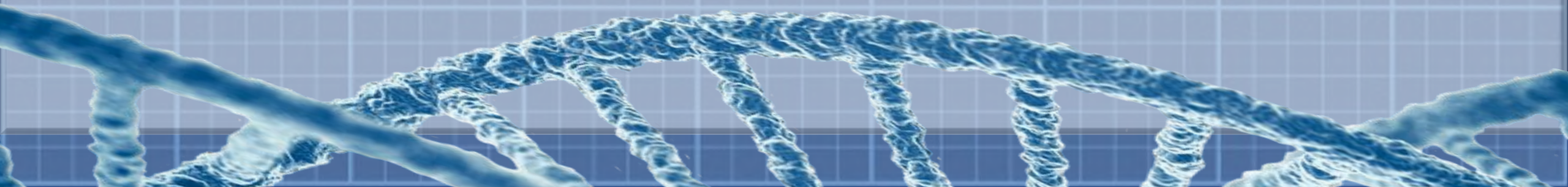


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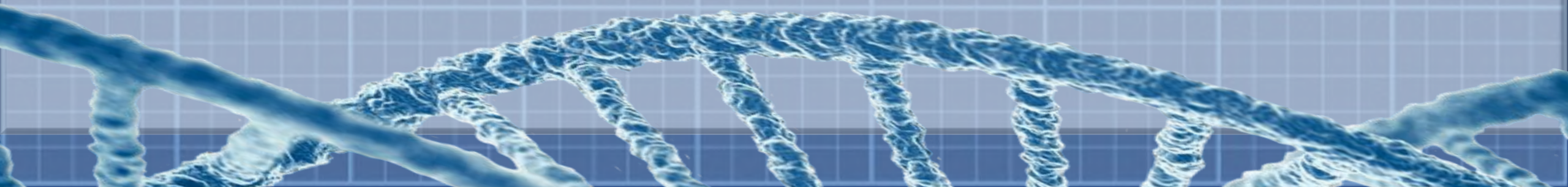


Ephesians 1:1-14





**“Chose” – to pick out; to
select for one’s self**

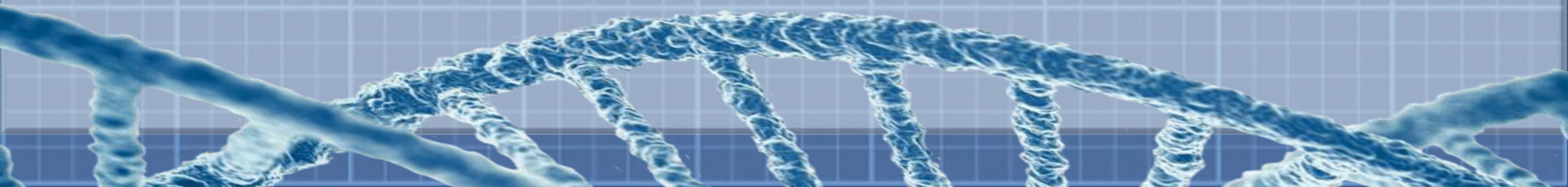


CHOSEN

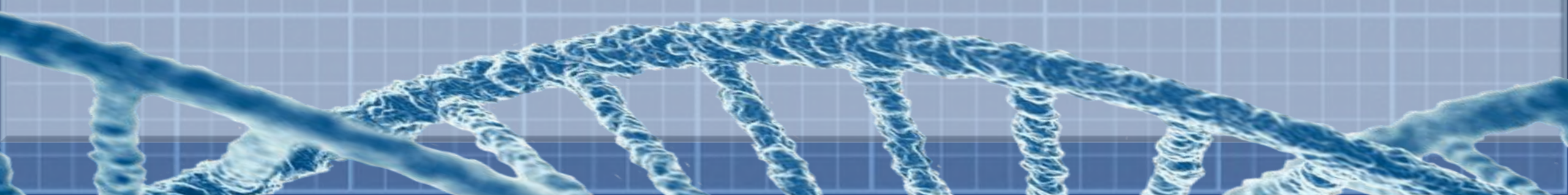




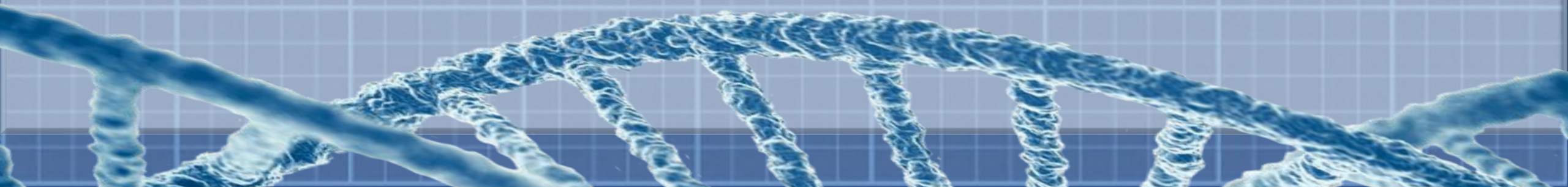
**We're going to focus on the
benefits of being Chosen in
Jesus Christ**



