

God's Favor towards His People

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

1 Corinthians 1:2

- To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints**, with all who in every place **call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours:

1 Corinthians 1:4-6

- I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

1 Corinthians 1:7-9

- so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- God *is* faithful, by whom *you were called into the fellowship of His Son*, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Seek unity

- Christ is not divided
- Baptism does not save
- The message of Christ's death is what saves
- The skill of the messenger does not save
- The message of the cross sounds fool, but it is the wisdom of God
- The wisdom of the world does not save

Seek Unity (cont.)

- God does not operate according to human standards
- God has provided you with everything in Jesus Christ: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption
- The message of the cross is accompanied by the power of God through the Holy Spirit, not by human power, wisdom, or skill

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Daniel 2:34-35

- "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that **no trace of them was found**. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:44-45

- "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold -- the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

God's Sovereignty in chapters 1 & 2

- God chooses the weak, the foolish, the base, and the things rejected by men
- God controls wisdom
- God determines before the beginning of time how and to whom His wisdom will be revealed
- God conceals His wisdom so people do not come to know His work, even those with power and authority
- God controls rulers

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Romans 8:32

- He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

John 16:7, 13-14

- "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. **It is to your advantage** that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
- "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but **whatever He hears He will speak**; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

John 14:16-17

- "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

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2 Corinthians 4:3-5

- But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord,

Colossians 1:21-23

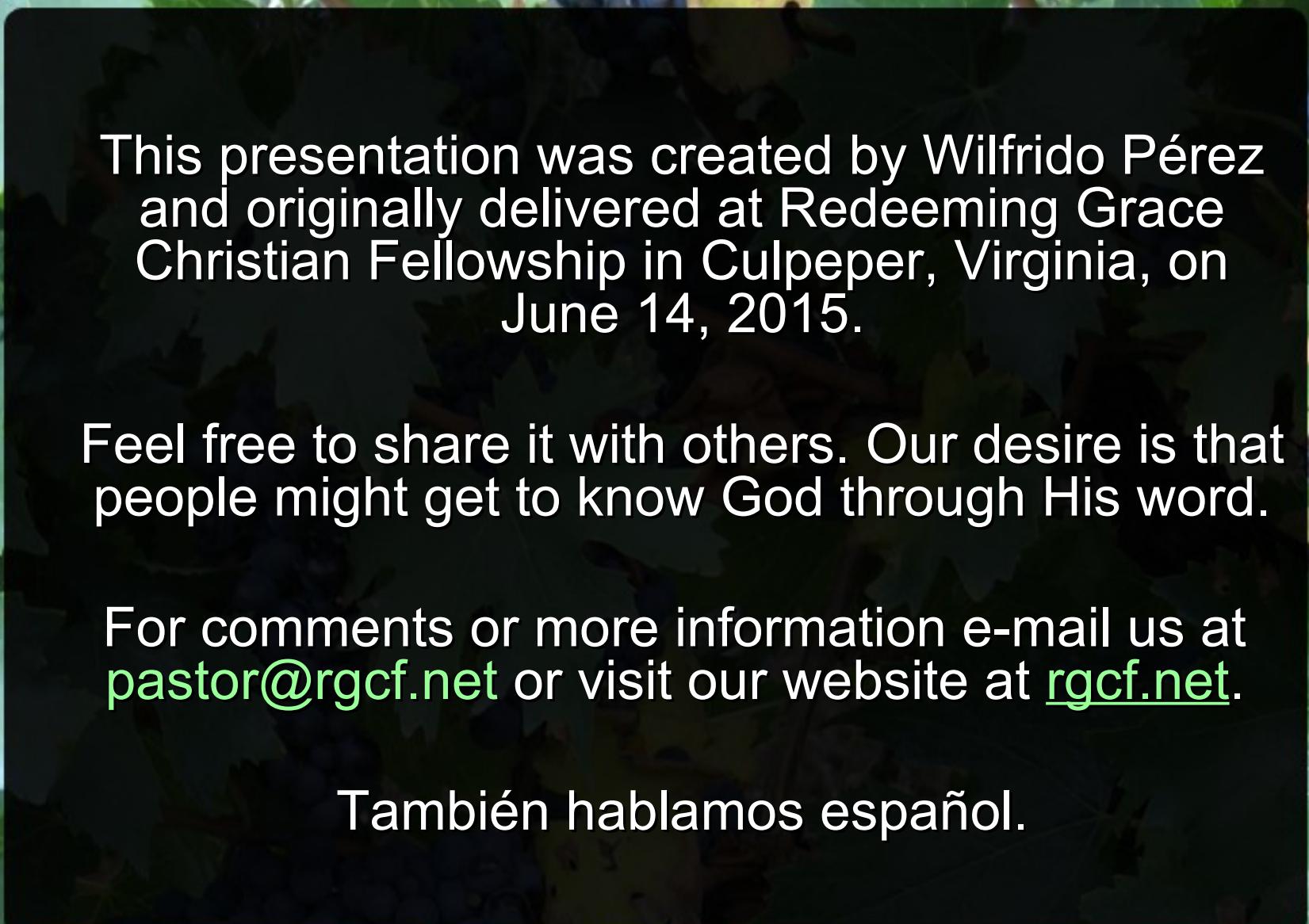
- And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight -- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:24-26

- I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.**

Colossians 1:27-28

- To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.



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