
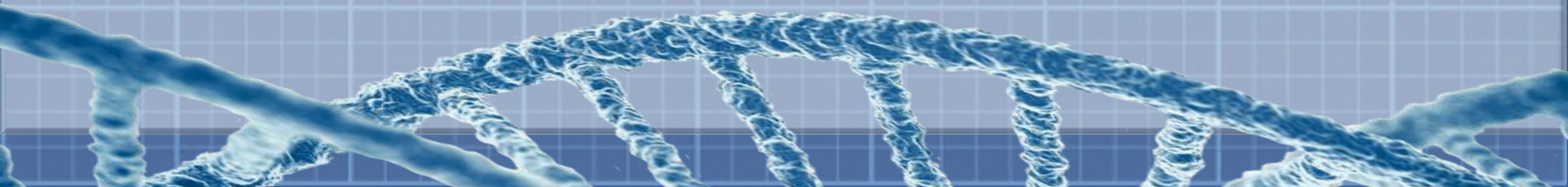


# IDENTITY IN CHRIST





It's believed that historically  
Ephesus boasted of OVER  
50 different temples to  
different "gods"

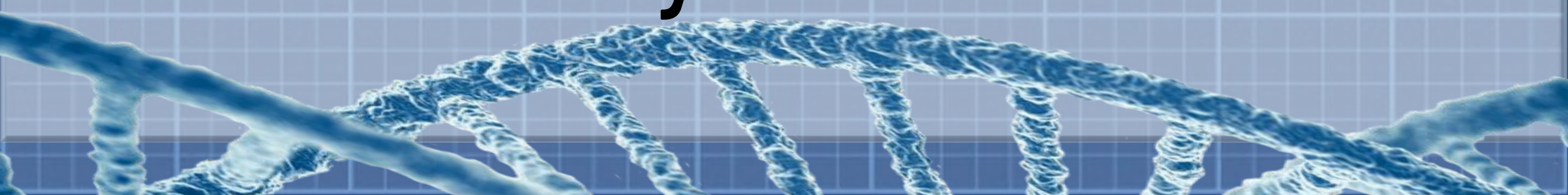




**Ephesus was hostile toward  
believers in Jesus Christ**

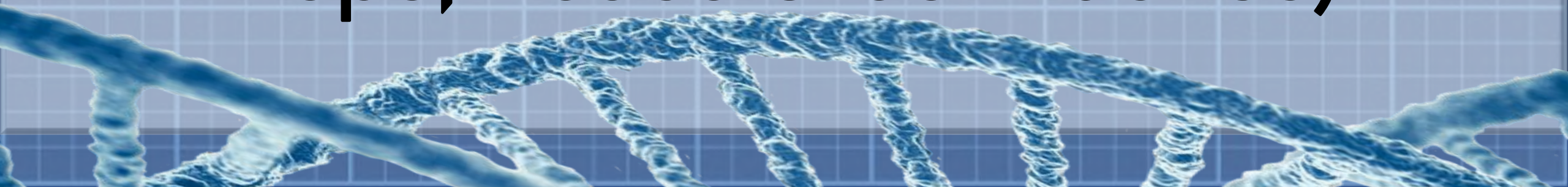
**Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Bombards the reader with  
who they are in Christ**





**Our standing in God is  
based on God (entirely)  
NOT us or our fickleness  
(God chose us & that gives us  
Hope, Peace & Confidence)**





