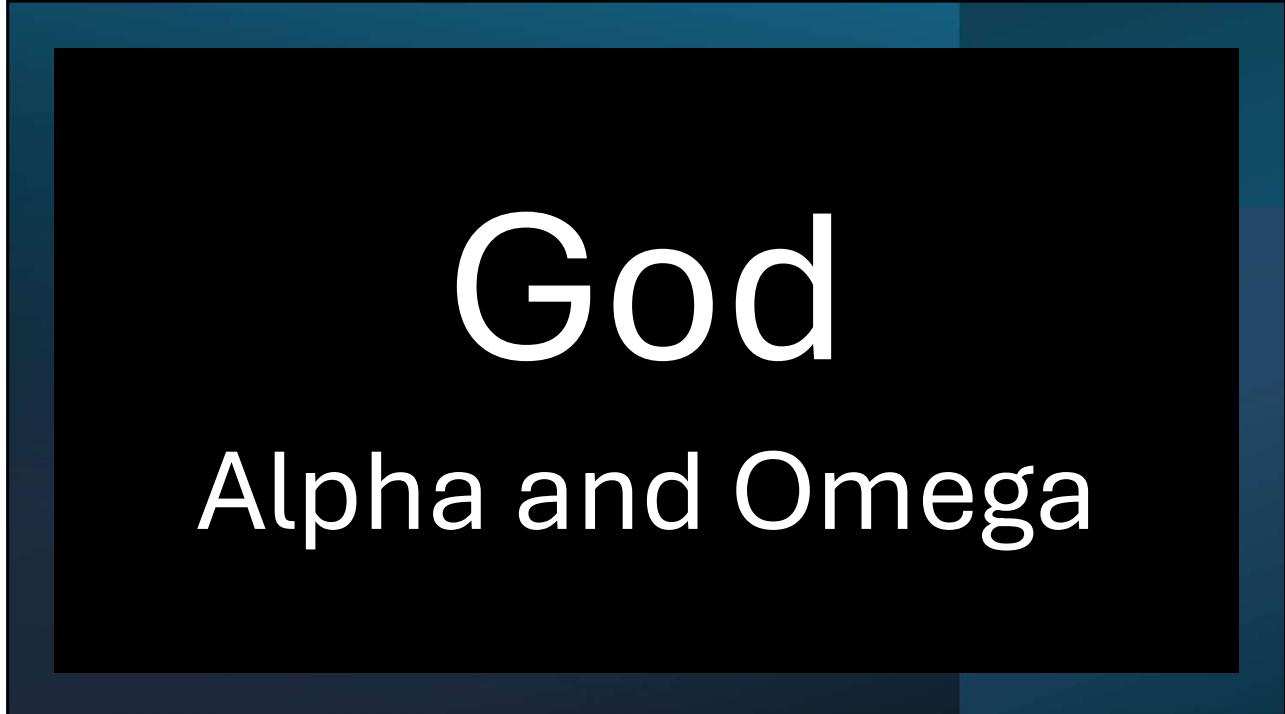




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¹ The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw – that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

⁴ John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

3

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’
 and ‘every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him’;
 and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’

So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’

Revelation 1:1–8

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“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”
says the Lord God, “who is,
and who was, and who is to come,
the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8

5

“This is what the LORD says— Israel’s
King and Redeemer, the LORD
Almighty: I am the first and I am the
last; apart from me there is no God.

Isaiah 44:6

6

“Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.”

