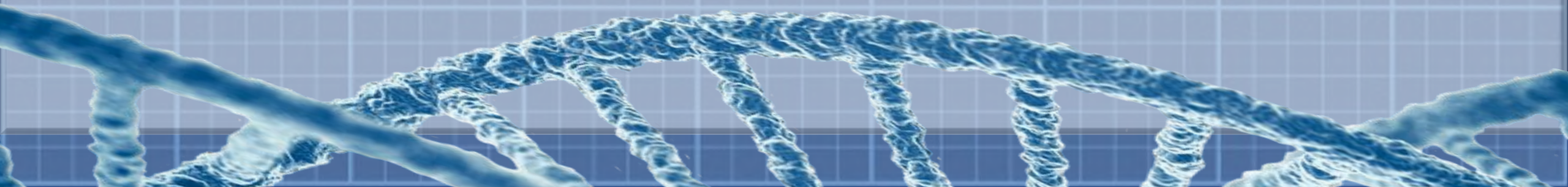


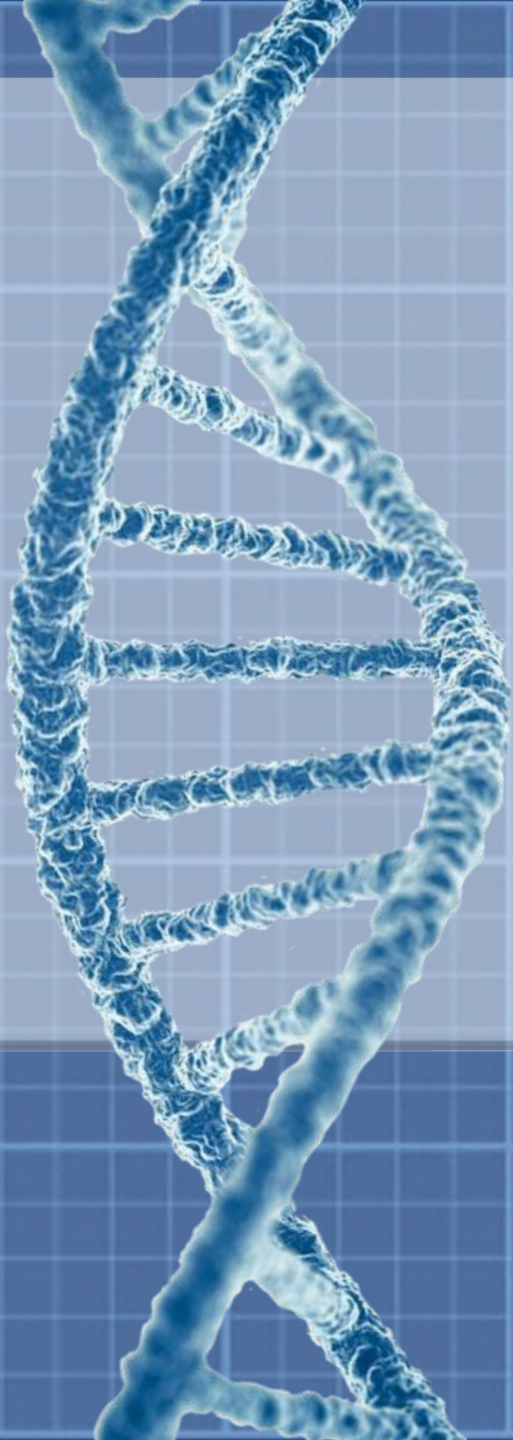
IDENTITY IN CHRIST





Ephesians 1:1-14

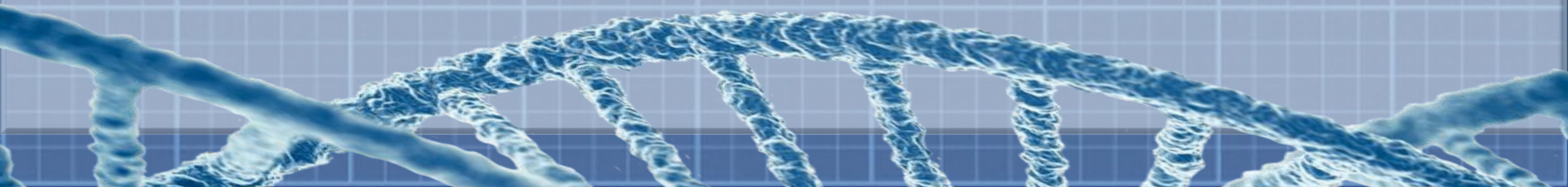




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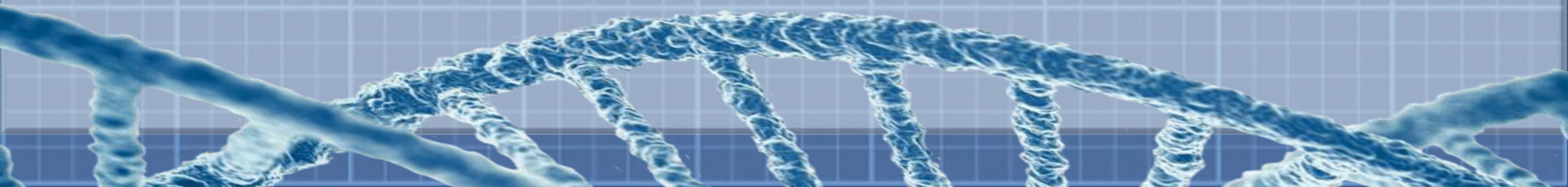


The Book of Ephesians is a letter, written to believers to help make them more aware of their position in Christ



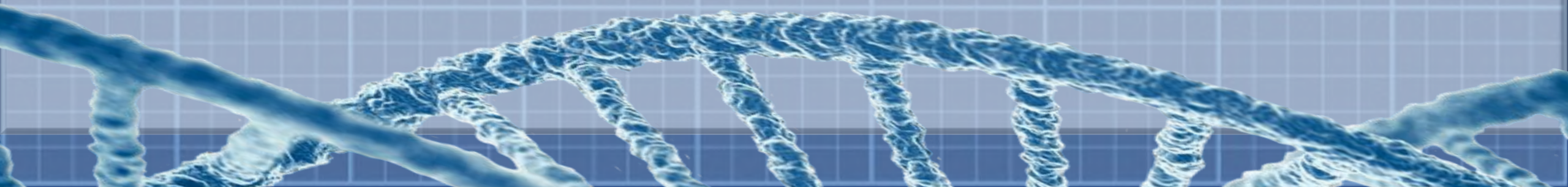