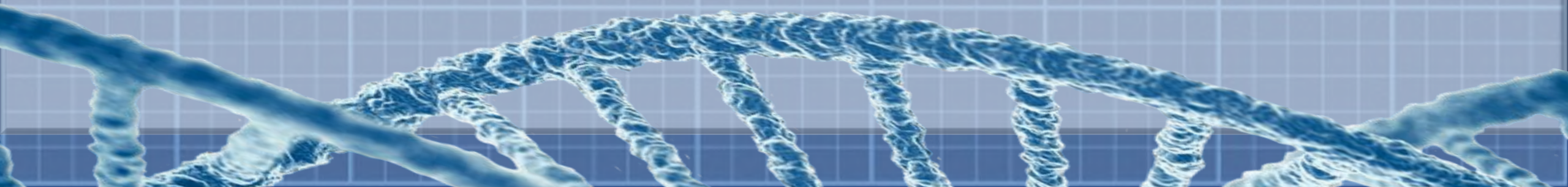
# HOLY & BLAMELESS



# Ephesians 1:4

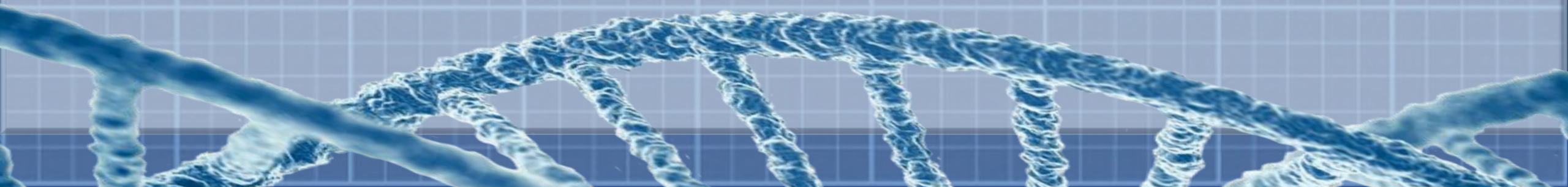


In Greek the phrase “in love” can  
connect to 1 of 3 verbs  
God choosing us was rooted &  
motivated in love



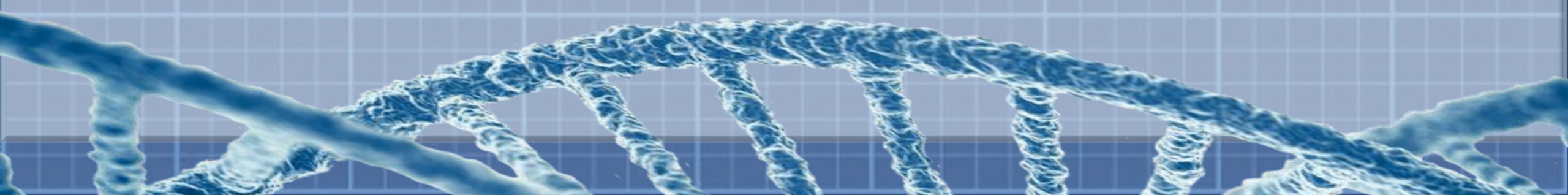


**Believers being found  
Holy & Blameless is forever  
linked to God's love**





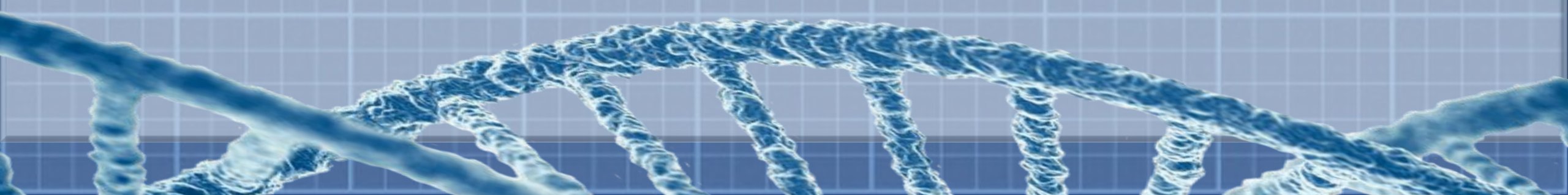
**Again, God determined  
beforehand (He predestined  
us) for NO other reason than  
God so loved us**





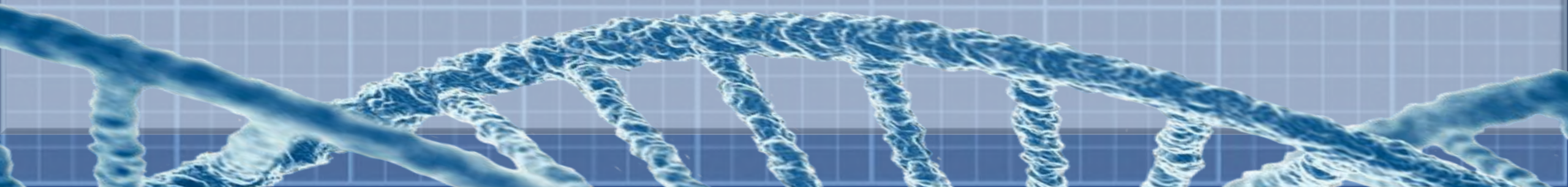


**“Holy” = (literally means  
“Set Apart”) it means morally  
pure; upright; above reproach;  
blameless in heart and life**