Isaiah 48:12-13

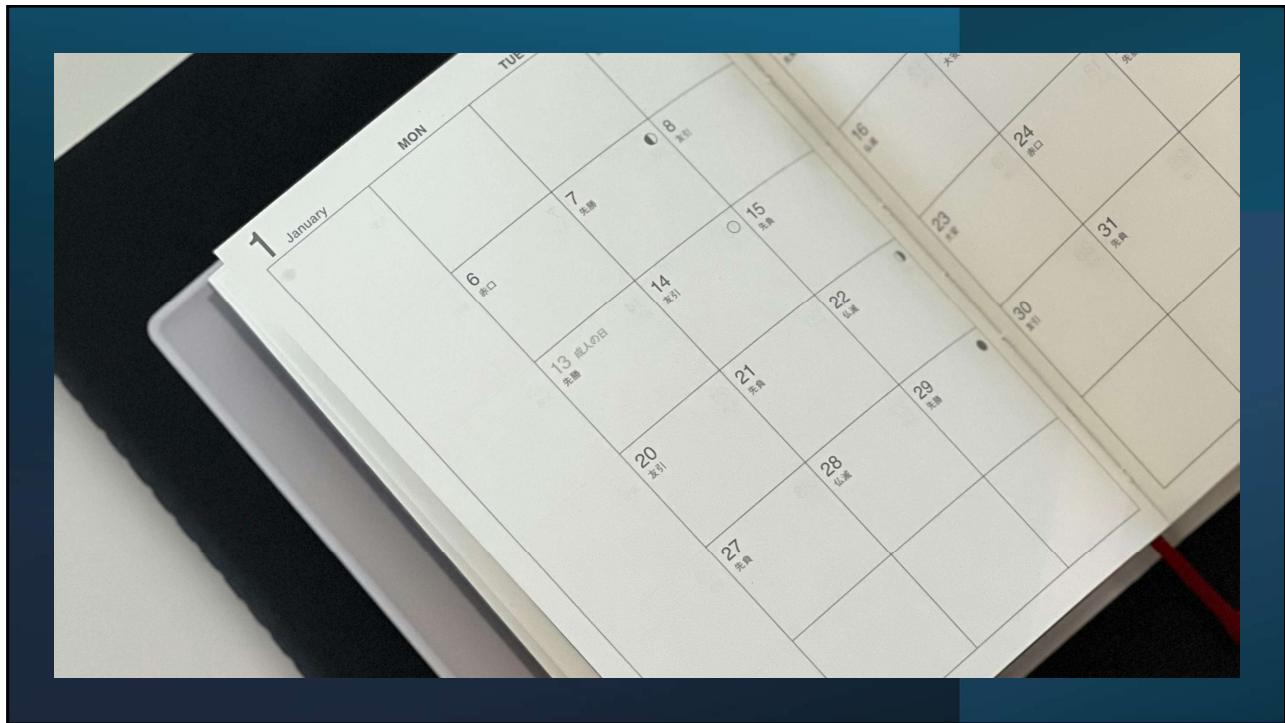
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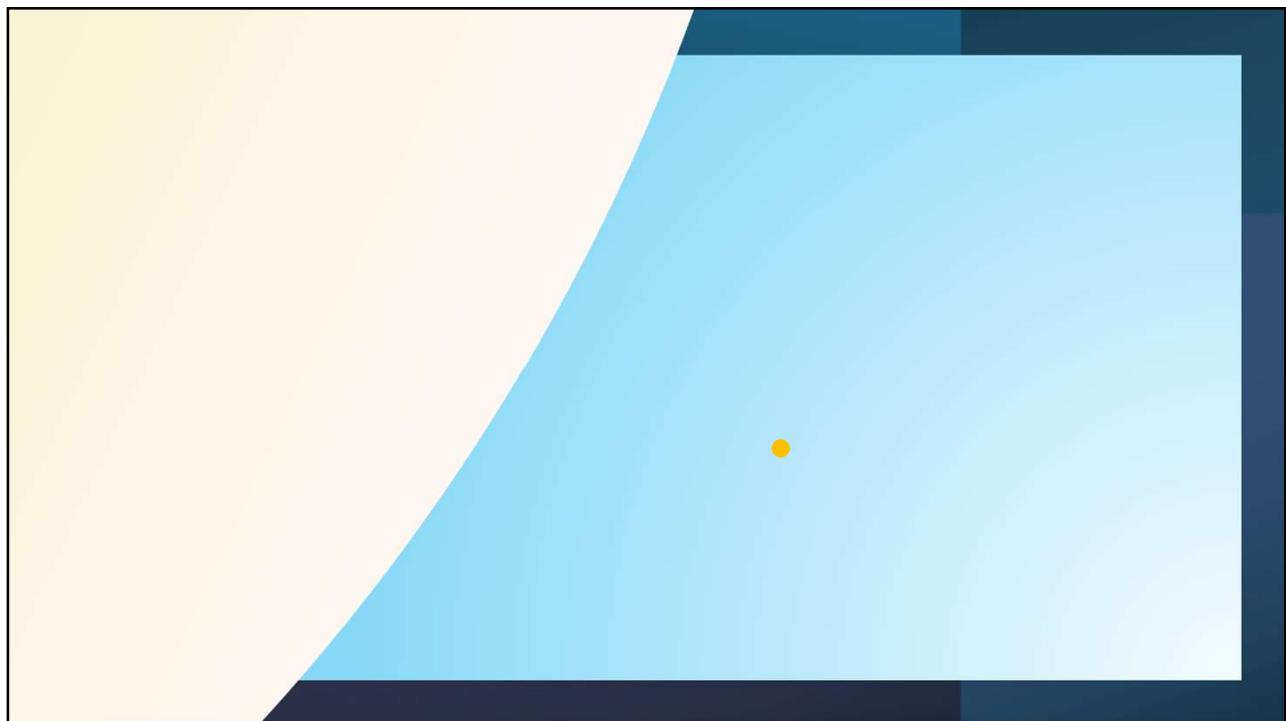
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Now this is eternal life:
that they know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent.