**In ONE body, in ONE accord,
we are unified in Christ**



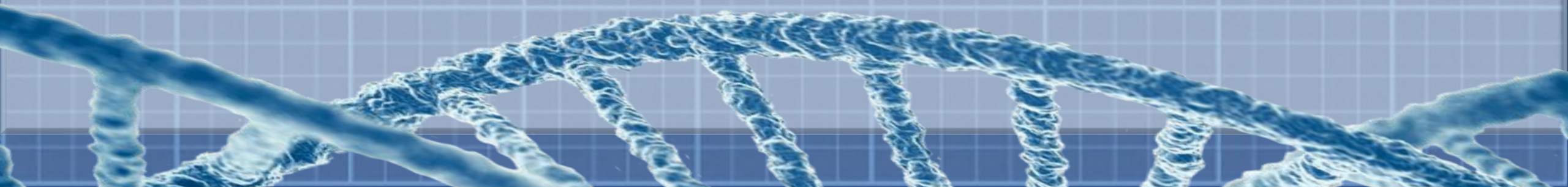


When I see who I am in
Christ, my relationship with
other people (who see who
they are in Christ) improves





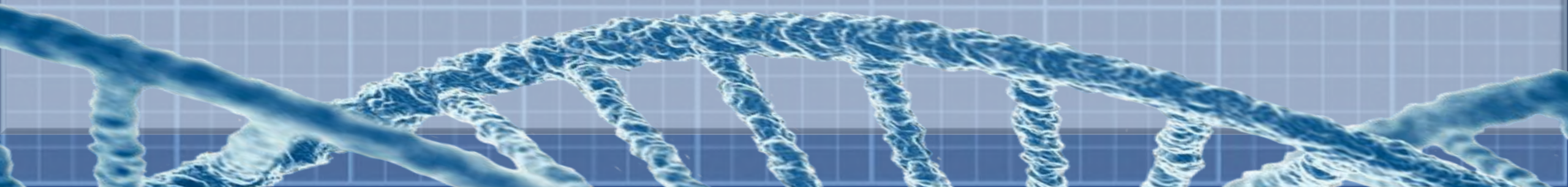
**We become so focused on who
we are in Christ that we DON'T
have the time to get sidetracked
with our personal pet peeves**



