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Christmas

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“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

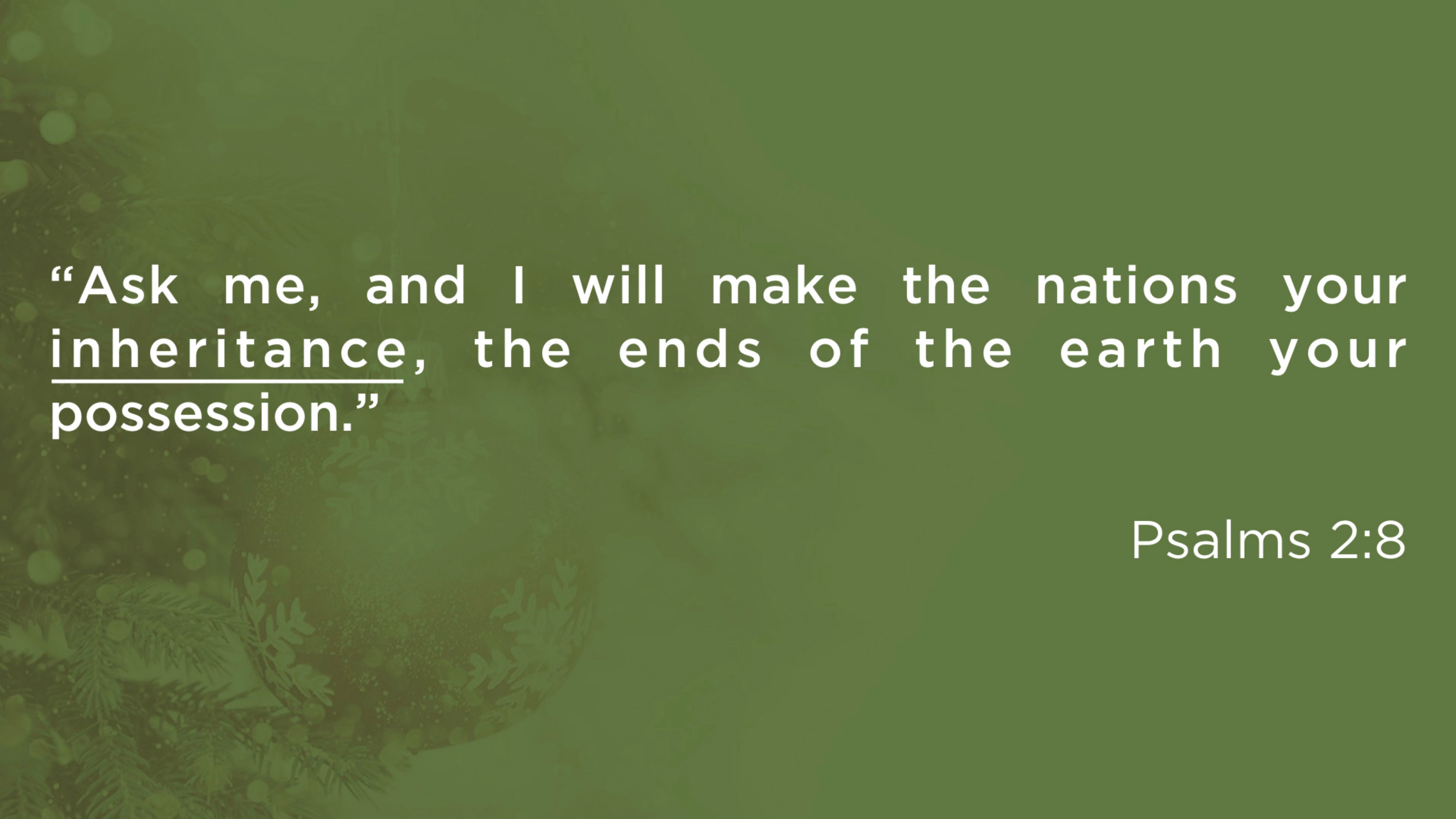
Titus 3:4-7

Heirs
κληρονόμος klēronomos
an heir:—heir, heirs

Used once of Christ (Heb 1:2) but also of believers
(Rom 4:13–14; 8:17; Gal 3:29; Heb 11:7; Jas 2:5).