John 17:3

13

“Lord, you have been
our dwelling place
throughout all generations.”

Psalm 90:1

14

"The Lord is near to all
who call upon him,
to all
who call upon him in truth."

Psalm 145:18

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"Seek the Lord while he may be
found; call on him while he is near."

Isaiah 55:6

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"Draw near to God,
and he will
draw near to you."

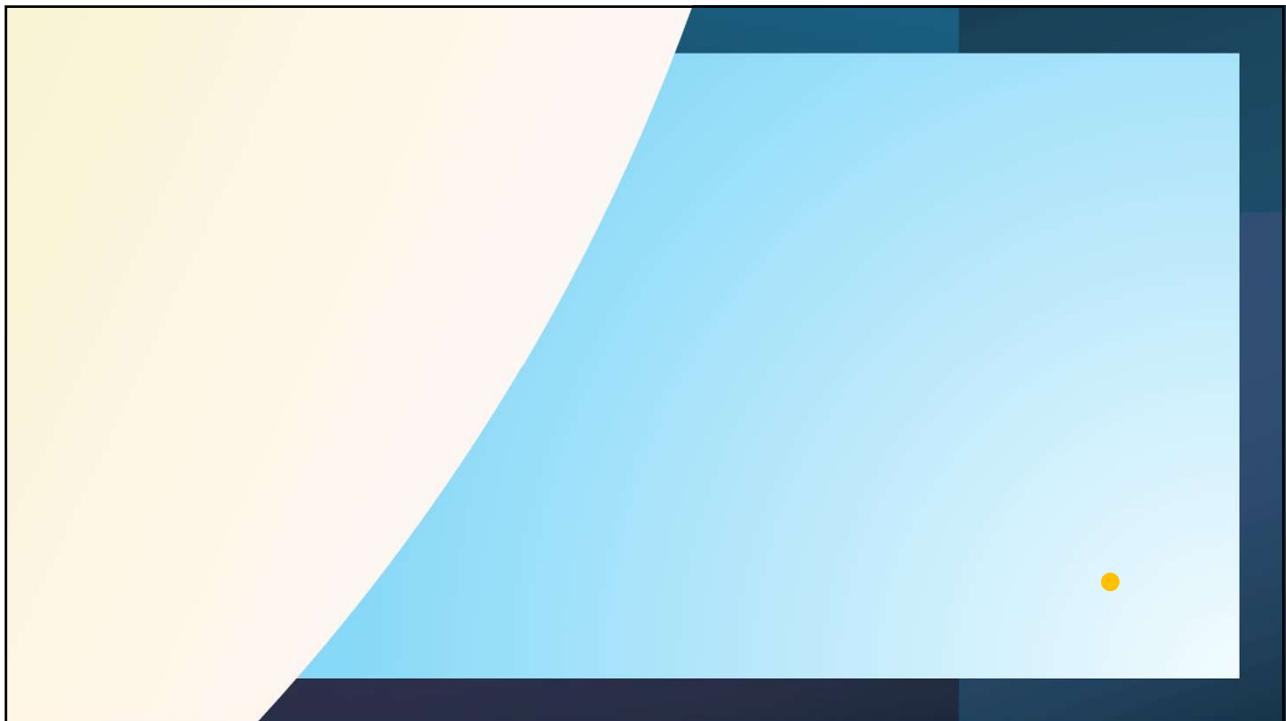
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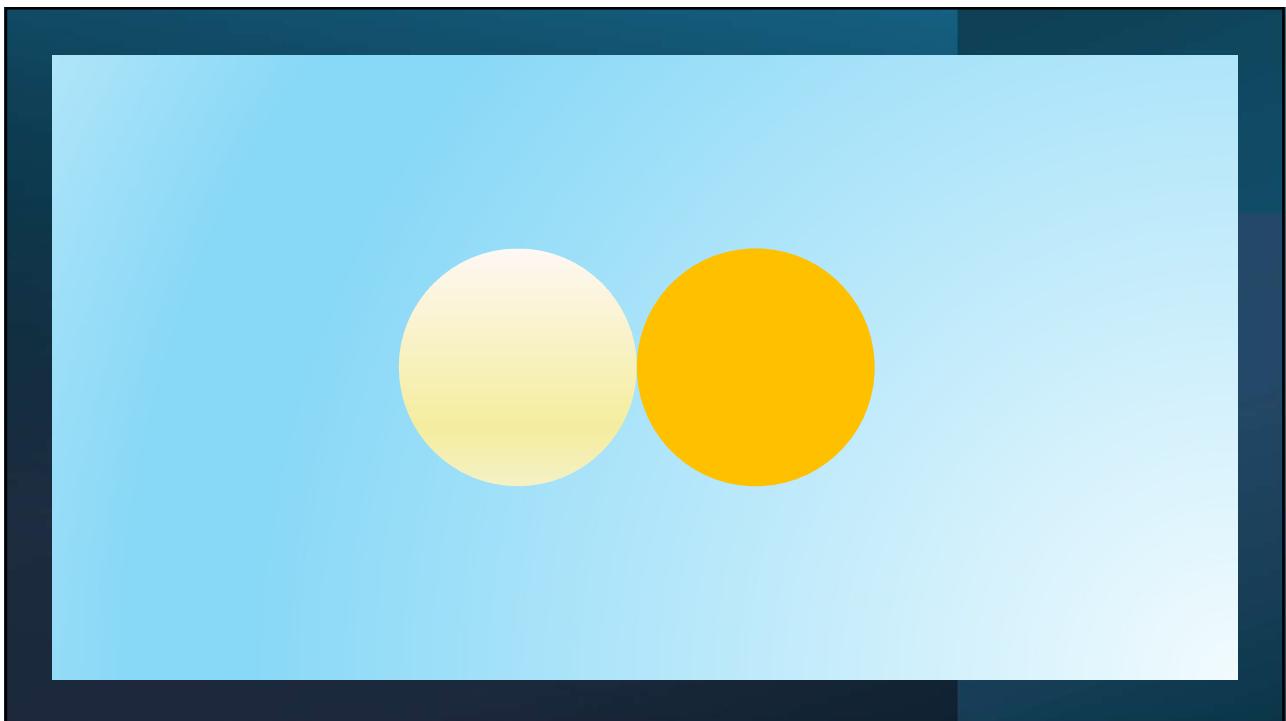
'It is the **nearness of God** that
marks out His exceeding Mystery
and Transcendence.'

