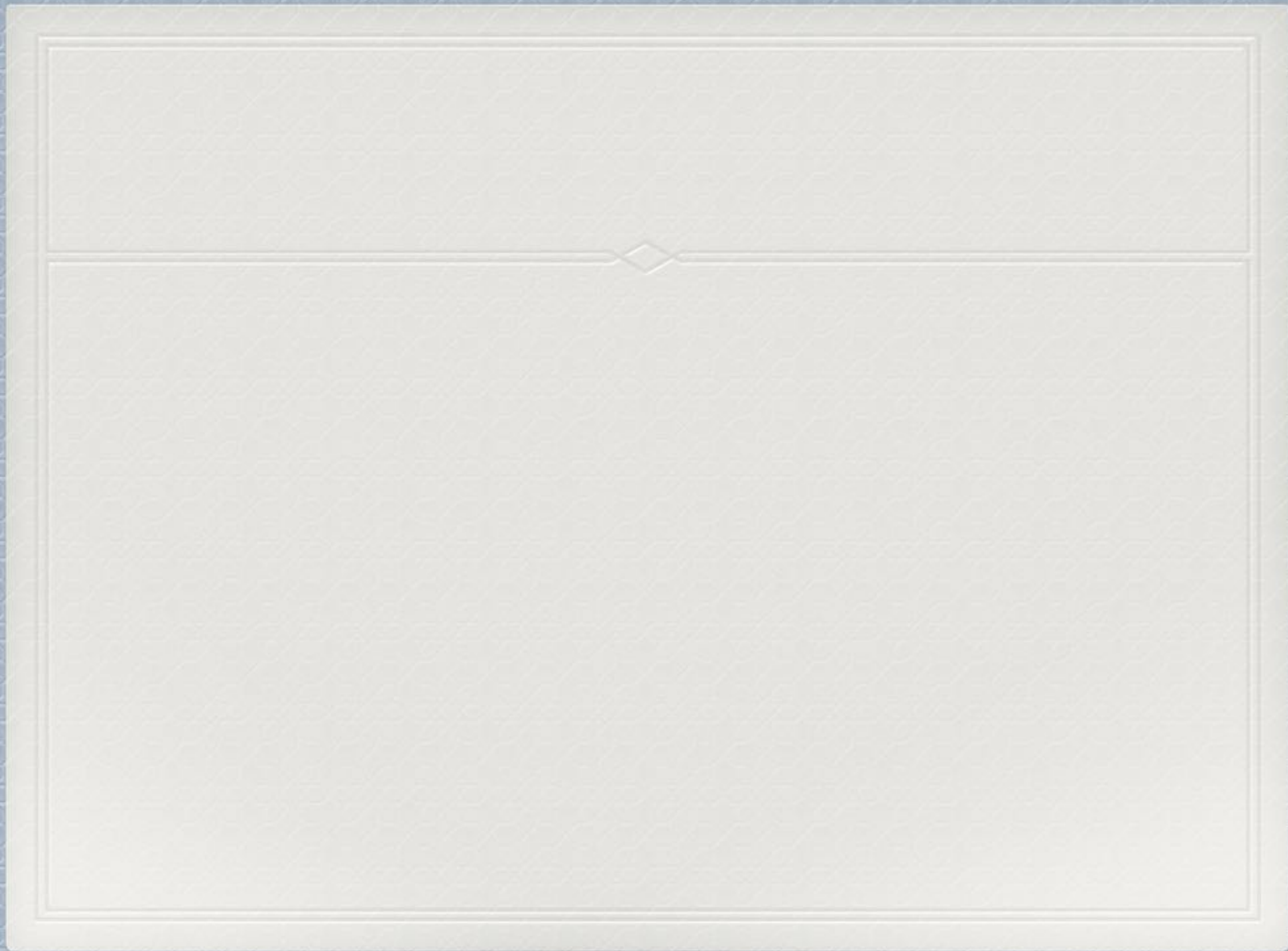
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Philippians 2:2b