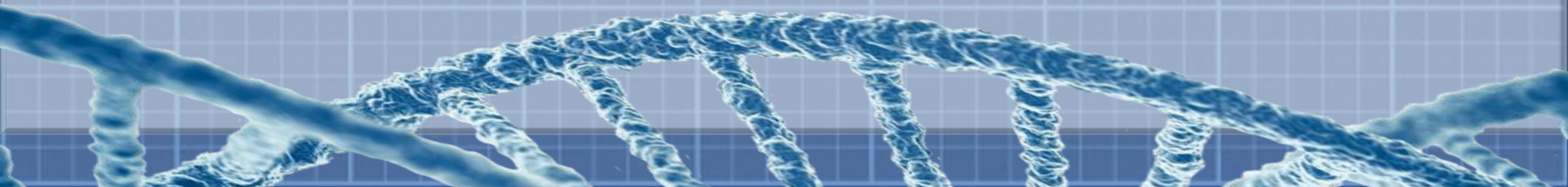


**ALL believers are Holy because  
of what Christ did for them  
(our holiness is “imputed,” God  
places on us, Christ’s holiness)**





**“Imputed” is actually a legal term & it means a transaction has taken place**

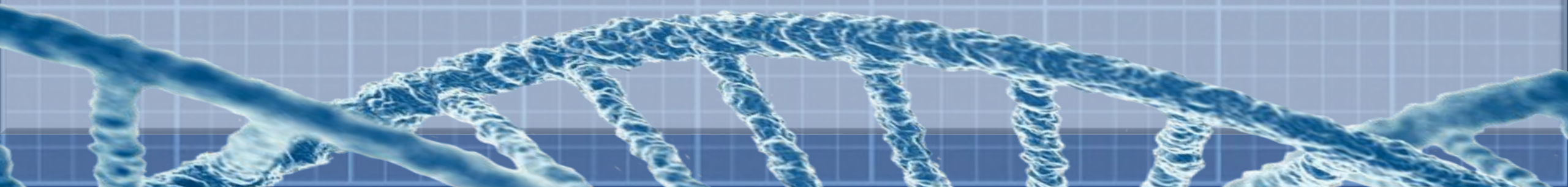




**1 Peter 2:24**

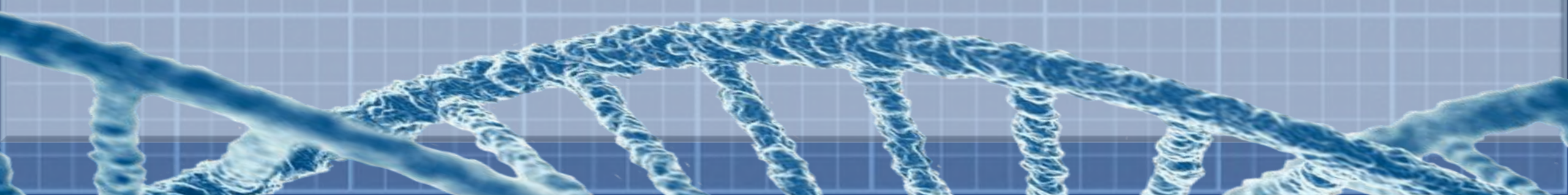
**Isaiah 53:4-5**

**Jesus took on our sin, so that  
we would be presented sinless!**



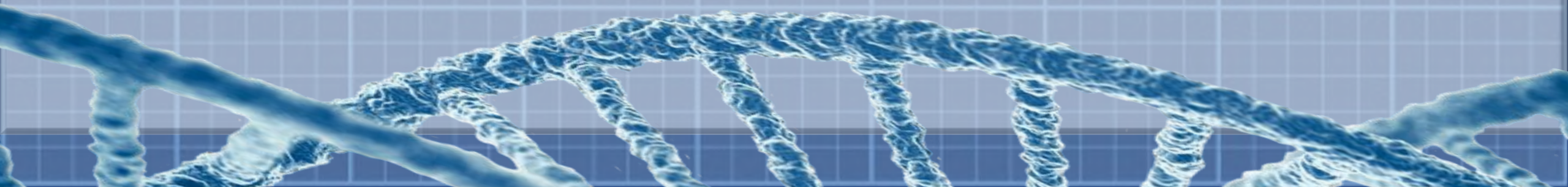


**“Blameless” = without blemish  
or spot; guiltless; just;  
uncondemned; presented as  
NOT able to be charged in court**