Katherine Sonderegger

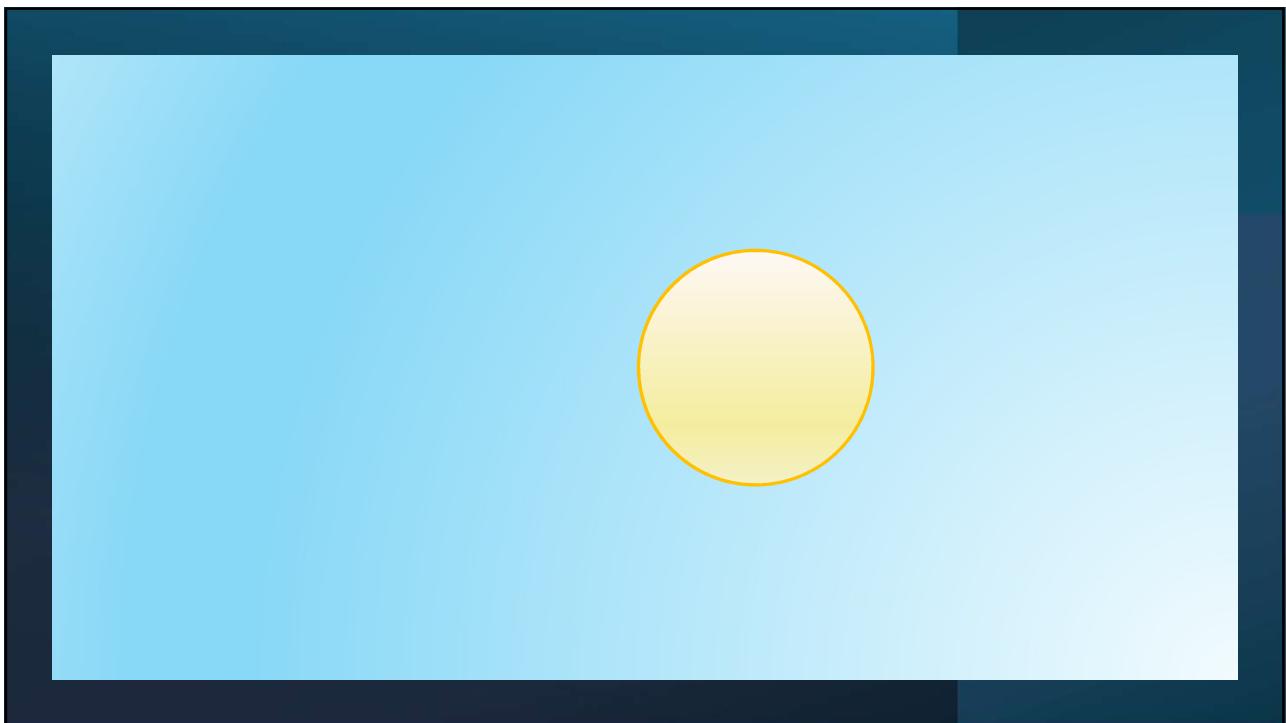
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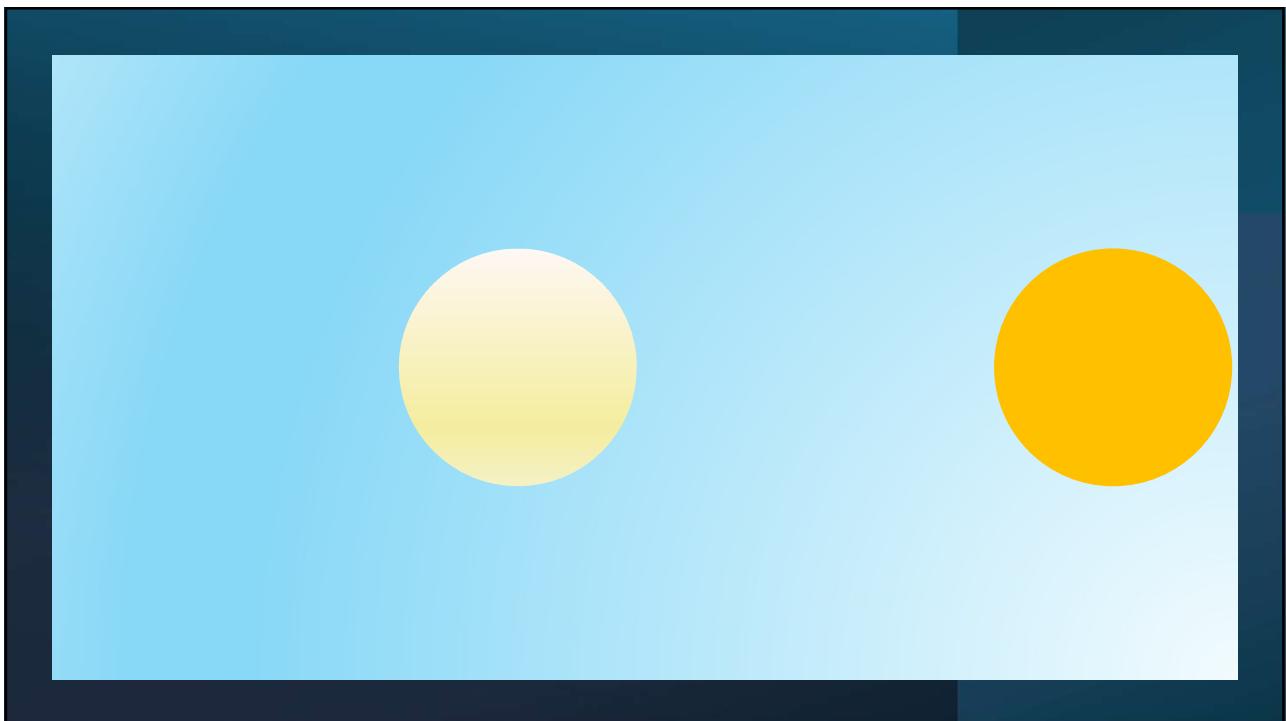
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In worship,
we encounter God **in his nearness**
as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and we yield to his forming of us
into the likeness of Jesus.