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Philippians 2:5

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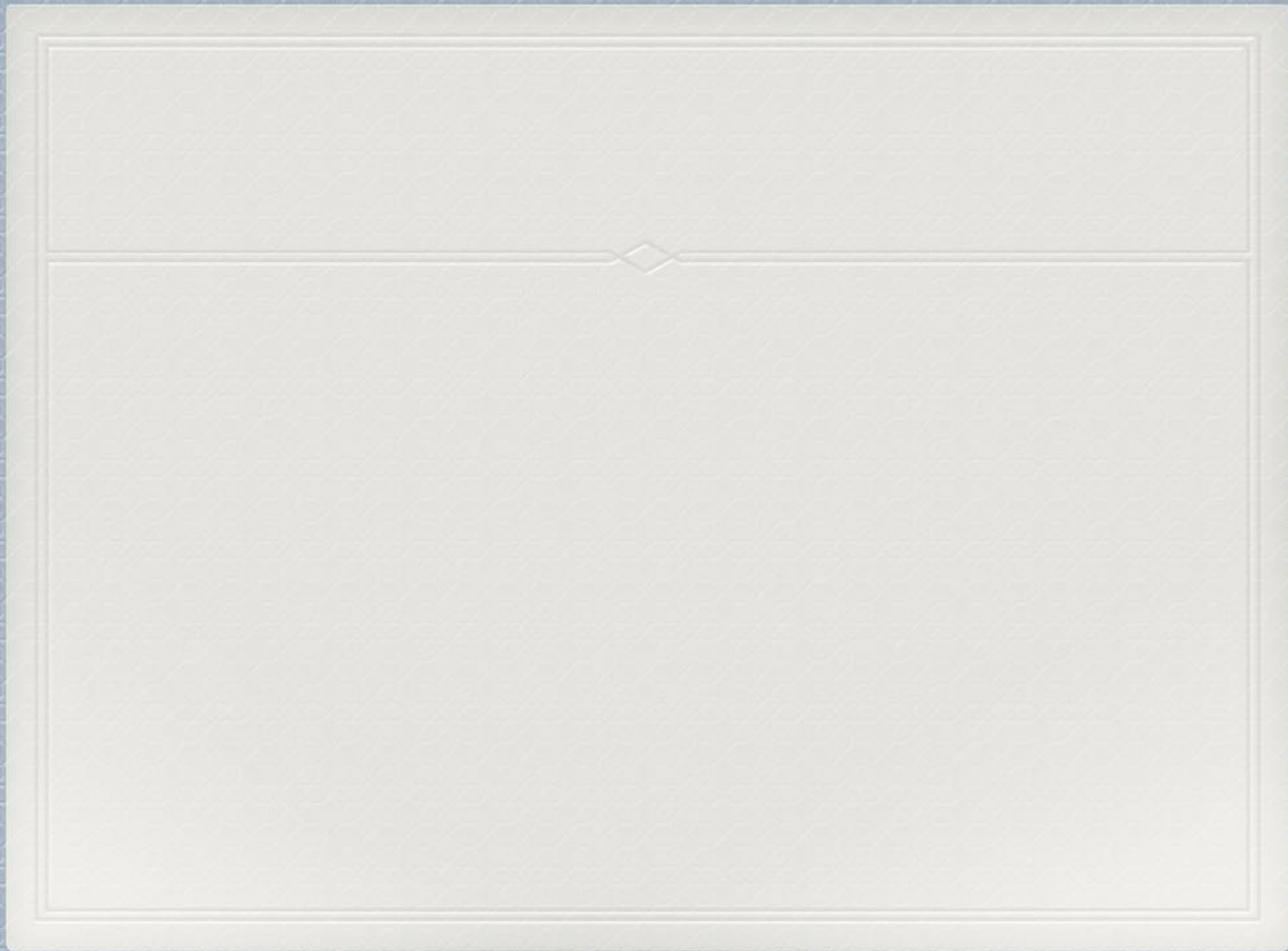
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- ✿ Putting others first  
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has an infinite benefit!

holding fast  
the word of life . . .