An attribute of God that I think
we really just CAN'T wrap our
heads around is the idea that
God exists outside of time



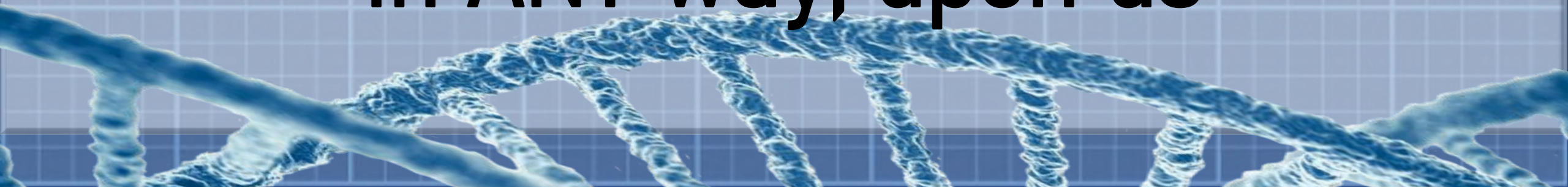
God sees ALL the future events, as clearly as ALL the past events, which He views as if they are in the present



Ephesians 1:4a



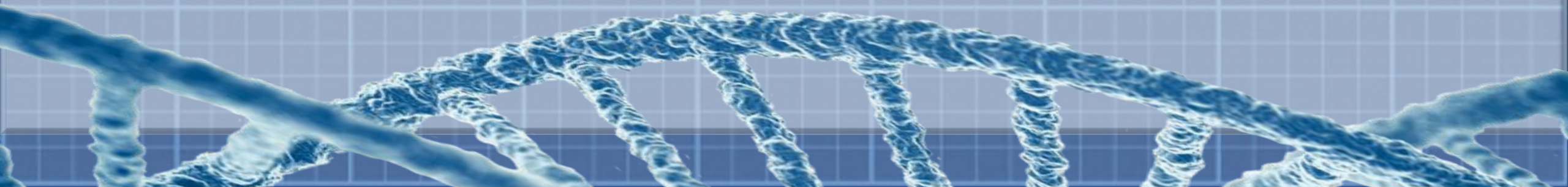
The foundation for ALL
of the spiritual blessings we are
blessed with is NOT based,
in ANY way, upon us



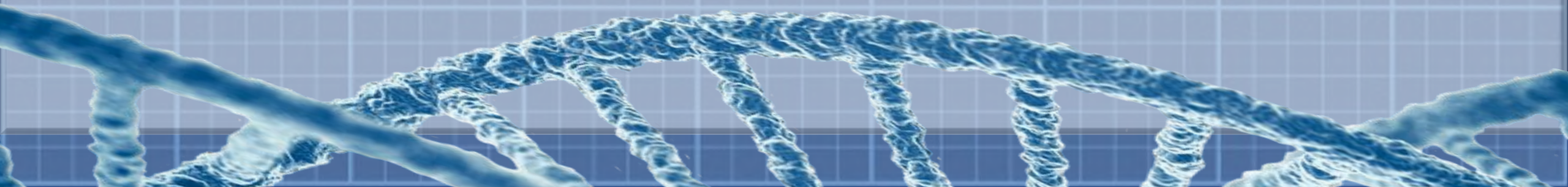


God choosing us is fully an act
of God's grace

Ephesians 2:4-10

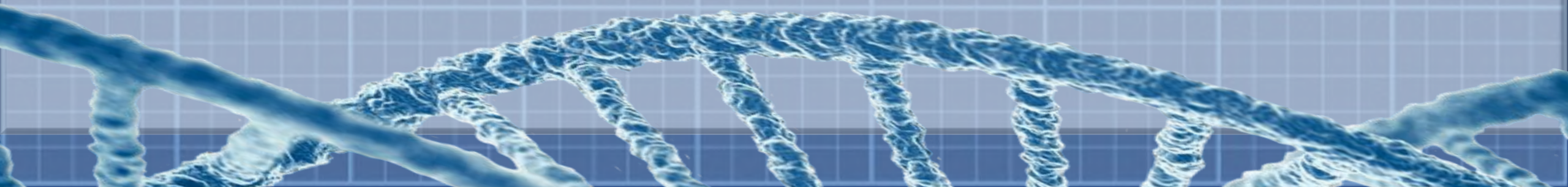


God's plan of salvation
was firmly locked in
Jesus Christ before the
foundations of the world