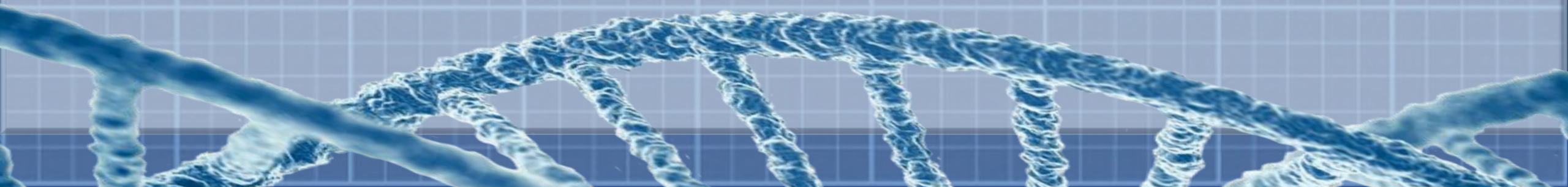


**There are NO charges  
(past, present, or future)  
that will stick to a believer  
because of Jesus' finished work**



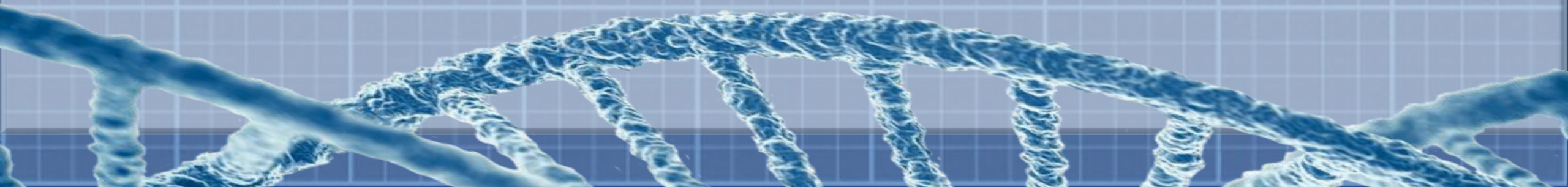


**In Christ our standing is  
secure, we presently live with  
the knowledge that we are  
Holy & Blameless before God**



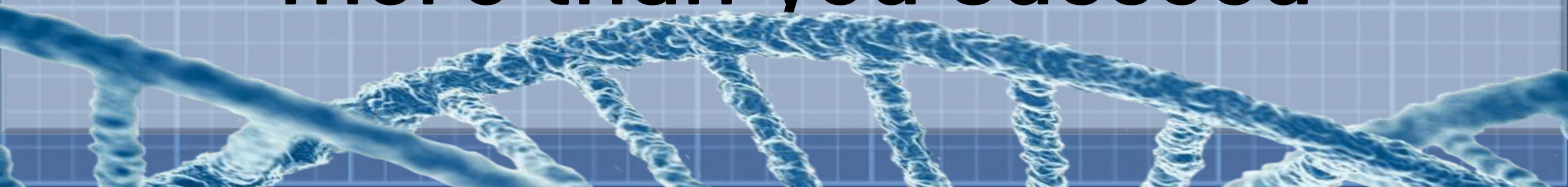


Jesus' shed blood covers my  
account & NOTHING sticks to me  
(my sins have already been  
paid in full)





Maybe as you process  
this truth you're struggling  
to live in that reality because  
you feel like you fail  
more than you succeed



# Romans 7:14-25



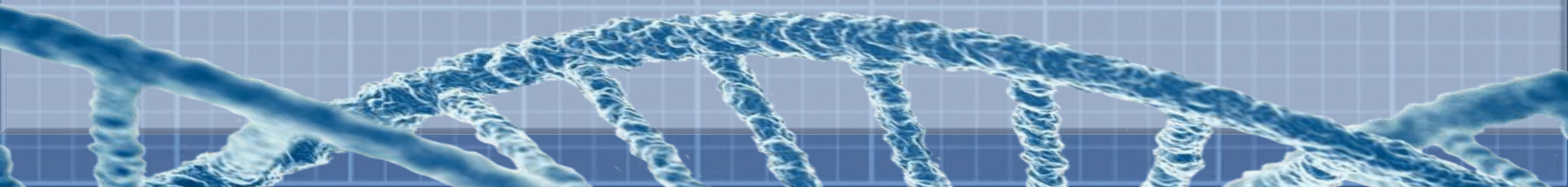
We struggle because we stop  
at the chapter break (we DON'T  
live life with the life-altering  
reality of Romans 8:1)



