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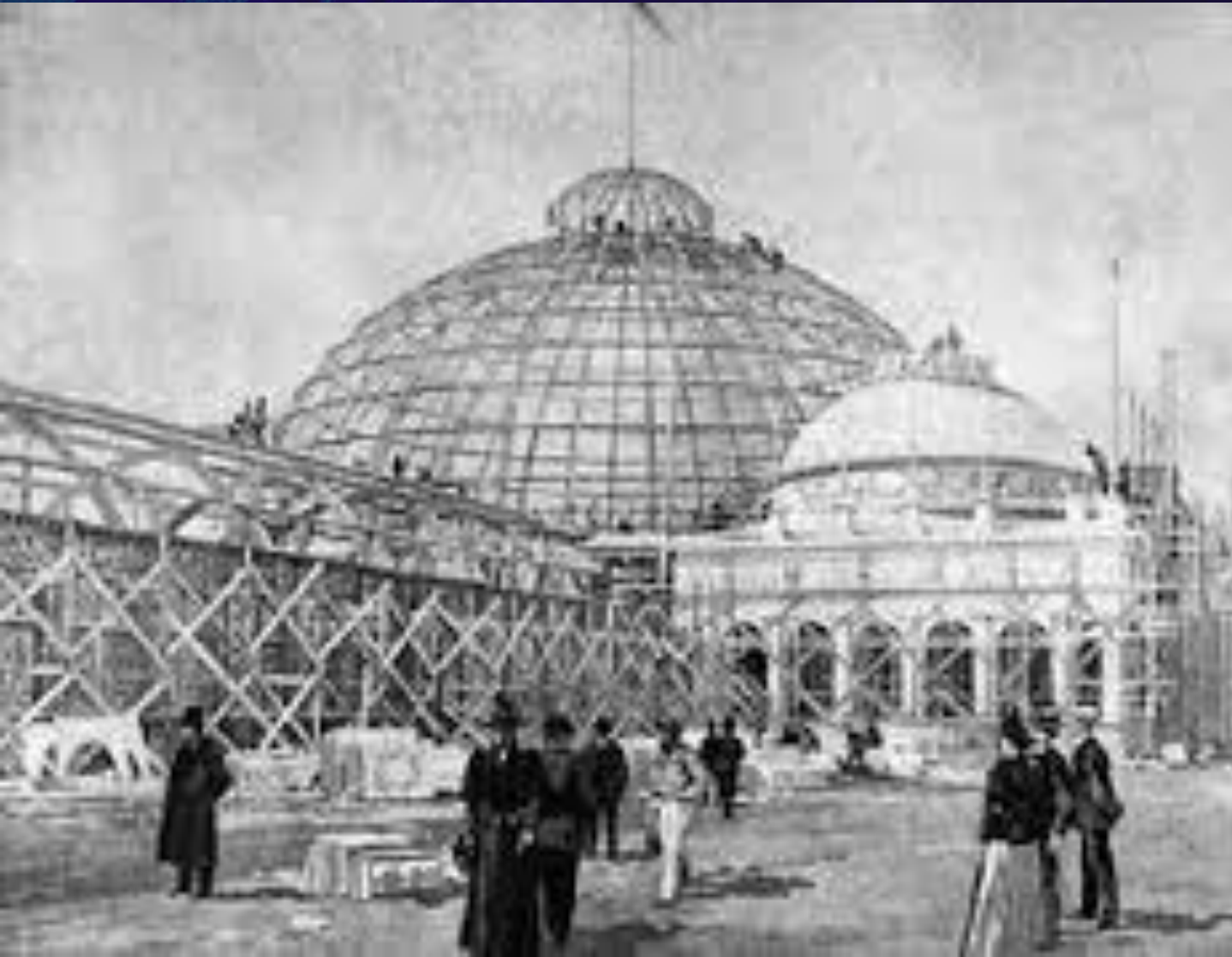
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A long, narrow outdoor dining table is set on a grassy lawn at night. The table is covered with a light-colored cloth and has numerous white plates and glasses arranged along its length. A central floral centerpiece is visible. The table is flanked by a path of light-colored stones. In the background, a series of warm-toned string lights are strung across the lawn, creating a soft, glowing effect. The overall atmosphere is romantic and elegant.