Ephesians 1:3-14

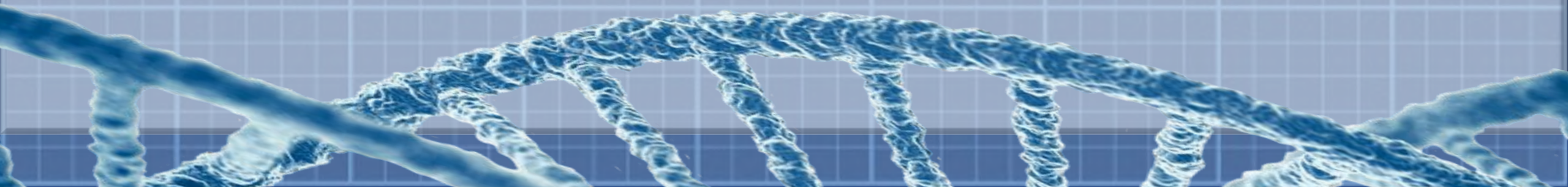


DON'T take our togetherness in Christ for granted & DON'T let anything come in between a harmonious relationship to other believers





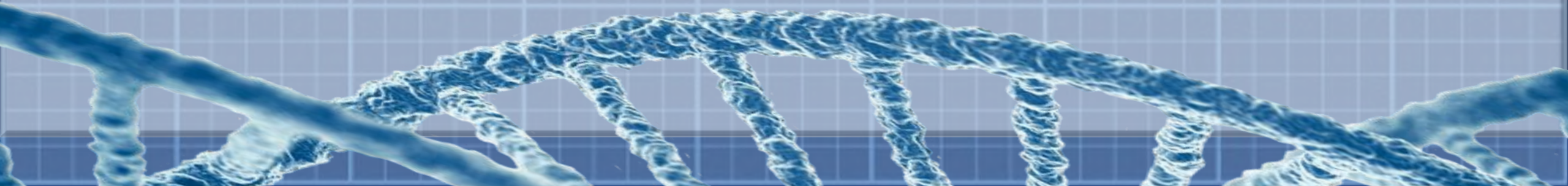
Because of a personal
relationship with Jesus Christ
we are rich (we've inherited a
HUGE spiritual endowment)