**We struggle because we put  
limits on God's grace**

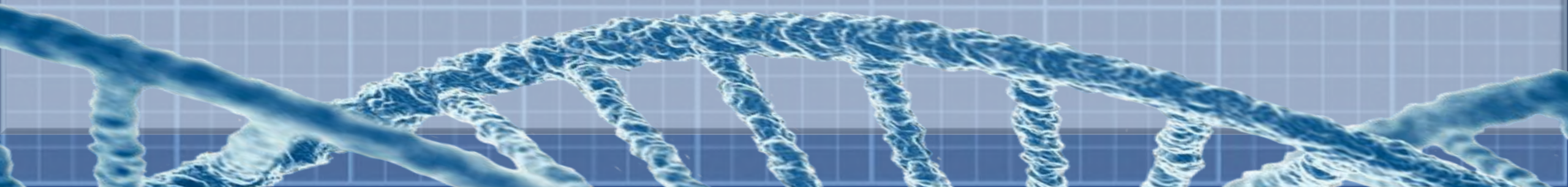
**Ephesians 1:7**

**Romans 8:1**



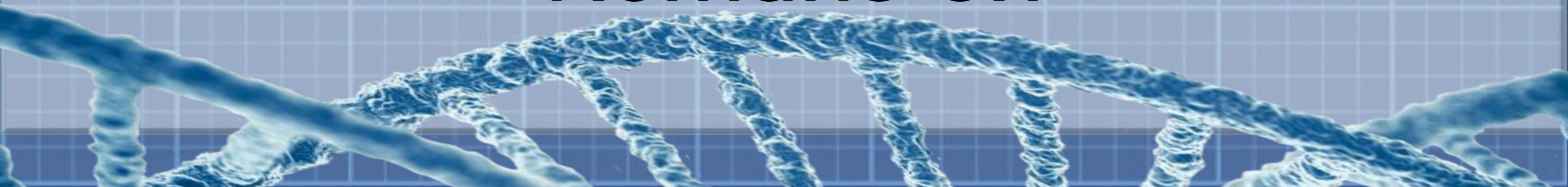


**When we sin, it muddies our  
fellowship with God, but our  
relationship *STILL* exists**



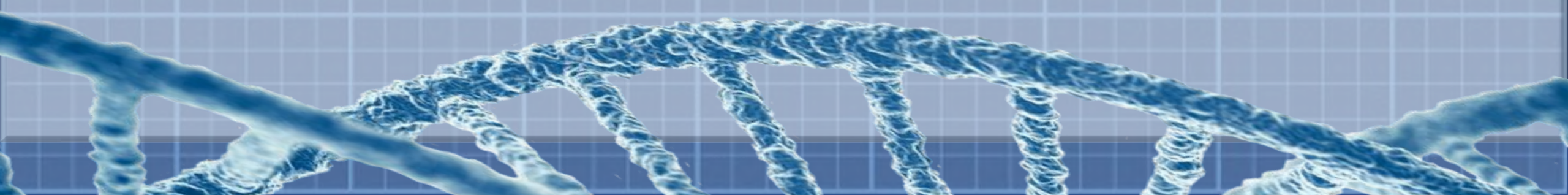
When we revert to a sinful act,  
we need to be quick to confess  
& get right with God (DON'T live  
with strained fellowship)

Romans 8:1

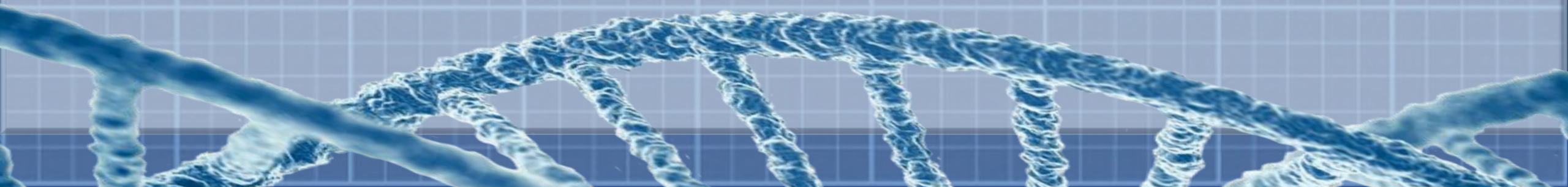




**Our sins which we can struggle  
with have been dealt with.  
Today, we (believers) DON'T  
live defeated by sin**



**In Christ, when we one day stand  
before God, we will be found  
guiltless, uncondemned, without  
charge, morally pure, &  
blameless in heart & life**





**SO WHAT?**

