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1 Corinthians



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not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined¹ to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh."¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin² a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.¹⁸ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Principles for Marriage

7 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."² But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.³ The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.⁴ For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.⁵ Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶ Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.⁷ I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:24

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4:35

1 Corinthians 2 | ESV

Proclaiming Christ Crucified

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers,² did not come proclaiming to you the testimony³ of God with lofty speech or wisdom.⁴ For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.⁵ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,⁶ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,⁷ so that your faith might rest in the wisdom of men⁸ but in the power of God.

Wisdom from the Spirit

⁹ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.¹⁰ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.¹¹ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Introduce yourself to the group, providing current information, (family, where you work, etc.); then share an interesting fact that hardly anyone knows about you.

Share the following with the group: Around people I don't know well, I am often... (choose two)

- a little shy and uneasy
- extroverted and confident
- a little insecure
- eager to meet new people
- comfortable
- curious
- sometimes too loud

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share the following with the group. Answer truthfully... except for one. Have the group determine which is false.

- a. My favorite pastime as a kid...
- b. What I wanted to be when I grew up...
- c. My favorite musician/band in high school...
- d. My favorite hobby today...

Give a brief overview of your spiritual journey. Include three to four interesting facts about it and how you have seen God work in your life.

- a. GROWING UP IN A CHRISTIAN HOME
- b. JOINING A CCB GROUP DURING AT A YOUNG AGE

GOING DEEPER

What inspires you about the life of the Apostle Paul? **TRANSFORMATION + DEDICATION**

What do you think the city of Corinth may have been like? What were some challenges Christians living in Corinth may have faced?

What are things you know about the first letter to the Corinthian church?

What are you hoping to learn from the study of 1 Corinthians?

COMMIT TO PRAY

Prayer is an essential part of growing together

Discussion Guide



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1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-17