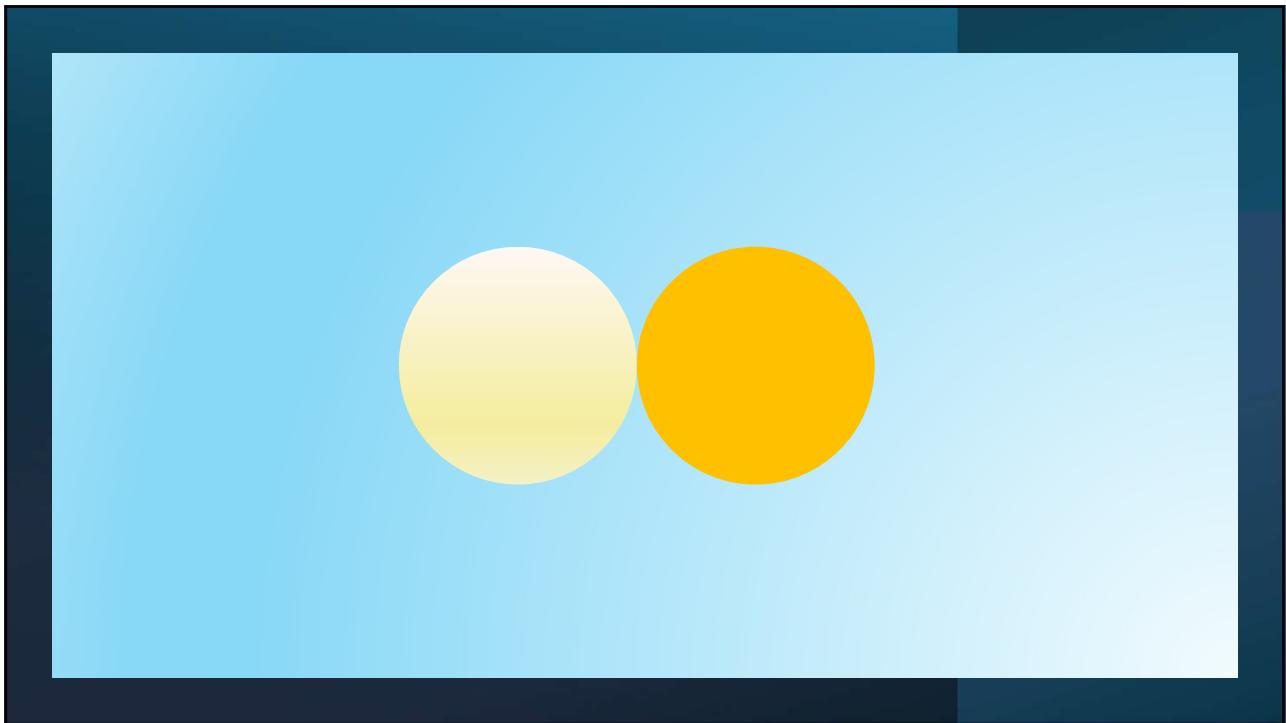
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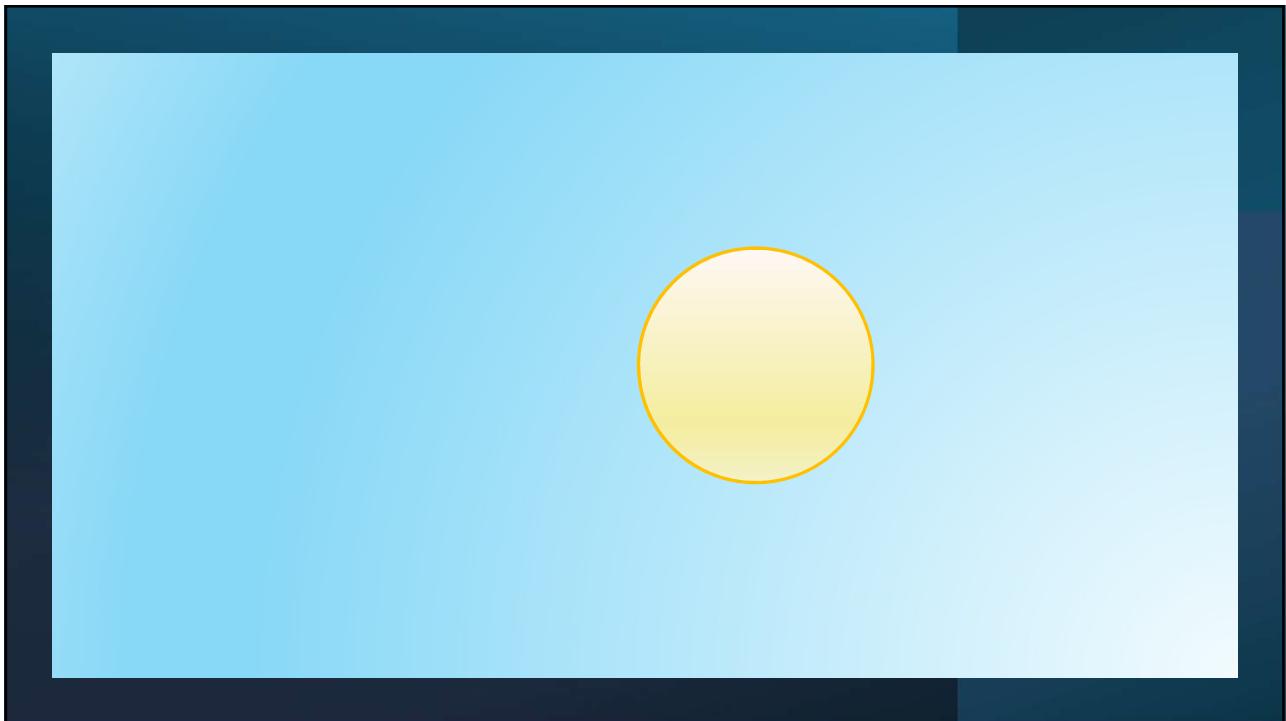
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"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever!
Amen."

Revelation 1:5–6