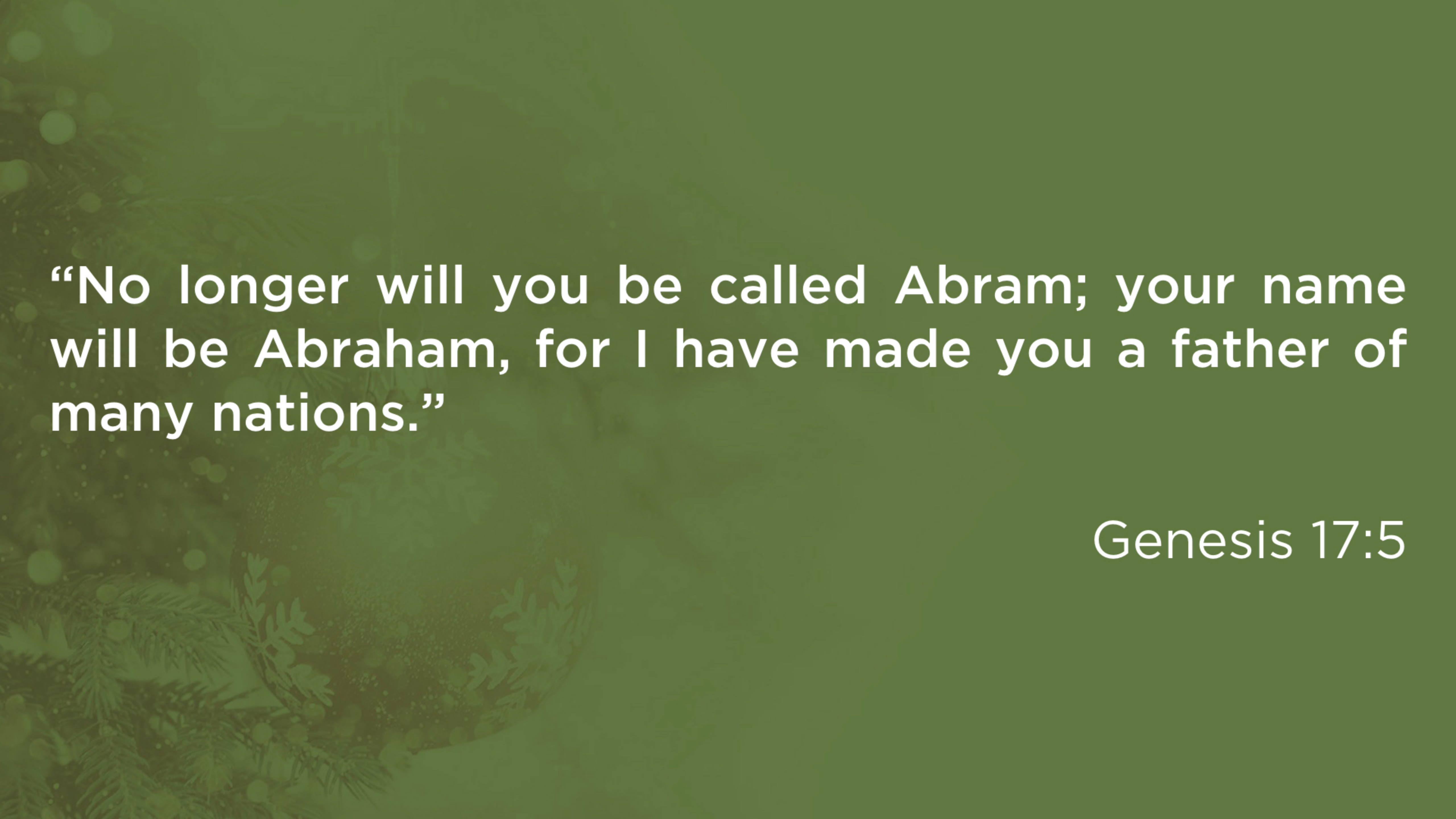
“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.”