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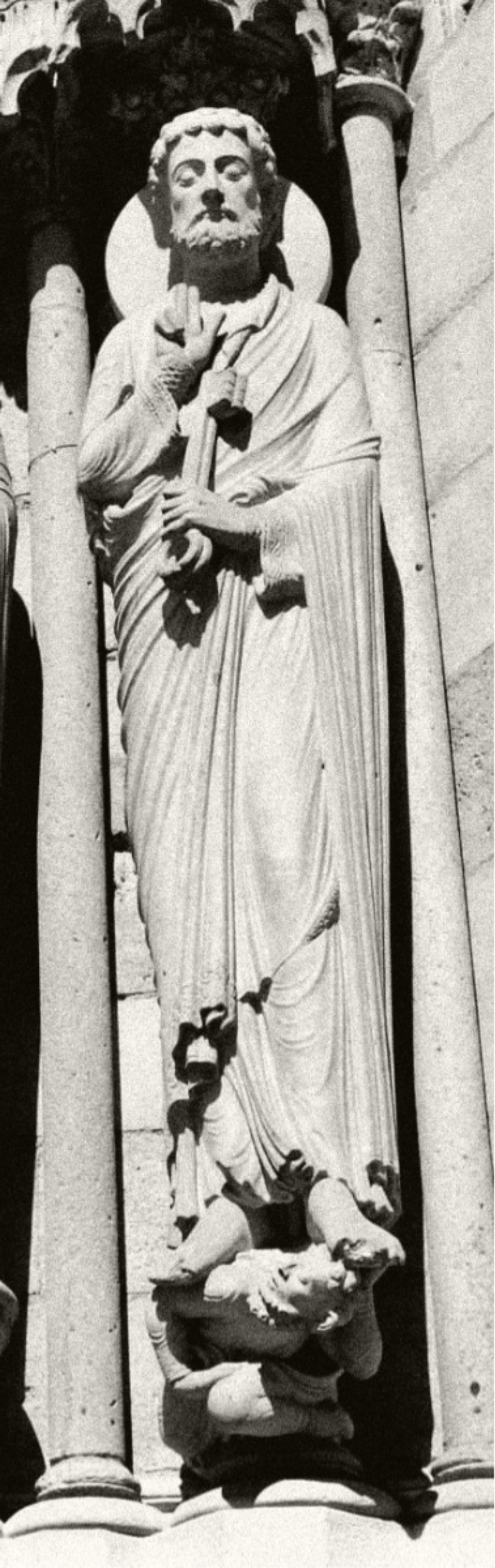
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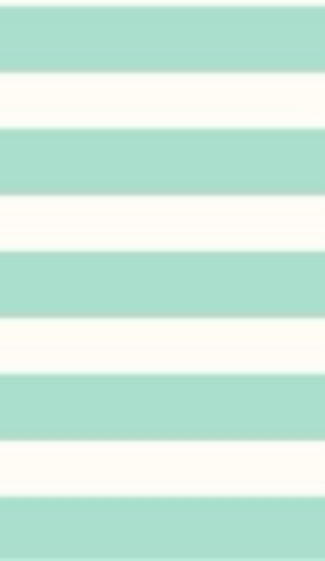
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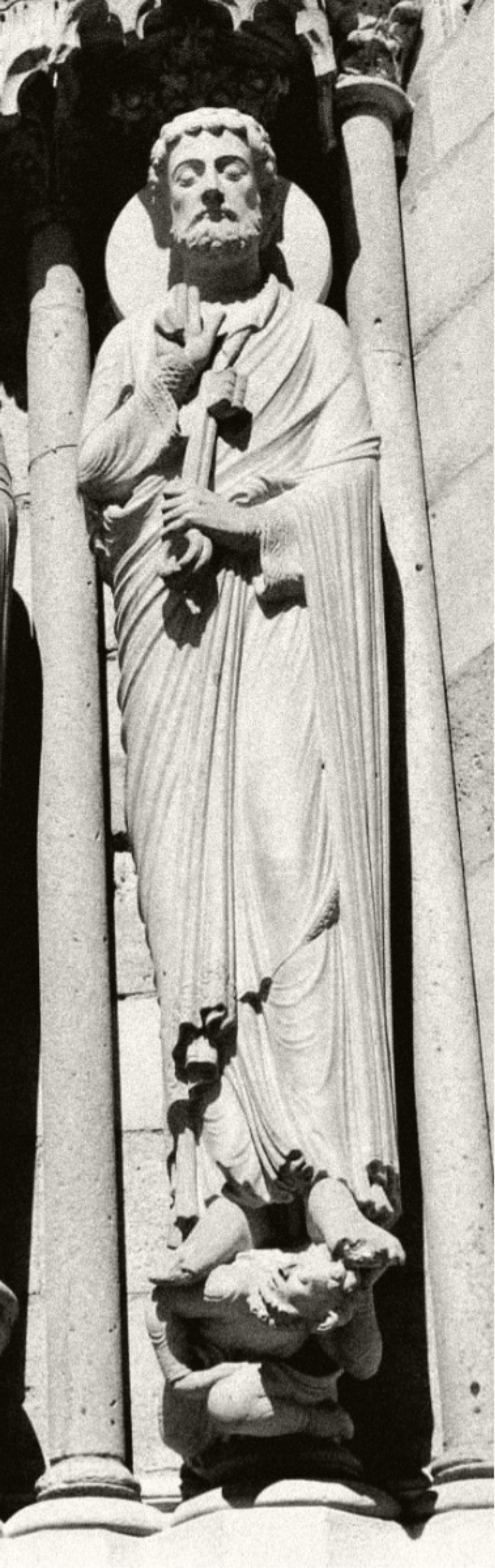
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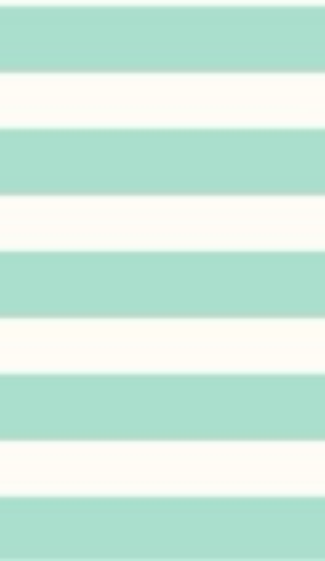
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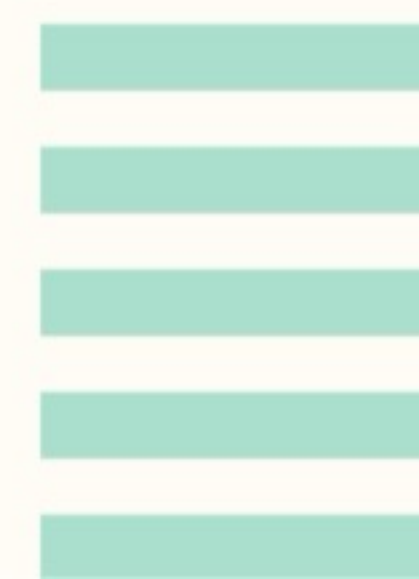
Grace in salvation

Gifts for sanctification

Promise of glorification

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 ^{NIV}

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

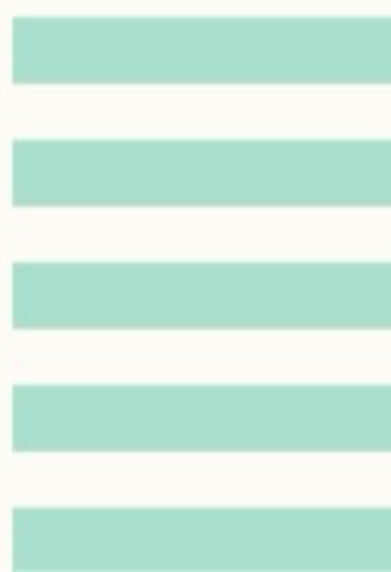




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Disagreements

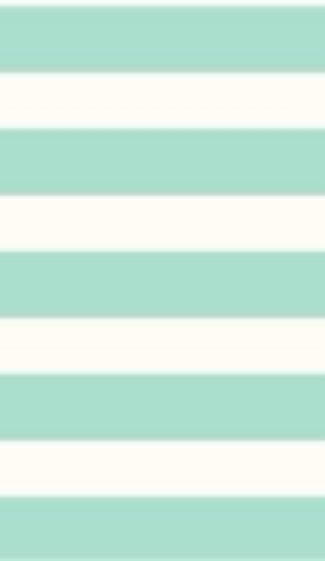
Divisions

Quarrels

1 Corinthians 1:10-11 ^{NIV}

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.