Ephesians 1:1-3

“In heavenly places”
appears 4 other times
in this short Epistle



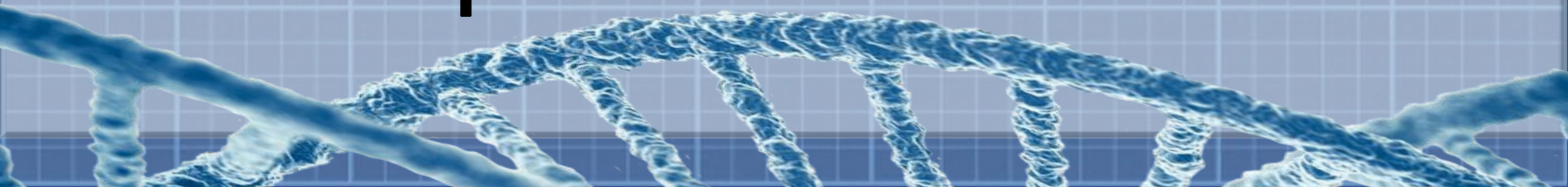



Ephesians 1:18-23

Ephesians 2:1-7

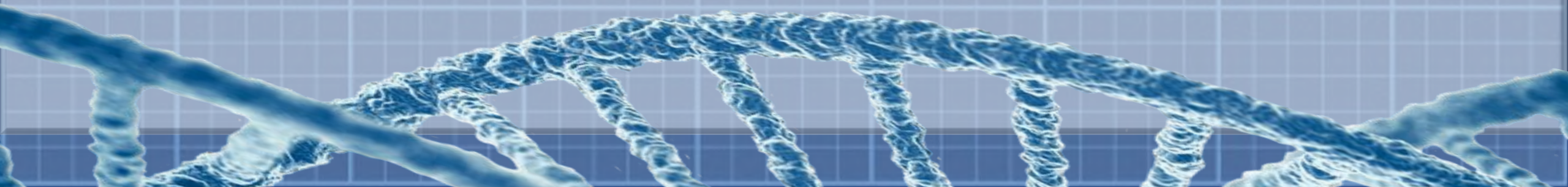
Ephesians 3:8-13


Ephesians 6:10-17



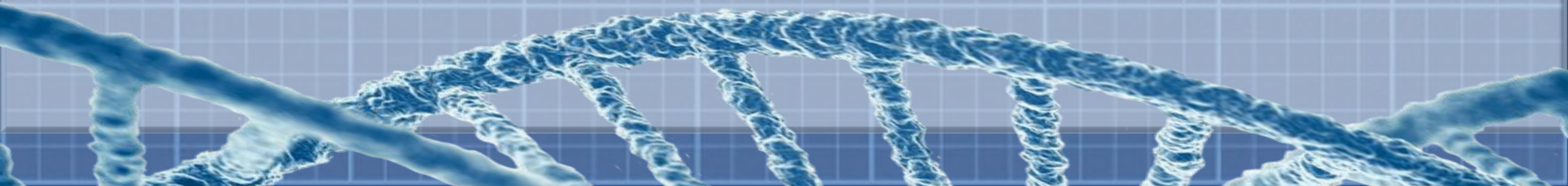


**ALL the splendors & wonders,
which are Christ's in the
heavenly places, are afforded
to us as believers & followers!**



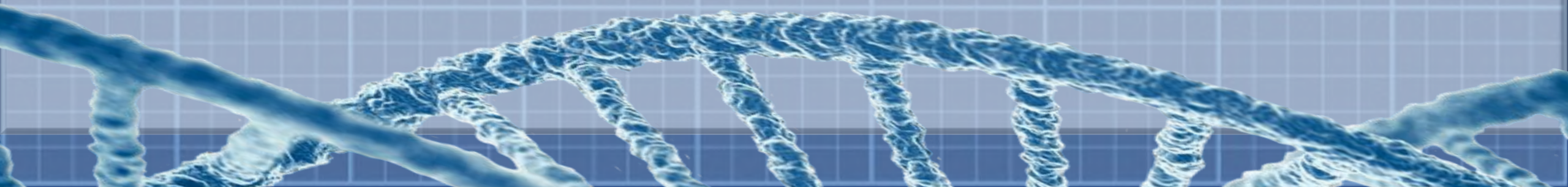


That means, when hardships
come, ALL of God's grace &
ALL of God's loving assistance
are at our disposal



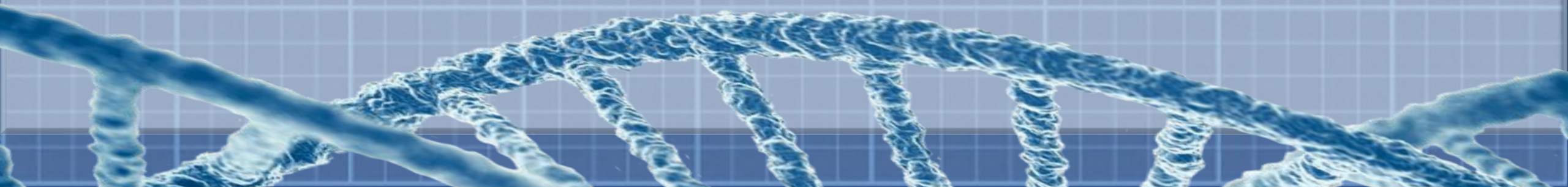


The idea of Believers being blessed is really the springboard, which Paul uses to then unfold several of the reasons why...





**1. We are CHOSEN
While I was wicked
& despicable, before I ever
chose God...God chose me**



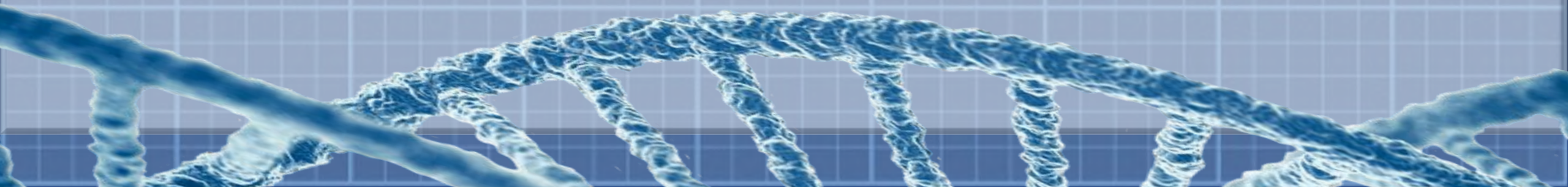
2. We are HOLY & BLAMELESS

**God, when He looks at us, NOW
(after we've accepted the free gift
of salvation), God only sees His
Son's righteousness**