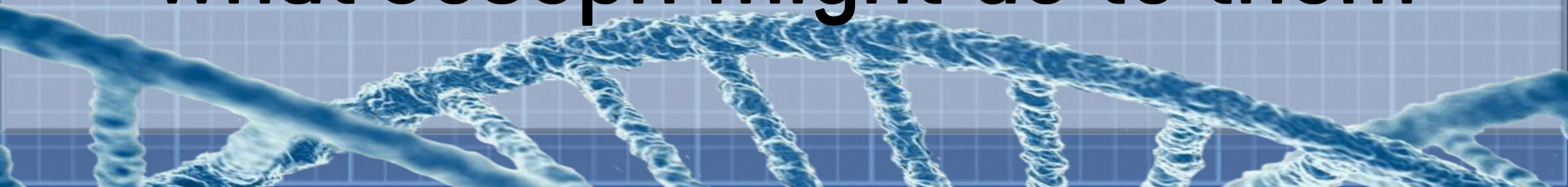
**Here are 3 Benefits to the
Truth that we are Chosen**




1. Being Chosen gives us HOPE

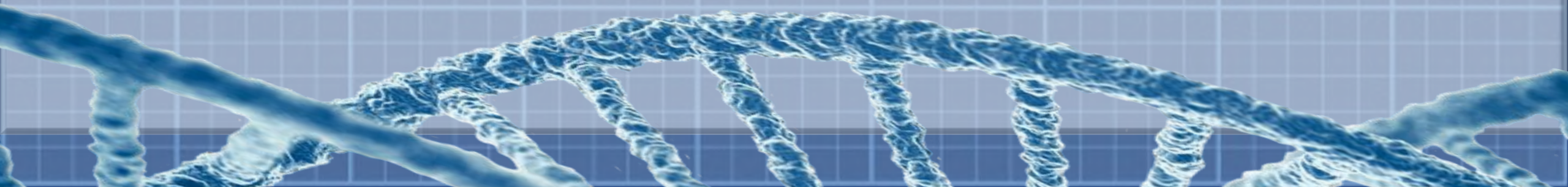
Genesis 50:15-21

With the passing of Jacob (Israel)
Joseph's brothers were scared of
what Joseph might do to them

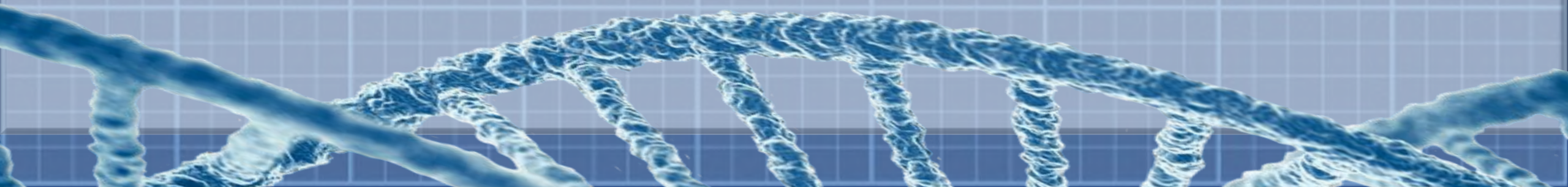




After years of faithfully following
God, getting a glimpse of what God
is doing, through some real
difficulties, Joseph says this in
Genesis 50:19-20



We can have hope in the
knowledge that God's purposes
& plans CAN'T be adjusted or
destroyed by others evil