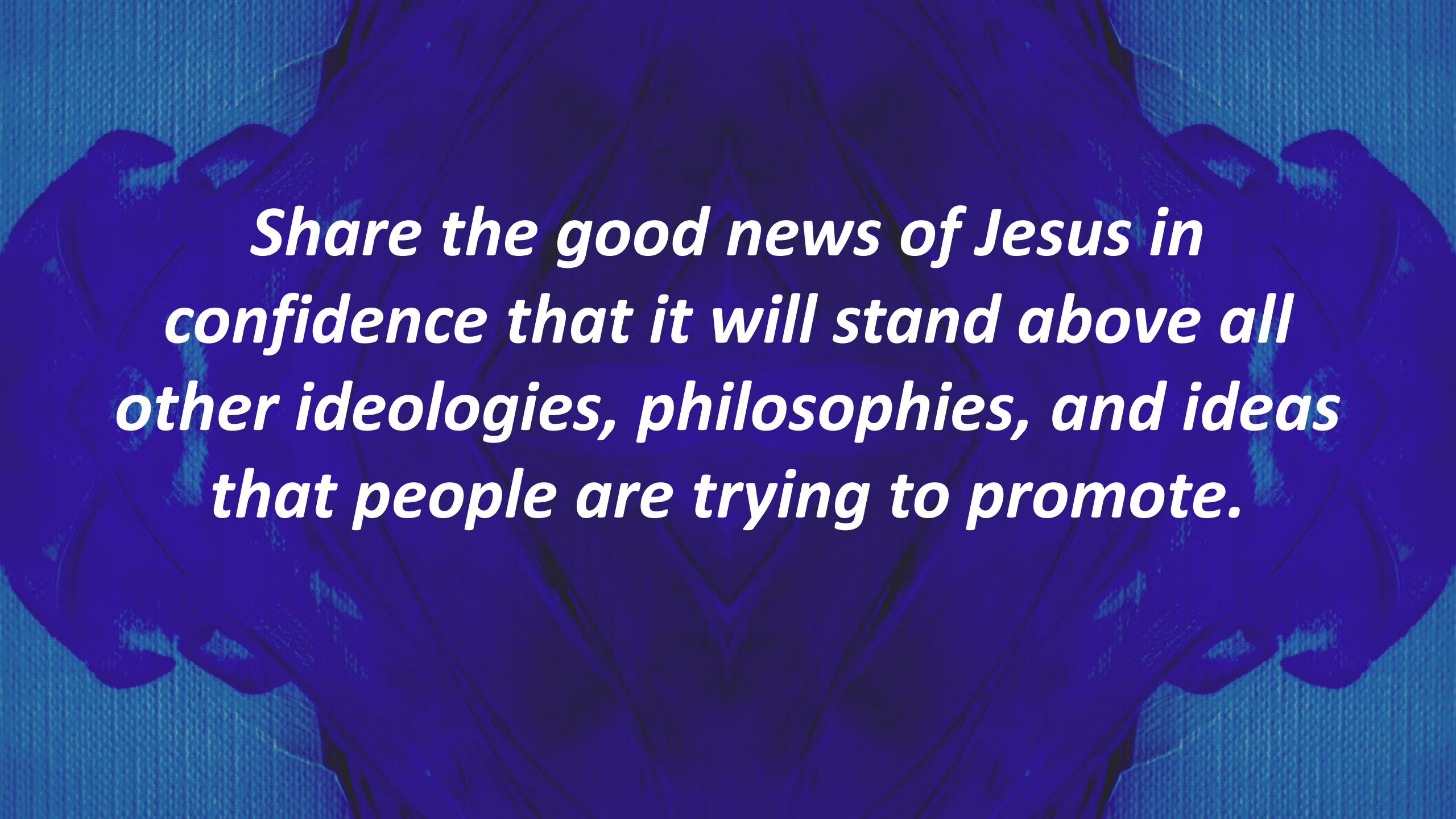
Come To The Table
• all are welcome •

Chicago World Fair in 1893



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*Share the good news of Jesus in
confidence that it will stand above all
other ideologies, philosophies, and ideas
that people are trying to promote.*

Preeminence

First in importance, honor, & exaltation.

*“I AM the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last,
the Beginning, and the End.”*

Revelation 22:13

Jesus' relationship to God His Father

The Son is the image of the invisible God...

Colossians 1:15a

“What God is, Jesus is. What God does, He does. What God says, He says. There is not one iota of difference between God in Heaven and Jesus on earth.” - John Phillips



CHRIST ALONE IS ENOUGH!

*In Christ alone, my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.*

All other ground is sinking sand.

Jesus is the Creator!

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. v. 15-17

The Church of Jesus Christ!

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. v. 18-20

Reconciled - Restored – Renewed

Once YOU were alienated from God and were enemies in YOUR minds because of YOUR evil behavior. But now he has reconciled YOU by Christ's physical body through death to present YOU holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation, if YOU continue in YOUR faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that YOU heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. v. 21-23



Jesus Christ can and will fill the
emptiness inside of us!

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firm, and do not move from the hope held out in
the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and
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under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have
become a servant. v. 23*

The background of the entire image is a photograph of two hands, one from each side, gently cupping a small globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if they are supporting the planet. The image has a blue color overlay.

Why would we be looking to other things to find fulfillment?

“Contentment is realizing that God has provided everything we need for our present happiness.”

- Bill Gothard

Being truly fulfilled in life is realizing that God has provided everything we need in Christ for our present situation.



CONFIDENCE

IN

CHRIST

ALONE