Philippians 2:16a



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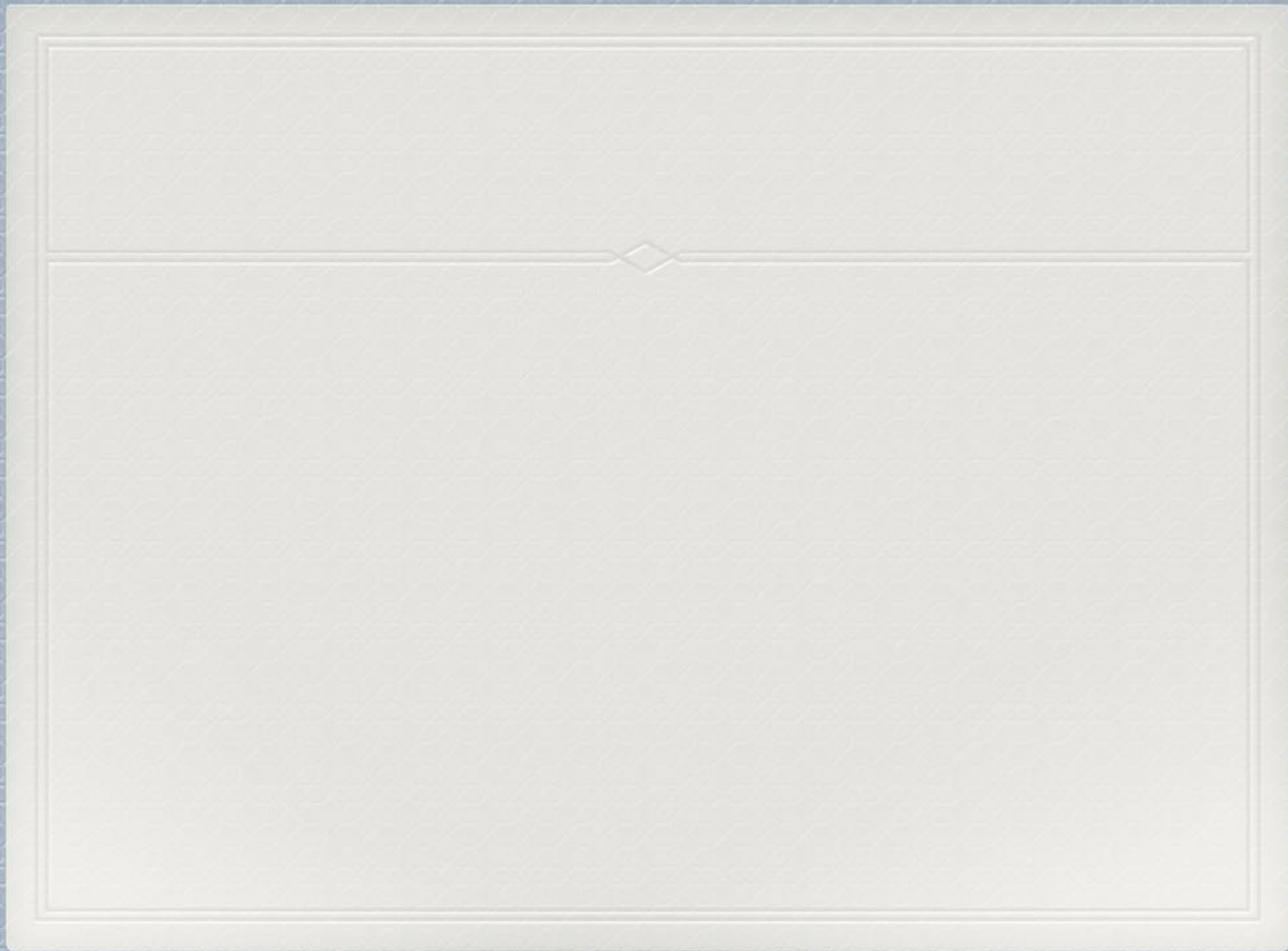
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Philippians 2:12-13



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God, not of works, lest anyone  
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Ephesians 2:8-9

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We are saved by faith alone  
but the faith that saves is  
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He who has begun a good work in  
you will complete it until the day  
of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6