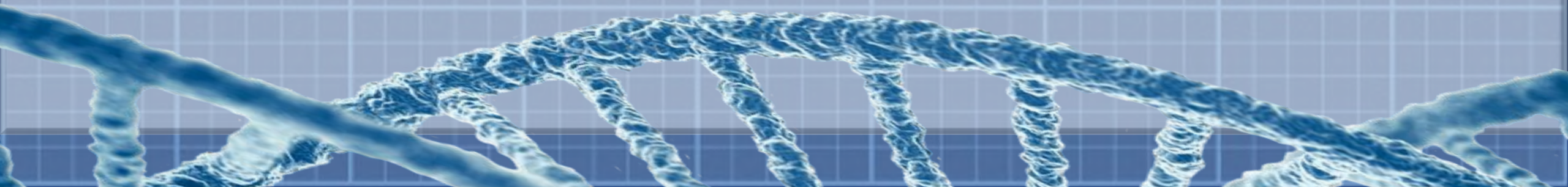
2. Being Chosen gives us

PEACE

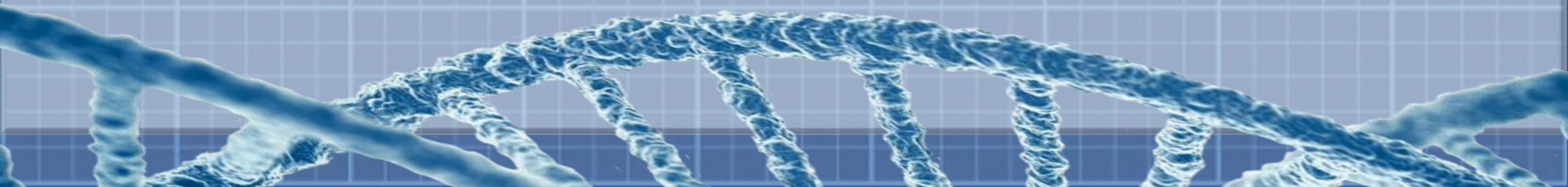
What God has started,

God will finish!

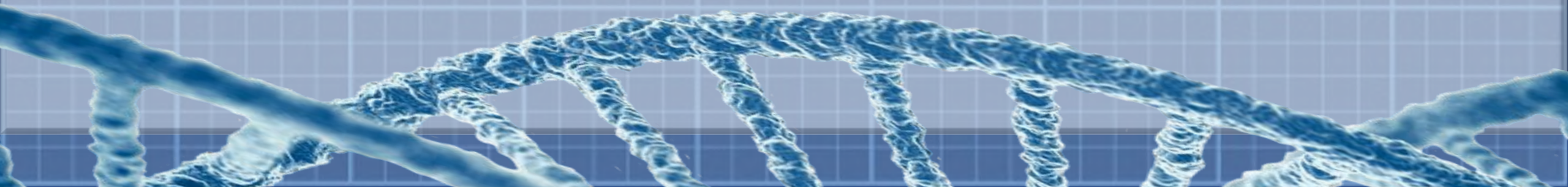
Isaiah 64:6-7



God chose me, knowing I'm
filthy & wicked & seek to do
wrong (that's my unchecked,
natural heart)

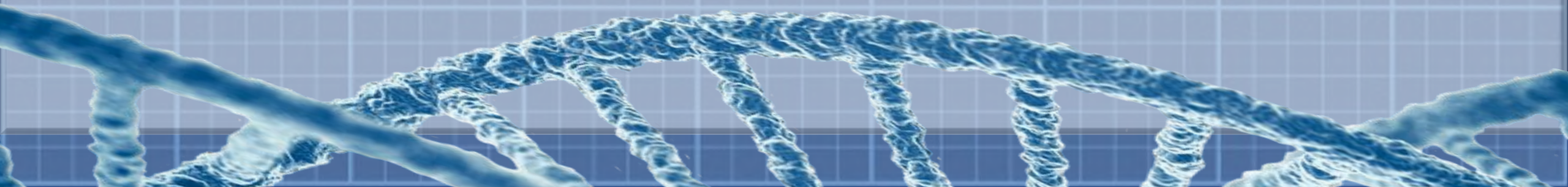


God is way more committed
to me, that I have ever been
(or will ever be)
committed to Him