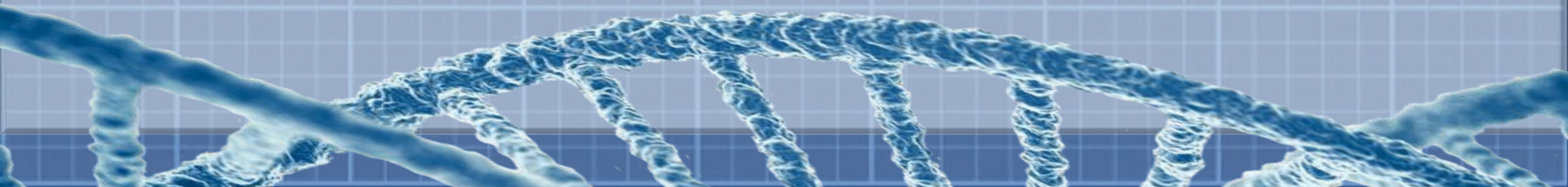
3. We are ADOPTED
Because of Jesus, we are
God's precious children





4. We are REDEEMED

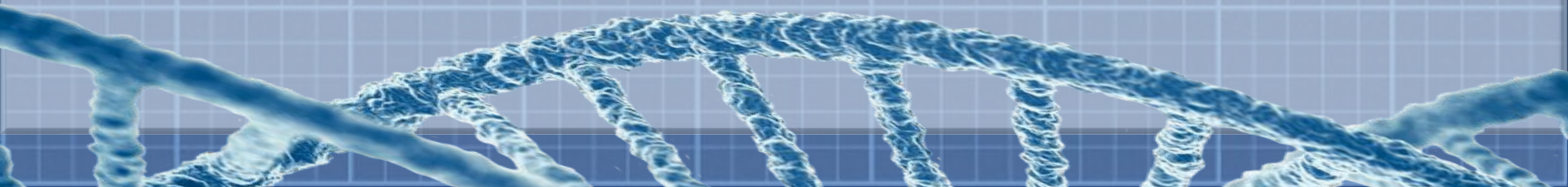
The debt our sin deserved has been paid in full by Jesus (you could say that our sin was imputed to Christ)





5. We are FORGIVEN

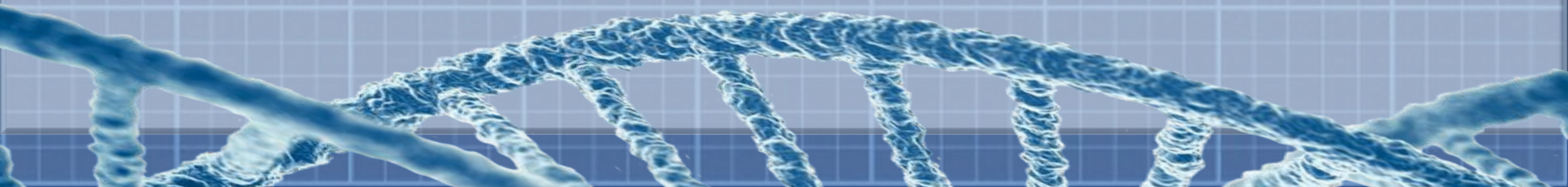
NO matter the depths of depravity we've delved into, Jesus' redeeming work offers us forgiveness



6. We have OBTAINED AN INHERITANCE



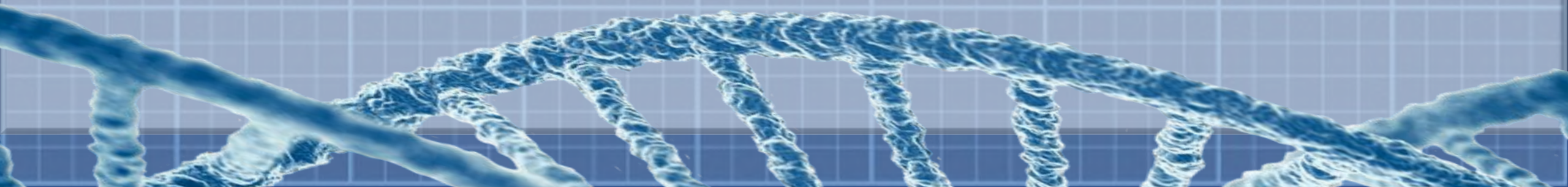
Today, we only have a fraction of the true blessing that our inheritance promises, there's much more to come



7. We have been SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Until the day we receive our full inheritance, believers have been pledged (a deposit has been put down on our behalf)





SO WHAT?