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Philippians 2:13

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Ephesians 1:9

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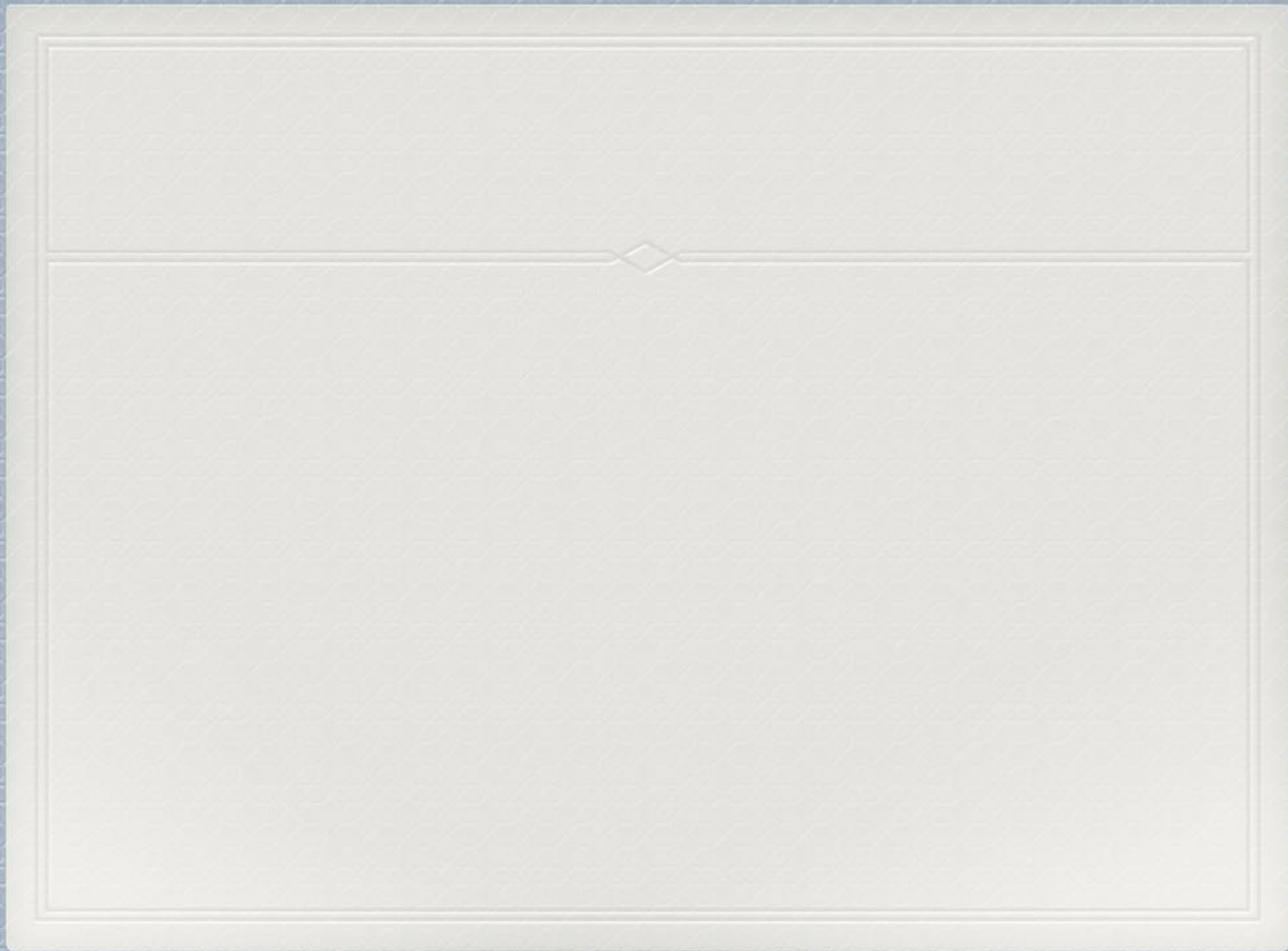
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Philippians 2:15