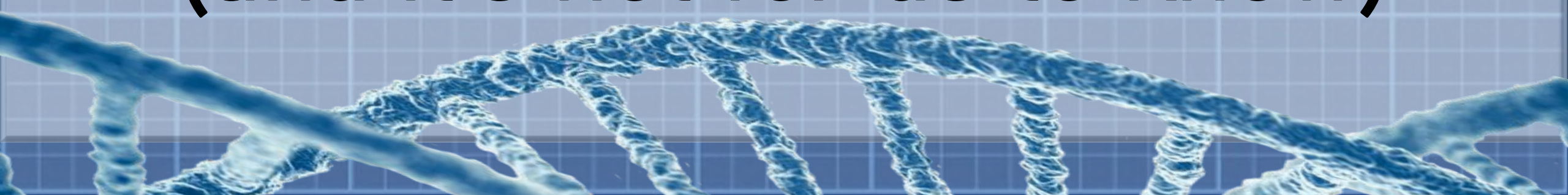


**We've done NOTHING to
deserve it & will NEVER be
able to repay it, but God
graciously chose us**



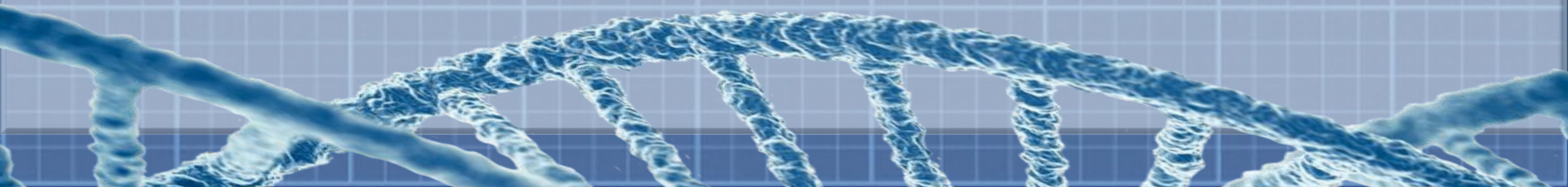


**2. Being Chosen gives us
CONFIDENCE
We have NO idea who
has been chosen by God
(and it's not for us to know)**



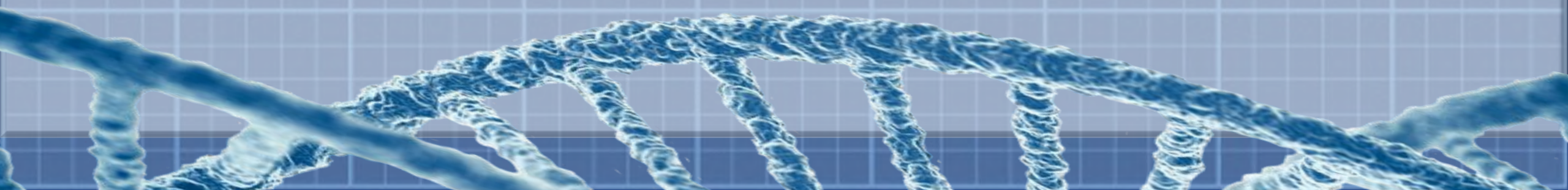


**NO matter how callous or
hardened an individual might
seem to be, there are
SOME WHO WILL BELIEVE**



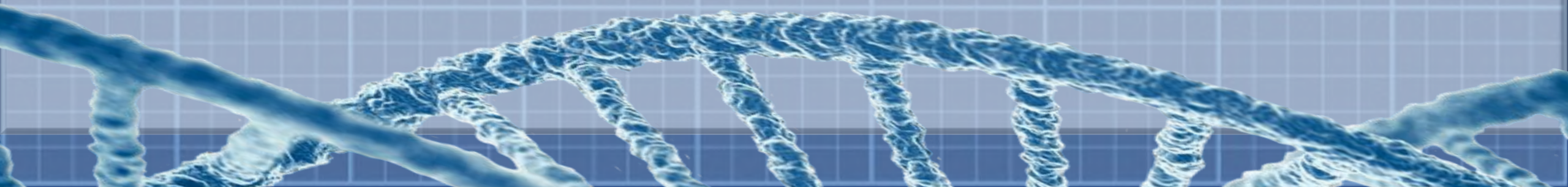


**The fact that God has chosen
DOESN'T release us from
sharing, it gives us tremendous
confidence to share!**



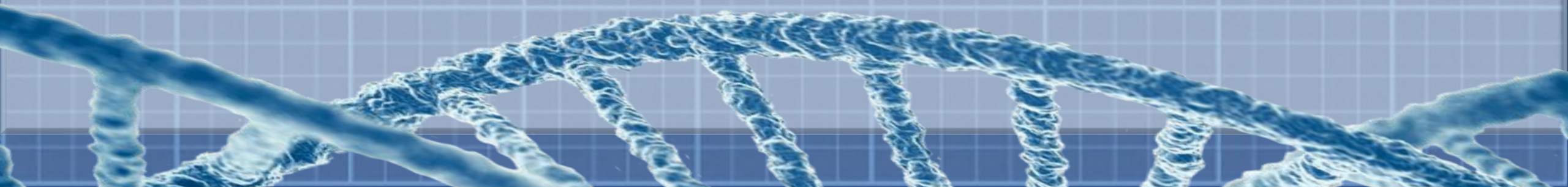


**God choosing us gives us
unbelievable hope,
indescribable peace, &
unparalleled confidence**





SO WHAT?





1. Thank God
2. Trust God