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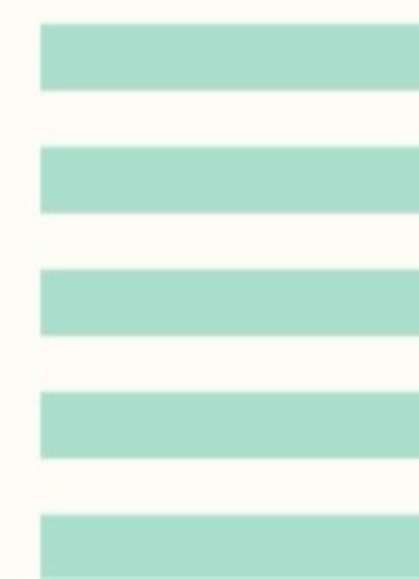
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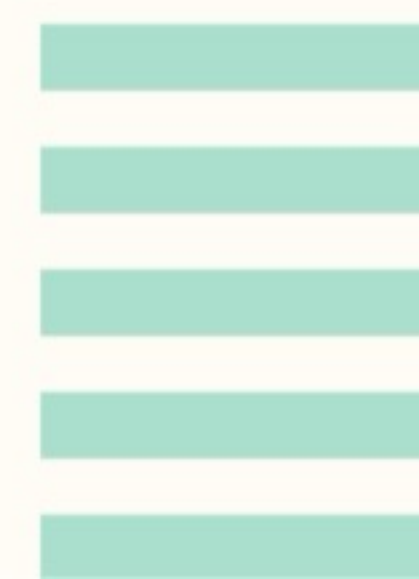
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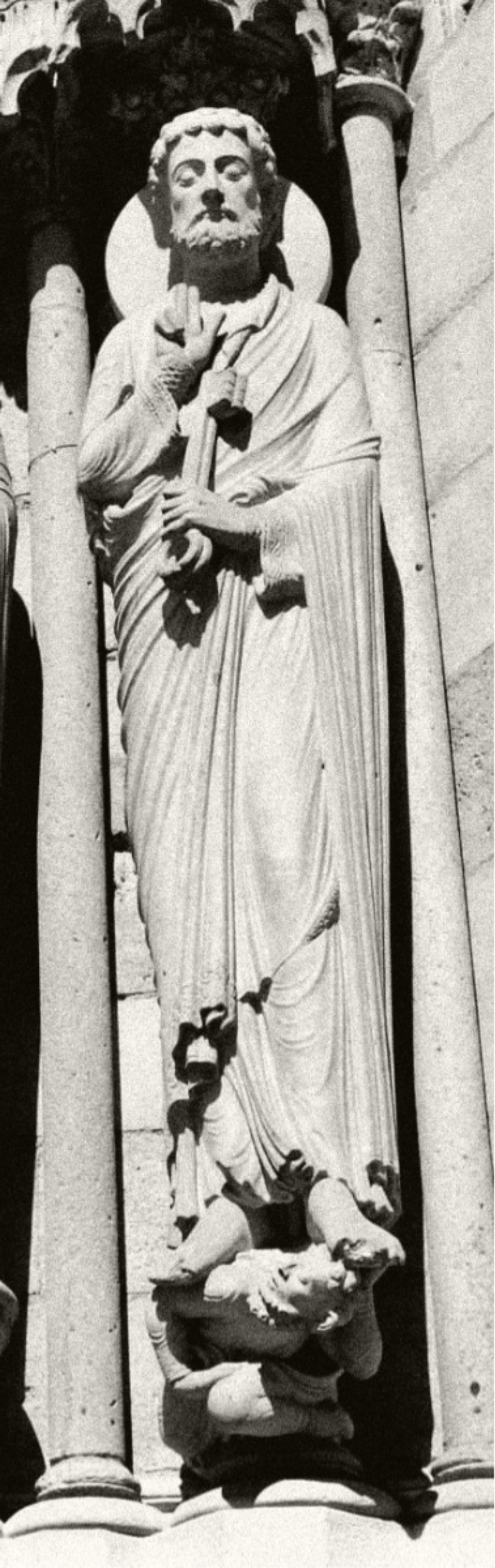
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Was _____ crucified for you?



“Jesus did not urge his disciples to commit their lives to a doctrine, but to a Person who was the doctrine.”

- ROBERT COLEMAN, *THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM*

“Whenever Christians give their allegiance to any human personality, such as a gifted preacher or pastor, they have taken their eyes off Jesus Christ and there will inevitably be disunity.”

- STEPHEN UM, *THE WORD OF THE CROSS*



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Only Jesus is worthy of our allegiance.