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Matthew 5:16



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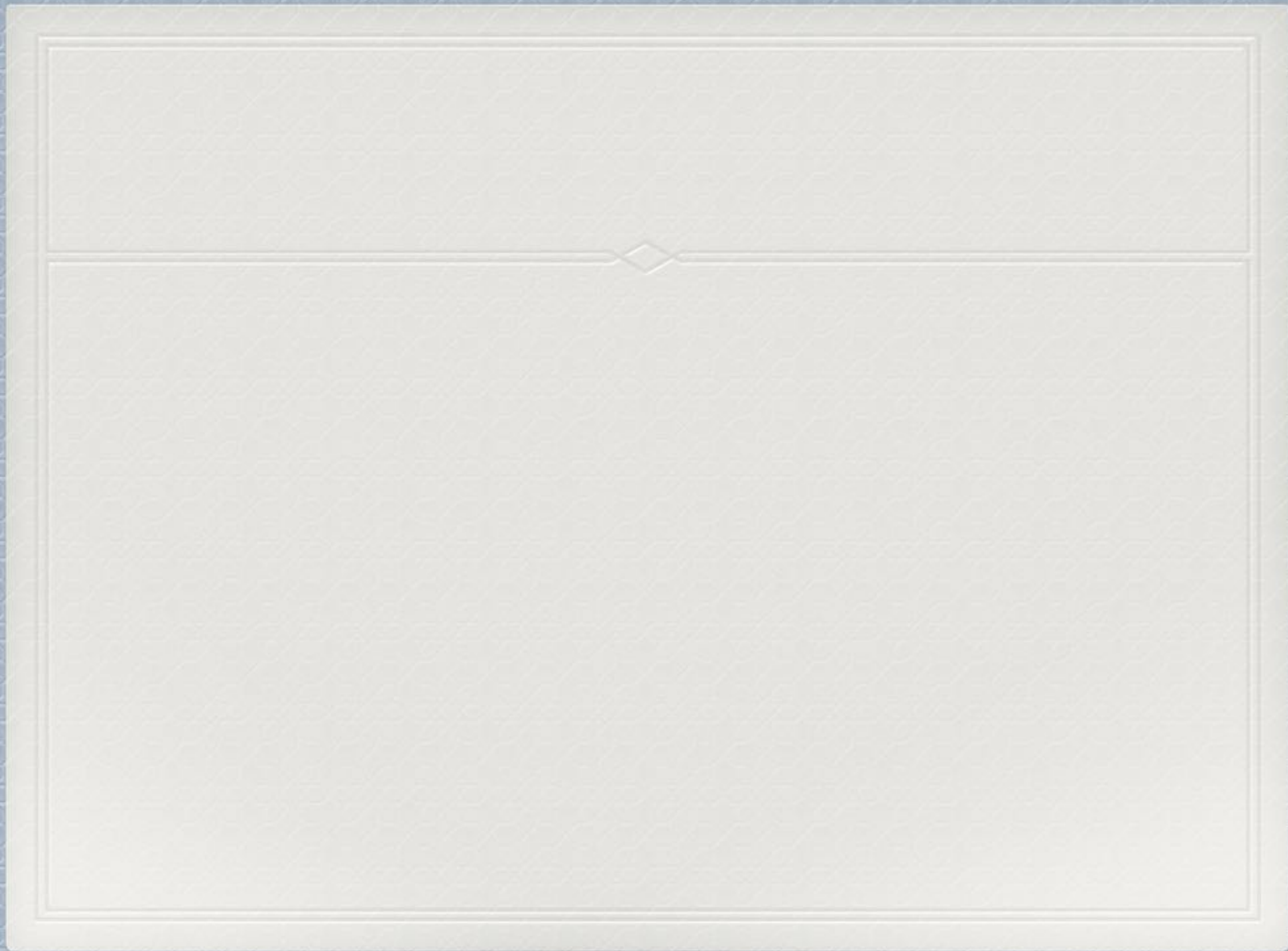
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**lights in the world.**





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For the same reason, you also  
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Philippians 2:18

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