Hebrews 1:1-2



“Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”

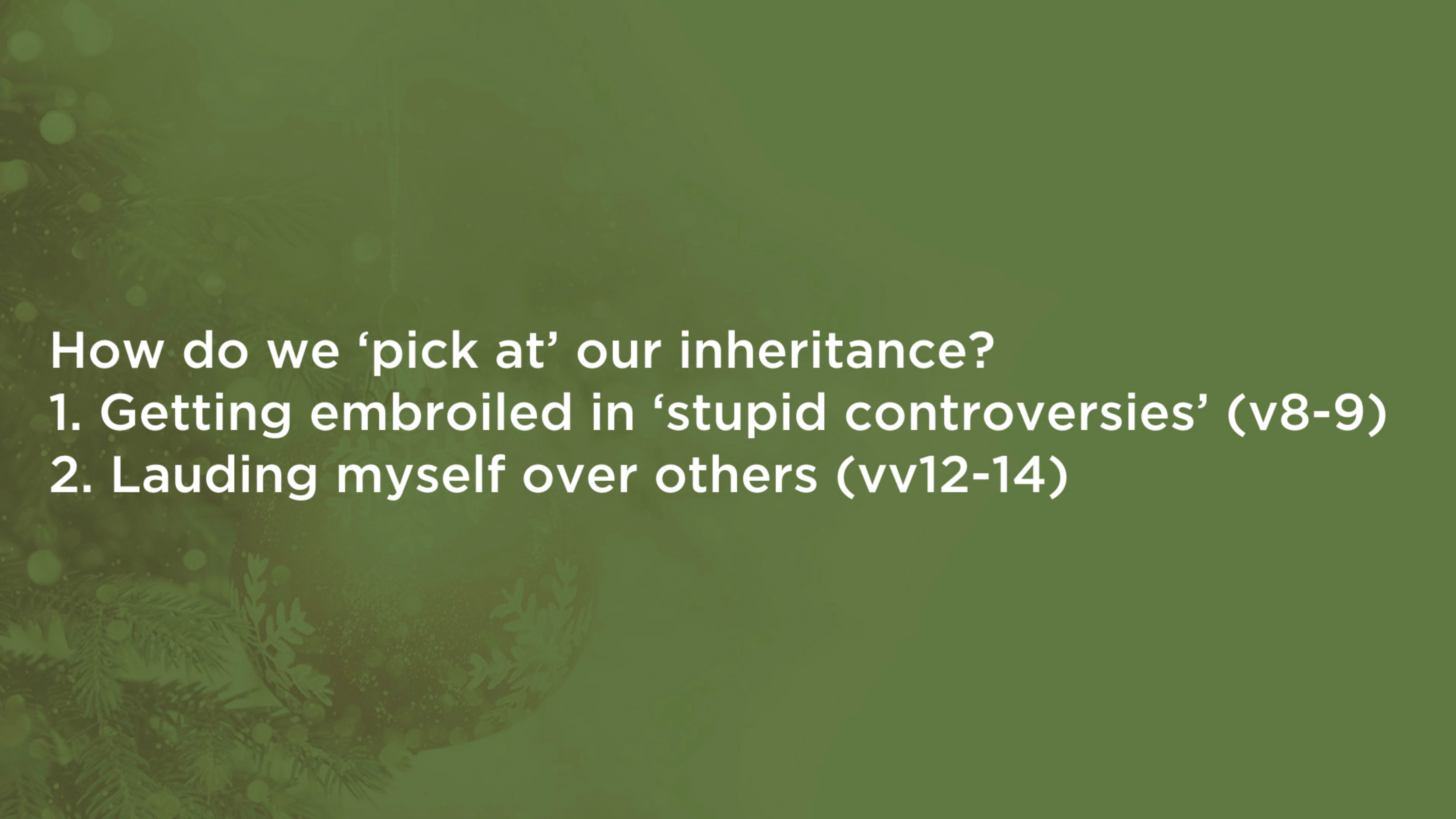
Psalms 2:8



“No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.”

Genesis 17:5

The installation of Abraham as heir marks the beginning of redemptive history, a history that finds its fulfillment in the coming of Jesus, a coming that connects the initial promise to Abraham with the achievements of Christ. We have received a glorious inheritance. A gift named Jesus, more valuable than any transfer of cash!



How do we 'pick at' our inheritance?

1. Getting embroiled in 'stupid controversies' (v8-9)
2. Lauding myself over others (vv12-14)